

Memorial Prayer for the Suffering Souls in Purgatory

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of goodness and love, have mercy on the poor suffering souls in purgatory and grant Thy aid.

To my dear parents and ancestors, ***Jesus, Mary, Joseph! My Jesus mercy.***

To my brothers, and sisters and other near relatives, ***Jesus, etc.***

To my benefactors, spiritual and temporal,

To my former friends and colleagues,

To all for whom love or duty bids me pray,

To those who have suffered disadvantage or harm through me.

To those who have offended me,

To all those who are especially beloved by You,

To those whose release is at hand,

To those who desire most to be united with You,

To those who endure the greatest suffering,

To those whose release is most remote,

To those who are least remembered,

To those who are most deserving on account of their services to the Church,

To the rich, who now are the most destitute,

To the mighty, who now are as lowly as servants,

To the blind, who now see their folly,

To the frivolous, who spent their time in idleness,

To the poor, who did not seek the treasures of heaven,

To the tepid, who devoted little time to prayer,

To the indolent, who were negligent in performing good works,

To those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the sacraments,

To the habitual sinners, who owed their salvation to a miracle of grace,

To parents who failed to watch over their children,

To superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them,

To souls of those who strove for hardly anything but riches and pleasures,

To the worldly minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God, ***Jesus, Mary, Joseph! My Jesus mercy.***

To those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own,

To those who did not provide for the great journey beyond, and the days of tribulation,

To those whose judgment is so severe because of the great things entrusted to them,

To the popes, rulers, kings and princes, ***Jesus, Mary, Joseph! My Jesus Mercy.***
To the bishops and their counselors, ***Jesus, etc.***
To my teachers and spiritual advisors,
To the deceased priests of this diocese,
To all the priests and Religious of the whole Catholic Church,
To the defenders of the holy faith,
To those who died on the battlefield,
To those who are buried at sea,
To those who died of stroke or heart attack,
To those who die without the last rites of the Church,
To those who shall die within the next twenty-four hours,
To my own poor soul when I shall have to appear before the Thy judgment seat,
Jesus, etc.

O LORD, grant eternal rest to all the souls of the faithful departed, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. Amen. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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