

# 7 NOVEMBER

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1 Albert Camus was a French writer and philosopher, reflecting on what life is about. He was born on this day in 1913. He wrote the following words about true friendship, trying to understand how best to be a friend to someone, how best to “be with” a person in difficulty:

2 *“Don’t walk in front of me - I may not follow.  
Don’t walk behind me - I may not lead.  
Just walk beside me - and be my friend.”*

3 We’ll listen to some words from the Bible where the word “love” has been changed to “friends”:

4 *Friends are patient and kind;  
they are not jealous or boastful;  
they are not arrogant or rude.*

5 *Friends do not insist  
on having their own way.  
They are not touchy or resentful.  
They don’t take pleasure  
when things go wrong for others,  
but they are pleased  
with what is good and right.*

6 *Friends are always ready to excuse,  
to believe the other person,  
to have hope,  
and to stand beside their friend  
in bad times as well as good.  
True friendship never ends.*

*(1 Cor 13, written by St Paul)*

7 **We pray today for the gift of knowing how best to “be with” someone, remaining faithful through good times and bad.**

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*'Praying Each Day of the Year'*,  
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by Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC.

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