



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

As we strive to become a parish of intentional disciples who make time for personal and communal prayer, we will be praying with a special devotion each month. We invite you and your domestic church to pray along with us.

**The month of November is dedicated to
prayer for the Souls in Purgatory.**

November 2 is the Feast of All Souls.

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the Souls in Purgatory, who while they are assured of entering fully into God's heavenly glory, are still in need of purification from selfishness and sin. Through the communion of saints, the Church Militant (the faithful on earth) can help the Souls in Purgatory and relieve their suffering by prayer, fasting, and offering works of charity on their behalf.

"From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God," (See CCC 1031)



Litany for the Souls in Purgatory

O Jesus, you suffered and died that all mankind might be saved and brought to eternal happiness. Hear our pleas for further mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The response after each petition is: Jesus, have mercy!

For my dear parents and grandparents,

My bothers and sisters and other near relatives,

My godparents and sponsors of confirmation,

My spiritual and temporal benefactors,

My friends and neighbors,

All for whom love or duty calls me to pray,

Those who have suffered disadvantages or harm through me,

Those who are especially beloved by you,

Those whose release is near at hand,

Those who desire most to be united with you,

Those who endure the greatest sufferings,
Those who are least remembered,
Those whose release is most remote,
Those who are most deserving because of their services to the Church,
The rich, who now are the most destitute,
The mighty, who are now powerless,
The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly,
The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness,
The poor who did not seek the treasures of heaven,
The tepid, who devoted little time to prayer,
The indolent, who neglected to perform good works,
Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the sacraments,
The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace,
Parents who failed to watch over their children,
Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them.
Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures,
The worldly-minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God,
Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own,
Those who did not provide for the life here-after,
Those whose sentence is sever because of great things entrusted to them,
The popes, kings, rulers, bishops, and their counselors,
The priests and religious of the Catholic church and all defenders of the holy faith.
The teachers and spiritual advisors,
Those who died defending their country,
Those who died of heart attacks, strokes, or suffered and died of cancer or AIDS,
Those who died suddenly because of accident or violence,
Those who died without the last rites of the Church,
Those who will die in the next 24 hours,
My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before your judgement seat, **Jesus, have mercy!**
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them forever more with your saints in heaven because you are so gracious.

LEADER: The Lord be with you,

RESPONSE: And with your Spirit

May the prayer of your suppliant people, we beseech you, O Lord, benefit the souls of your departed servants and handmaids. Deliver them from all their sins and make them partakers of your redemption. Amen