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30 days of prayer





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INTRODUCTION

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Hallowtide Triduum begins on All Hallows' Eve, followed by All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. During the entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.

The season of Holy Souls reveals our reflection of our own mortality, celebrating and mourning those who have gone before us, and gently gathering all of the past into God's loving embrace. We commemorate all the faithful departed during the month of November, by remembering, praying, and giving thanks for all the dead. Praying for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in purgatory that He Loves.

What is Purgatory?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), purgatory is a "final purification" (CCC 1031) which is afforded to "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" so that they might "achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030). This is why the souls

in purgatory are called “Holy Souls” they have died in God’s grace and they will attain heaven and the beatific vision after their purification is complete.

This is a journey of faith and we hope that over the next thirty days you use this prayer book to assist you with your prayers and devotions. We need to pray on a regular basis so that we are prepared for our eternal life. Take time to welcome your loved ones back, to draw closer to them and to remember that someday, for those who believe in Jesus Christ, that at the end of this journey will be the greatest reward; Heaven, the reward of eternal life where we will all be united again in Christ.

There are several ways to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Have Masses said for your departed loved ones, especially on the anniversary of his or her death. This is an act of love and remembrance; it can also be a way of making up for absences from Mass. Also having a mass said for the dead is a loving way of affirming the importance of the Mass and asking that our loved ones now come to understand and appreciate what they didn’t understand on earth.

2. Pray the special Holy Souls Rosary, (pg 38) After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the most powerful prayer.

3. Obtain indulgences: Indulgences reduce or cancel the temporal punishment that we incur through sin. There are many ways to obtain indulgences through pious actions, and we can apply their merits to the dead. For example:

A. Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead during November 1-8

B. Devoutly recite the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer (pg 42)

4. Give alms: the giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls. "For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin" (Tobit 12:9). We can make our gift "in the name of our loved ones" or to honour their memory; we can give to their favourite charity; or contribute a gift to our Church. We can pray that any act of justice that was left undone by our family member (perhaps due to an unexpected death), might now be repaired by our act of charity.

5. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

6. Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great: tradition holds that St. Gertrude was told that piously reciting this prayer releases 1,000 souls from purgatory. (pg 26)

7. Sprinkle Holy Water on the ground: St. John Macias, a great friend of those in purgatory, would often sprinkle Holy Water on the ground for the spiritual benefit of the suffering souls. It is a symbol of refreshment and washing, like a spring rain.

8. When passing by a cemetery, pray the short Eternal Rest prayer: (pg 11) This prayer carries a partial indulgence applicable to the poor souls.

9. Visit a cemetery: pray over the graves of your departed loved ones, or visit a random graveyard and pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. Simply doing this gains a partial indulgence for those in purgatory.

10. Spread devotion to the Holy Souls: make others aware of the great need of these suffering souls in our prayers.

11. Offer your forgiveness to those who have died who may have offended you during their lifetime – even if it was insignificant or long forgotten. Re-establish peace in this way. You can also ask forgiveness of those who have died whom you may have offended. This is not only for the good of your own soul, but also to complete and perfect the purification and enlightenment of your loved ones.



OPENING PRAYER

Commendation for the Dying adapted from the Roman Ritual

This prayer is used just after someone has died by a priest who is present. It is a beautiful summary of all our trust in God's mercy and our hopes for our loved one. Reading it helps us to understand that our purification (Purgatory) is the last stage of our "returning home safely," our preparation to see God and enjoy His presence for all Eternity. It can be very consoling for anyone who has lost a loved one. This version of the prayer has been slightly adapted by a priest who used it for many years in his hospital ministry. He also uses it at funeral Masses to encourage family members and friends to look forward to the joys of heaven.

My dear sister/brother, I commend you now to Almighty God and I entrust you to Him who created you; so that now, by your dying, having paid the debt to which every man and woman is subject, you may return home safely to your Creator, to Him who formed you so wondrously, so marvelously, from the dust of the earth and the breath of His mouth.

And now, as your soul goes forth from your body, may the radiant company of angels come to greet you; may the assembly of the Apostles, our judges, welcome you; may the victorious army of white-robed martyrs meet you on your way; may the glittering choir of confessors gather around you; may the choirs of holy women receive you; may the patriarchs of old enfold you in an embrace of blessed peace.

