

7 Prayers to Prepare for Death

In this Month commemorating the Poor Souls, it does us well to consider praying for a happy death. We do pray for this intention with every Hail Mary: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Prayer for a Happy Death (Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman)

O my Lord and Savior, support me in my last hour in the strong arms of Thy Sacraments and by the fresh fragrance of Thy consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me; and let Thine own Body be my food, and Thy Blood my sprinkling; and let my sweet Mother, Mary, breathe on me, and my Angel whisper peace to me, and my glorious saints and my own dear patrons smile upon me, that, in them all and through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die as I desire to live, in Thy faith, in Thy Church, in Thy service, and in Thy love. Amen.

An Act of Resignation (Pope St. Pius X)

My Lord God, even now I accept at Thy hand, cheerfully and willingly, with all its anxieties, pains and sufferings, whatever kind of death it shall please Thee to be mine. Amen.