

THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved. November 2nd is All Souls Day, also known as the Day of the Dead.



SUGGESTED PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

1. Pray the **Novena** to the Holy Souls.
<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-for-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory>
2. Offer up your **Holy Communions** for the souls in purgatory.
3. Have **Masses** said for your departed loved ones.
4. Pray The **Way Of The Cross** for Souls in Purgatory.
<https://maryourhelp.org/e-books/purgatory/Way-of-the-Cross-for-the-souls-in-purgatory.pdf>
5. Pray the special **Holy Souls Rosary** after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
<http://www.holysoulsrosary.org/#/english>
6. Give **alms**. "For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin" (Tobit 12:9).
7. Pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for the intention of the Holy Souls.
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/content/How-to-Pray-the-Divine-Mercy-Chaplet.cfm>
8. **Prayer of St. Gertrude** for the Holy Souls: this prayer is attributed to St. Gertrude the Great and was the prayer by which she obtained the release of many souls from purgatory (*Prayer on back*).
9. 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.
10. When passing by a cemetery, pray the short **Eternal Rest Prayer**. This prayer carries a partial indulgence applicable to the poor souls (*Prayer to the right*). Also, praying the **Eternal Rest Prayer** before and after your meals as an easy way to remember to pray for the holy souls every day. You can also pray the prayer between the decades of your daily rosary.
11. 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. While there, **sprinkle holy water** on the graves. If you make this visit during the first 8 days of the month dedicated to the Holy Souls, you can gain a plenary indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory.

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

SEVEN DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

DAY 1. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Blood, which Your divine Son Jesus shed in the Garden, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one which is the most forsaken of all, and bring it into Your glory, where it may praise and bless You forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

DAY 2. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Blood which Your divine Son Jesus shed in His cruel scourging, deliver the souls in purgatory, and among them all, especially that soul which is nearest to its entrance into Your glory, that it may soon begin to praise You and bless You forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

DAY 3. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Blood, which Your divine Son Jesus shed in His bitter crowning with thorns, deliver the souls in purgatory, and among them all, particularly that soul which is in the greatest need of our prayers in order that it may not long be delayed in praising You in Your glory and blessing You forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

DAY 4. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Blood of Your divine Son Jesus that was shed in the streets of Jerusalem while He carried on His sacred shoulders the heavy burden of the Cross, deliver the souls in purgatory and especially that one which is richest in merits in Your sight, so that, having soon attained the high place in glory to which it is destined, it may praise Your triumphantly and bless You forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

DAY 5. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Body and Blood of Your divine Son Jesus, which He Himself on the night before His Passion gave as meat and drink to His beloved Apostles and bequeathed to His Holy Church to be the perpetual Sacrifice and life-giving nourishment of His faithful people, deliver the souls in purgatory, but most of all, that souls which was most devoted to this Mystery of infinite love, in order that it may praise Your therefore, together with Your diving Son and the Holy Spirit in Your glory forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

DAY 6. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Blood which Jesus Your diving Son did shed this day upon the tree of the Cross, especially from His sacred Hands and Feet, deliver the souls in purgatory, and particularly that soul for whom I am most bound to pray, in order that I may not be the cause which hinders Your from admitting it quickly to the possession of Your glory where it may praise Your and bless You for evermore. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

DAY 7. O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech You by the Precious Blood which hushed forth from the sacred Side of Your diving Son Jesus in the presence and to the great sorrow of His most holy Mother, deliver the souls in purgatory and among them all especially that should which has been most devout to this noble Lady, that it may come quickly into Your glory, there to praise You in her, and her in You through all the ages. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal Rest, Concluding Prayer

Concluding Prayer: Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

DELIVER HOLY SOULS FROM PURGATORY

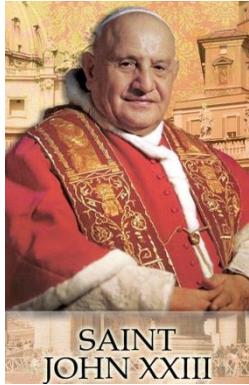
Our Lady's promise:

"Whoever prays three Hail Mary in honour of My Flame of Love delivers a soul from Purgatory.

Whoever prays one Hail Mary in honour of My Flame of Love during the month of November, delivers 10 souls from Purgatory."

Each Hail Mary has to be prayed with the supplication, requested by Our Lady: *"spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity"* (before "now and at the hour of our death. Amen.")