May St. Joseph, the beloved patron of all the dying, raise you up to your highest hopes and dreams; and may the Holy Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, lovingly turn her eyes toward you. And then, gentle and joyful and strong, may Christ Jesus appear before you to assign you a place forever in the company of His elect. May Christ who suffered for you free you from all your sufferings and all your pains; may Christ who was crucified for you, free you from all fear and from all anxiety, from the death that never ends. May Christ the Son of the Living God set you now in the ever-green loveliness of His

paradise and may He, the True Shepherd recognize you as one of His own. May He set you free from all your sins and assign you a place forever in the ranks of the blessed. May you see your Redeemer face-to-face and, standing before Him always, may you gaze with delighted eyes on goodness and truth and beauty revealed in all their fullness. So having found your place in the ranks of the blessed, may you enjoy the happiness of Heaven forever and ever.



NOVEMBER
THIRTY DAYS
OF PRAYER





NOVEMBER FIRST
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



NOVEMBER SECOND
ALL SOULS' DAY

Jesus, dear Savior, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank You for our memories of them and for the good times we shared.

We ask You please, through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom. Amen.



NOVEMBER THIRD

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Saviour, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.



NOVEMBER FOURTH

A Prayer for the Forgotten Dead

O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to Thee, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember thine own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which Thou has created part from Thee, their Creator. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



NOVEMBER FIFTH

Prayer for the Dead and the Living

We give them back to You, O Lord, who first gave them to us, and, as You did not lose them in the giving so we do not lose them in the return. Not as the world gives do You give, O Lover of souls! For what is Yours is ours also, if we belong to You. Life is unending because love is undying, and the boundaries of this mortal life are but a horizon, and a horizon is but the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further! Strengthen us in faith that we may see beyond the horizon! And while You prepare a place for us, as You have promised, prepare us also for that happy place, that where You are we may be also, with those we have loved, forever. - Father Bede Jarrett. O.P.



NOVEMBER SIXTH

My God! I recommend to Thee the souls of my relations, my benefactors, my friends and my enemies, and of those who are in Purgatory on my account.

I recommend to Thee the souls of evangelical labourers, of religious and priests, and especially of those who had charge of my soul.

I recommend to Thee the souls of those who were most devout to the passion of Our Lord, to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the souls who are most abandoned, those who suffer most, and those who are nearest to the entrance into paradise. Amen.



NOVEMBER SEVENTH

Most merciful Father, we commend our departed into Your hands. We are filled with the sure hope that our departed will rise again on the Last Day with all who have died in Christ. We thank You for all the good things You have given during our departed's earthly life.

O Father, in Your great mercy, accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise may be opened for Your servant. In our turn, may we, too, be comforted by the words of faith until we greet Christ in the glory and are united with You and our departed. Amen.



NOVEMBER EIGHTH

Father, God of all consolation, in Your unending love and mercy for us You turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask You to deliver the souls in Purgatory, especially those for whom we now pray (mention them here.) Welcome them into Your presence and bless them with eternal light and peace. Raise them up to live forever with all Your saints in the glory of the Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER NINTH

O most merciful Jesus, Lover of souls, I beseech Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thine Immaculate Mother, wash clean in Thy Blood the sinners of the whole world who are to die this day. Remember most especially the soul I spiritually adopt with the intention of entrusting him/her to Thy Shepherd's care: I beseech Thee for the grace to move this sinner, who is in danger of going to Hell, to repent. I ask this because of my trust in Thy great mercy.

If it should please Thy Majesty to send me a suffering this day in exchange for the grace I ask for this soul, then, it, too, shall please me very much, and I thank Thee, most sweet Jesus, Shepherd and Lover of Souls; I thank Thee for this opportunity to give mercy in thanksgiving for all the mercies Thou hast shown me. Amen.



NOVEMBER TENTH

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

My Good God! I now consecrate and offer to Your greater glory, every thought, word, action, pain and suffering the pulsations of my heart, and the motions of my senses, not only of this day, but all the days of my life; in union with the actions, and Passion and death of Jesus Christ, and His sacred humanity in heaven; in union with Masses that have been said, are being said, and will be said to the end of time, throughout Christendom; in union throughout the world. I offer them for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and for the relief of the suffering souls in purgatory. Amen.



NOVEMBER ELEVENTH

REMEMBRANCE DAY

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on Your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of Your Son they may share in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in You with Your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWELFTH

A Prayer for Deceased Priests

O God, Thou didst raise Thy servant, Father _____ to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchisedech, giving him the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of men in Thine own Holy Name. We beseech Thee to reward his faithfulness and to forget his faults, admitting him speedily into Thy Holy Presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of his labors. This we ask through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER THIRTEENTH

May God remember forever my dear ones, (name them) who have gone to their eternal rest. May they be at one with the One Who is life eternal. May the beauty of their lives shine forever more, and may my life always bring honour to their memory. Amen.



