

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Indulgences for the faithful departed

1. A **plenary indulgence**, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,
 - on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
 - on All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
2. A **partial indulgence**, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who
 - devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;
 - devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer Eternal rest.

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Requiem aeternam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May thy rest in peace.

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the masses said throughout the world today,
for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal church,
those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Prayer to Have a Merciful Heart Towards Others by St. Faustina

O Jesus, I understand that Your mercy is beyond all imagining.

I ask You, therefore, to make my heart so big
that there will be room in it for the needs
of all the souls living on this whole earthly globe.

O Jesus, my love reaches beyond the world
to the souls suffering in Purgatory,
and I want to exercise mercy toward them
by means of indulgenced prayers.

God's mercy is unfathomable and inexhaustible,
just as God Himself is unfathomable.

Were I to use the strongest words for expressing this mercy of God,
they are nothing in comparison with what it is in reality.

O Jesus, make my heart sensitive to all the sufferings
of my neighbor whether they be of body or of soul.

O my Jesus, I know that You act toward us as we act toward our neighbor.

My Jesus, make my heart like unto Your merciful Heart.

Jesus, help me to go through life doing good to everyone. Amen.

Prayer to Jesus Christ for the Holy Souls by St. Alphonsus Liguori

O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these Blessed Souls. Have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy Blessed Soul, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

(Recommend yourself to the Souls in Purgatory and mention your intentions)

Blessed Souls, we have prayed for thee;
we entreat thee, who are so dear to God,
and who are secure of never losing Him,
to pray for us miserable sinners,
who are in danger of being damned,
and of losing God forever.

Let us pray: O God, the author of mercy, the lover of the salvation of mankind;
we address thy clemency, in behalf of our brethren, relations, and benefactors,
who are departed this life,
that by the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and of all the saints,
thou wouldst receive them into the enjoyment of eternal happiness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.