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The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit."

– Pope St. John XXIII



Prayer of Cardinal Newman

O most 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 the souls of Your servants. Bring them from the shadows of exile to Your bright home in Heaven, where we trust that You and Your Blessed Mother have woven for them a crown of unfolding bliss.
Amen



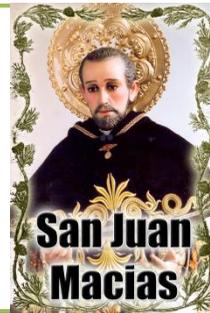
Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

O 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 and for sinners everywhere - for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and for those within my family. Amen.

*No eye has seen,
nor ear heard,
nor heart
conceived,
what the*

*Lord has
prepared
for those
who love Him.
1 Corinthians 2:9*

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



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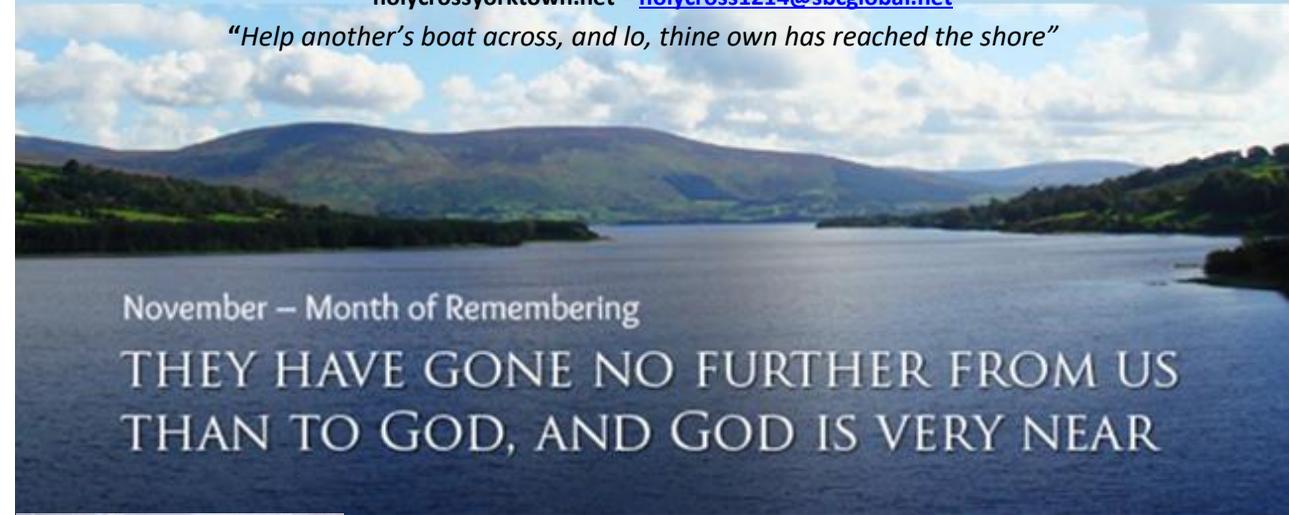
and the Missions of San Luis and St. Ann

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"Help another's boat across, and lo, thine own has reached the shore"



November – Month of Remembering

THEY HAVE GONE NO FURTHER FROM US
THAN TO GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR



The souls in purgatory died in the mercy of God, this is why they are called holy; however, because they still had attachment to sin at the time of their death, they must undergo a spiritual purification of their souls before they are able to fully love God with their whole heart, mind, and soul for all eternity.

The holy souls are "saved souls" – they will enjoy the reward of heaven – but during their lives they were not the perfect souls that Christ commanded them to be (Mat. 5:48), and for which he provided every grace and means for them to become (2 Pet. 1:3). We are meant to die after living as saints. Those who die in the love of God, but fall short of holiness due to habitual sinful clings, must be pure before being admitted to the beatific vision, that is, the vision of God that the saints in heaven enjoy for all eternity.

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that those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, this is why they are also called "poor" souls. They can no longer merit anything for themselves (their opportunity for increasing in merit was during their earthly lives) and they must rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf. As they are nevertheless part of the Communion of Saints, they depend upon us to help ease their suffering and quickly advance them through their purification so that they can join the saints in heaven.

Prayers for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls that He loves. It is an act of charity that we can give for those we have known and loved, for our ancestors who gave us life, for those who were our benefactors, for those whose memory is lost, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.