NOVEMBER FOURTEENTH

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit; deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell may not swallow them up, and may they not fall into darkness. May Your holy standard-bearer St. Michael the Archangel lead them into the holy light of Your Presence for all eternity. Amen.



NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH

God of all consolation, in Your unending love and mercy for us, You have turned the darkness of death into the dawn of new life through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Receive the souls of the faithful departed, whom You have called into Your eternal glory.

Mary, Queen of Angels, we humbly beg you to spread your protective mantle of motherly love around those you have called as they journey home. May their last breath here on earth be their first breath in the presence of your Son, Jesus.

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



NOVEMBER SIXTEENTH

O God, this hour revives in us memories of loved ones who are no longer here. What happiness we shared when they walked among us! What joy, when, loving and loved, we lived our lives together! Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years may have passed, yet we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break. Their souls are bound up with ours forever.

O Lord, I thank You for allowing me to have these very special people in my life. I have been truly blessed by their presence, their words and actions, and their love. I grieve not for them, but for myself, as I truly miss them. We shared so much and yet I feel our times together were fleeting.

Help me, O God, to realize that the distance between us now is not so great and that one day, I will be reunited with them in paradise. Together, we will glorify You, Almighty Father, Your only Son, Jesus Christ, and Your Holy Spirit for all eternity. Amen.



NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH

O God, by Whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, send Your holy angel to watch over them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.



NOVEMBER NINETEENTH

Prayer for the Dead

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTIETH

Mary, Queen of Angels, have mercy toward your suffering children in Purgatory. Send them your legion of angels to help them. O glorious St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael! You seraphim and cherubim! You celestial choirs of

thrones and dominations! Your virtues, powers, and principalities! All you archangels and angels! We earnestly pray, in the name of God and His most holy Mother, go swiftly and assist our brothers and sisters in purgatory who undergo great pain. Console and lead them into the glory of Heaven! Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIRST

Prayer for Our Relatives in Purgatory

Good Jesus, whose loving heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones in Purgatory. O You, who loved Your own, hear our cry for mercy, and grant those, whom You called from our homes and hearts, may soon enjoy everlasting rest in the home of Your love in Heaven. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-SECOND

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you, and to pray to the Most High for your release. I beseech

you to respond to this offering which I make to you. Obtain for us peace of heart, assist us in all our actions, and console and defend us in our dangers that we may one day all rejoice together in paradise. O God the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of your departed servants the remission of their sins, that they may obtain the joys of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-THIRD

O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to Thee, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Thine own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which Thou hast created be parted from Thee, their Creator. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH

Loving God, a candle burns in my heart and warms my soul. It never flickers. It never wanes. It is the memory of those I love (mention name) who are now at home with You. I ask You to keep them close to Your heart. Keep them in the bright flame of Your love. As I prepare for my own journey, help me to understand death as but a doorway to new and eternal life. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH

It is said that our Lord promised Saint Gertrude that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly.

Prayer for Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVENTH

Almighty and Eternal God, in Your Fatherly goodness, be kind to the soul of Your Servants. Cleanse them whom You have called from this world of all their faults, take them in the Realm of Light and Peace and into the Community of Your Saints, and give them their share of Eternal Delight in Your kingdom. God. Creator and savior of all the faithful, forgive all the sins of all Your servant souls.

Let them receive forgiveness through our prayers, for which they have always been yearning. For this we pray through Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH

Remember Lord those that have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially those for whom we now pray. May these and all who sleep in Christ find in Your presence light, happiness and peace. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINTH

Oh God, Creator and Redeemer, of all Your faithful people, grant to the souls of all our faithful departed Your mercy, light and peace. Lord, we pray that those we love who have gone before us in faith may know Your forgiveness for their sins, and the blessings of everlasting life, in company with the Virgin Mary and all the angels in heaven. Amen.



NOVEMBER THIRTIETH

Heavenly Father we tenderly lift up _____
into Your loving embrace. You have told us of the
glorious banquet that awaits us when we return
home to You. Your word has assured us that life is
changed not ended. May our sorrow be replaced
with joy in knowing _____ dwells with You in
your everlasting Holiness.

