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From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties, and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us.

We laugh today at this prayer, which was part of an old Scottish prayer, but most of us know what it is to be afraid, to wake up startled in the night and feel fear, and to worry about all the things around us that can bring us to harm.

The coming of autumn seems to bring these fears to the fore, as the nights come earlier and the weather gets colder. In pagan days, October 31 was a night when people believed that spirits and ghosts roamed the earth, when the boundary between this world and the world beyond became thin.

The Christian Church decided to celebrate All Saints, or All Hallows, Day on November 1, and All Souls Day on November 2, in conjunction with the former pagan holy day. And so was born our celebration of Hallowe'en - the evening of All Hallows Day.

But we don't need to be afraid that the souls of the dead will haunt us, because we believe and teach that those who have gone before us join all the Saints of God around God's eternal throne. What used to be an observance of fear, is now an observance of fun, when we can dress up and make fun of death, since Christ has won the final victory!

Please make plans to join us on October 30 right after our Reformation Day service to celebrate Trunk or Treat! We hope to get a lot of neighborhood kids joining us and it's a wonderful way for to reach out to the community and share the Good News!

Happy All Hallows Day Eve!

Pastor Susanna

