

NOVEMBER: The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

A Week of Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Prayer on Sunday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in the garden, deliver the souls in Purgatory – and especially that soul amongst them all who is most destitute of spiritual aid – and vouchsafe to bring it to Thy glory, there to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis.

Prayer on Monday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in His cruel scourging, deliver the souls in Purgatory – and that soul especially amongst them all which is nearest to its entrance into Thy glory; that so it may forthwith begin to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis.

Prayer on Tuesday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in His bitter crowning with thorns, deliver the Souls in Purgatory, and in particular that one amongst them all which would be the last to depart out of these pains, that it may not tarry so long a time before it comes to praise Thee in Thy glory and bless Thee forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis.

Prayer on Wednesday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in the streets of Jerusalem when He carried the cross upon His sacred shoulders, deliver the souls in Purgatory and especially that soul which is richest in merits before Thee; that so, in that throne of glory which awaits it, it may magnify Thee and bless Thee forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis.

Prayer on Thursday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee by the Precious Body and Blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus, which He gave with His own hands upon the eve of His Passion to His beloved apostles to be their meat and drink, and which He left to His whole Church to be a perpetual sacrifice and the life-giving food of His own faithful people, deliver the souls in Purgatory and especially that one which was most devoted to this Mystery of infinite love, that it may with the same Thy Divine Son, and with The Holy Spirit, ever praise Thee for Thy love therein in eternal glory. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis.

Prayer on Friday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed upon the wood of the cross, especially from His most sacred Hands and Feet, deliver the souls in Purgatory, and particular that soul for which I am most bound to pray; that no neglect of mine may hinder it from praising Thee in Thy glory and blessing Thee for ever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis..

Prayer on Saturday

O Lord God Almighty, I beseech Thee, by the Precious Blood which gushed forth from the Side of Thy Divine Son Jesus, in the sight of, and to the extreme pain of His most holy Mother, Mary, deliver the souls in Purgatory, and especially that one amongst them all which was the most devote to her; that it may soon attain unto Thy glory, there to praise Thee in her and her in Thee world without end. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De profundis.

De profundis

A prayer of a sinner, trusting in the mercies of God. The sixth penitential psalm.

Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark our iniquities: O Lord, who can abide it?
For with Thee there is mercy: and by reason of Thy law I have waited on Thee, O Lord.
My soul hath waited on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.
From the morning watch even unto night: let Israel hope in the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.
And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
V. Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that by our devout supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace. **R.** Amen.

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.