Please give us the grace we need to continue with
our lives and hold the gentle memories warmly in
our hearts; knowing that we will one day be reunited
in that glorious place – You have prepared for us all.
We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



ADDITIONAL PRAYERS





A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, remembering the promise of the Resurrection, I humbly and sincerely offer these prayers and Masses for _____ and all the departed. With joy, I thank You for what we shared in this earthly life. With hope, I pray this offering will help them on their journey to the fullness of life and happiness with You in Heaven. Purify them from all that is not holy so they may dwell in the mystery of Your perfect love forever. With blessed anticipation, I look forward to the coming age, when, with Your grace, I shall be united with them again in paradise.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



ST. MECHTILDE'S "OUR FATHER"

Our Father who art in heaven. I beg of Thee, loving Father, to pardon the souls in purgatory for not having worshiped Thee as they ought, but for having shut their hearts to Thee who did desire to dwell there. To atone for their faults, I offer Thee the love and honour Thy cherished Son rendered Thee while on Earth and the abundant satisfaction by which He paid the debt of all their sins.

Hallowed be Thy Name. I beg of Thee, O Loving Father, deign to pardon the souls in purgatory for not having worthily honoured Thy Holy Name, for having seldom invoked it with devotion, for having often used it in vain and for having by their disgraceful lives rendered themselves unworthy of the name of Christian. In satisfaction for their sins, I offer Thee the perfect holiness of Thy Son by which He exalted Thy Name when preaching and in all His Holy works.

Thy Kingdom come. I beg of Thee, O Loving Father, to pardon the souls in purgatory for not having fervently desired nor carefully sought after Thy kingdom, in which alone true rest and eternal glory consist. To expiate all indifference which they have shown for every sort of good, I offer Thee the

holy desires by which Thy Son wished us to be the co-heirs of His kingdom.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. I beg of Thee, O loving Father, deign to pardon the souls in purgatory, and especially the souls of religious who during life preferred their will to Thine, for not having in all things loved Thy will, and for often living and acting according to their own. To make reparation for their disobedience, I offer Thee the union of the Humble Heart of Thy Son with Thy Holy Will as also the ready obedience with which He obeyed Thee even unto the death of the Cross.

Give us this day our daily bread. I beg of Thee, O loving Father, to pardon the souls in purgatory for not having received the most holy Sacrament of the Altar with the desire, the devotion, and love which It merits for having rendered themselves unworthy of It, or seldom or never having received It. To expiate these sins, I offer Thee the perfect holiness and the devotion and love of Thy Son, as also the ardent love and ineffable desire which made Him give us the precious treasure.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. I beg of Thee, O loving Father, to forgive the souls in purgatory any remaining temporal punishment due to the mortal sins into which they fell, especially in not forgiving those who offended Thee, and for not

living their enemies. For these sins, I offer Thee the loving prayer Thy Son made upon the Cross for His enemies.

And lead us not into temptation. I beg of Thee, O loving father to forgive the souls in purgatory for not having overcome their vices and concupiscence's, for having consented to the temptations of the devil and the flesh, and for having willfully given way to bad actions. To expiate these sins, I offer Thee the glorious victory by which Thy Son overcame the world and the devil, as also His most holy life with its works and fatigues, and His bitter Passion and Death.

But deliver us and them **from** every **evil** and every woe through the merits of Thy beloved Son, and bring us to the kingdom of Thy glory, which is none other than Thy most glorious Self. **Amen.**



THE HAIL MARY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Hail Mary! Behold, most merciful Mother, Thy poor and sorrowful children who suffer so grievously in the purification of purgatory. We beg Thee, for the sake of the great joy which the angelic salutation caused thee, have compassion on them, and send them Thy holy angel to bring them also joyful

greeting, and to announce to them release from their sufferings.

Full of Grace! Obtain for them grace, mercy and remission of the great cleansing they now endure. The Lord is with Thee! He will deny Thee nothing, but will hear Thy prayer and mercifully come to the assistance of these poor souls.

Blessed art thou amongst women! Aye among all creatures in the world! Bless and render happy with Thy intercession the poor imprisoned souls, and deliver them from their bonds.

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus, who is the Savior and Redeemer of the whole world, born without pain of Thee, a Virgin! Have mercy on the souls departed! O Merciful Mother, hasten to their assistance.

Holy Mary, Mother of God! Wonderful Virgin Mother, **pray for us sinners** and for the souls in purgatory **now** and forever, **and at the hour of our death;** and as Thou didst assist the souls departed in their last agony, so assist them now in their grievous suffering, that delivered by Thy motherly intercession they may pass from present suffering to everlasting joy, from their anguish and torment, to everlasting rest and glory, and rejoice with Thee and the whole Heavenly Host through all eternity. **Amen.**



DE PROFUNDIS PSALM 130

The De Profundis takes its name from the first two words of the psalm in Latin. It is a penitential Psalm that is sung as part of Vespers (Evening Prayer) and in commemoration of the dead. It is also a good Psalm to express our sorrow as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confession.

Every time you recite the De Profundis, you can receive a partial indulgence (the remission of a portion of punishment for sin). In the modern numbering of the Psalms, the De Profundis is listed as Psalm 130, though you will often see it listed as Psalm 129, according to the traditional numbering.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. If You, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand? But with You is forgiveness, that You may be revered. I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word.

My soul waits for the Lord more than sentinels wait for the dawn. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord, for with the Lord is kindness and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. Amen.



ST. FAUSTINA'S PRAYER FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Jesus, I understand that Your mercy is beyond all imagining, and therefore I ask You to make my heart so big that there will be room in it for the needs of all the souls living on the face of the Earth. O Jesus, my love extends 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. Even if I were to use the strongest words there are to express this mercy of God, all this would be nothing in comparison with what it is in reality. O Jesus, make my heart sensitive to all the sufferings of my neighbor, whether 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.

(Diary, 692)



ROSARY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Sign of the Cross

V. O Lord, open my lips.

R. And I shall praise Your name.

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty...

For the Intentions of our Holy Father, the Pope:
Our Father, Hail Mary (X 3), Glory Be...

Before each decade we pray what concerns the particular Mystery

Pray the Decades as Follows:

Our Father...

Hail Mary...(x10)

Glory be...

Fatima Prayer: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Your mercy.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your bloody sweat of fear that You shed on the Mount of Olives, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Bring to completion their purification and console them with the Cup of heavenly comfort.

2. The Scourging at the Pillar

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Scourging which You tolerated so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Bring them to live forever with Christ and give them eternal relief.

3. The Crowning with Thorns

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Crowning which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory and give them the crown of eternal delight.

4. The Carrying of the Cross

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Carrying of the Cross. Which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Bring them to the everlasting peace of perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity and lead them into eternal joy.

5. The Crucifixion of Jesus

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Crucifixion, which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Turn Your Holy Face towards them and let them be in Paradise with You today.

After the fifth decade we pray:

Lord, Jesus Christ, through Your five Holy Wounds and through all of Your Sacred Blood that You shed, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in particular on our parents, spouses, relatives, spiritual guides and benefactors. Complete the healing of their purification and let them enjoy and participate fully in Your Salvation. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn Thee, most gracious Advocate, Thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this, our exile; show unto us the blessed fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray.
O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating

upon these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled unto Thy protection, implored Thy help or sought Thine intercession, was left unaided by Thee. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To Thee I come, before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Do not, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise my petitions but, in Thy clemency, hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael Archangel

St. Michael Archangel, defend us in the hour of conflict, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust Satan down to hell and with him all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O sweet Jesus, Whose overflowing charity for me is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before Your altar (in Your presence) eager to repair by a special act of homage the cruel indifference and injuries, to which Your loving Heart is everywhere subject.

Mindful alas! That we ourselves have had a share in such great indignities, which we now deplore from the depths of our hearts, we humbly ask Your pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation not only for our own personal offenses, but also for the sins of those, who, straying from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate infidelity to follow You, their Shepherd and Leader, or, renouncing the vows of their baptism, have cast off the sweet yoke of Your Law. We are now resolved to expiate each and every deplorable outrage committed against You; we are determined to make amends for the manifold offenses against Christian modesty in unbecoming dress and behavior, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violations of Sundays and holidays, and the shocking blasphemies uttered against You and Your Saints. We wish also to make

amends for the insults to which Your Vicar on earth and Your priest are subjected, for the profanation, by conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege, of the very Sacrament of Your Divine Love; and lastly for the public crimes of nations who resist the rights and teaching authority of the Church which You have founded. Would, O divine Jesus, we were able to wash away such abominations with our blood. We now offer, in reparation for these violations of Your divine honour, the satisfaction You once made to Your eternal Father on the cross and which You continue to renew daily on our altars; we offer it in union with the acts of atonement of Your Virgin Mother and all the Saints and of the pious faithful on earth; and we sincerely promise to make recompense, as far as we can with the help of Your grace, for all neglect of Your great love and for the sins we and others have committed in the past. Henceforth we will live a life of unwavering faith, of purity of conduct, of perfect observance of the precepts of the gospel and especially that of charity. We promise to the best of our power to prevent others from offending You and to bring as many as possible to follow You.

O loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model in reparation, deign to receive the voluntary offering we make of this act of expiation; and by the crowning gift of perseverance keep us faithful unto death in our duty

and the allegiance we owe to You, so that we may one day come to that happy home, where You with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, God, world without end. Amen.



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