

November 2023

O Lord, absolve the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin that with Your gracious help they may deserve to enjoy the blessedness of everlasting light. O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant the souls of Your children the remission of all their sins that they may obtain the pardon they have always desired and enter the joy of Your eternal Life. You live and reign forever. Amen

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5: 1-12)
God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive. (Luke 20: 27-38)
The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23: 1-12)
Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25: 1-13)
Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy. (Matthew 25: 14-30)
Amen, I say to you, what you did for one of these my least brothers (and sisters) you did for me. (Matthew 25: 31-46)

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Charity has as its close relatives joy and peace.

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Joy is born of happiness at possessing what we love.

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By loving God the soul is certain of possessing Him.

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The soul devoted to God out of love belongs entirely to God, while God give Himself entirely to that soul.

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As long as we are wayfarers on this earth we can never be perfect...we can never enjoy perfect peace.

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Patience (is) a virtue which enables us to bear all adversity without giving in.

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Those striving for perfection must attribute great importance to this virtue (patience).

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Love, joy and peace are virtues which perfect the soul with regard to what it possesses.

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Patience perfects the soul with regard to what it endures.

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(Kindness) is agreeable, courteous, and polite with no trace of uncouthness, (it) draws others to imitate...

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Kindness leads us to be helpful to others.

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Never desist from efforts to help others, even when (we are) deriving no benefit from this help.

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Modesty, continence and chastity perfect the devout soul with regard to control of the senses.

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The virtue of modesty ... governs all exterior acts ... St. Paul recommends ... (it) be obvious to all.

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Continence exercises restraint over all the senses: sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing.

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Chastity ennobles our nature...we suppress our sensuality and detach it from forbidden pleasures.

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St. Paul warns us that those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires.

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To allow the Holy Spirit freedom to act in our souls, we must mount guard over the spirit of self.

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Let us take care to mortify our selfish spirit which puffs us up, makes us impulsive and leads to aridity of the soul.

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Be careful to subdue vainglory, irascibility and envy to which most people are slaves.

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Don't worry and keep cheerful.

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Let your thanks and praise be directed to God alone.

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(Jesus draws) you to Himself by the power of love without encroaching in the slightest on your own free will.

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He is always close to you, He rules and protects and sustains you, so that your will may not be overcome ...

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Open your heart to trust in God, to recognize the divine benefits...and finally to lead you...to thank the heavenly Father.

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If you (quarrel with any one), it means goodbye to peace and charity.

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To be inordinately attached to your own opinion is invariably a source and beginning of discord.

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Be on your guard against vainglory, a vice to be found in devout persons.

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Meditate every day on the humiliations of the Son of God and the glory to which they led Him.

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If we are imitators of Jesus Christ and face up to all life's battles, we too will share in His

November Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday - God of mercy and compassion, we believe that those who have died in the Lord are blessed. As we pray for the souls of those who have gone before us, we earnestly ask You, let them rest from their labors here on earth, and remember the good works they accomplished through Your grace. With each kindness we offer today, help us recall that we too will be judged according to our good deeds, and the love we have for one another. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The following aspirations are repeated each day after the brief prayer of the day)

O Mary, Mother and Queen of the Suffering Souls in Purgatory, pray for them and place our prayers together with yours, that through your almighty intercession, we too may assist them in their suffering.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, intercede for us and the Holy Souls in Purgatory for whom we pray, that they may have eternal rest, and that we may live life in God's Will and enter Life Eternal at the end of our journey.

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

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

Monday - Lord our God, the Psalmist prayed in wonder and gratitude to You when he prayed: "You have been a home for us, from one generation to the next". Hear us today as we pray for our loved ones who have died, and have always found a shelter in You. Be gracious to them still, as they await the fullness of Your promised "home", in the Kingdom where You live forever and ever. Amen.

O Mary ... Padre Pio ... Eternal rest ... May the souls ...

Tuesday - Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the souls of the just want for nothing in Your presence. It is You who have given them their heart's desire, You who have guided them on Your pathways, and led them to Your eternal place of refreshment. As you have prepared a banquet for them, so now fill them with Your mercy and peace. May goodness and kindness follow them to Your dwelling place forever and ever. Amen.

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Wednesday - Good and Gracious God, today as we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we remember the comforting words of Jesus: "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world". As You, Lord, so greatly desire the hearts and souls of the created in Your image and likeness, please now call them to Yourself, and welcome them into Your Kingdom, as they welcomed You here on earth in the poor, the naked, the hungry, the thirsty and the imprisoned. We make our prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thursday - O Lord God, our hope and our consolation, look favorably on the souls of our deceased loved ones. As we pray today for them, and all the faithful departed, we ask that You grant the fullness of Your peace and joy to our beloved deceased who have finished the race and have kept the faith. May You give them the heavenly crown of victory, for they longed to see Your face. And one day may we all share their joy together in the Kingdom where You live forever and ever. Amen.

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Friday - Most high, all powerful, all good God, Your humble servant, St. Francis of Assisi, when considering his own death, spoke of her as "Sister Death, from whom no one can escape". In faith we believe that no one would wish to escape the good things that you have prepared for those who have loved You! So today we pray that Sister Death may embrace the souls of our, family, friends, benefactors, even those we do not love as we ought, and those who have no one to remember them, whom You have called, and lead them to that new creation where you live forever and ever. Amen.

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Saturday - All loving God, we praise and thank You today for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him You have borne our griefs and sorrows; and by His wounds we are healed! As we seek to share in the joys of His Resurrection, and wait to welcome Him when He returns in glory, we ask You to reward those who have died with the fulfillment of Your promise. Gather us together from the four winds into Your Kingdom which You have prepared for us, where we shall live with You forever. Amen.

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Daily Prayer to Our Lady - Mary, loving Mother and Queen of Creation, we pray through your intercession for our brothers and sisters, your children, who are saved in the blood of Christ, your Son, but still await in Purgatory the fullness of the gift that is assured them. You were chosen from among all women, you knew our pain and grief through the death of your Son. Look on us, o merciful Mother, with your eyes of motherly compassion and love, and upon all the souls who have gone before us. Pray for us and them. Protect us in our journey, and intercede for us that we may always be faithful. Pray for the Souls in Purgatory that the Lord may lead them quickly home to enjoy forever Eternal Life with Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.

Daily Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity - Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the almighty intercession of Mary, Your daughter, mother and spouse, and our holy Mother, and through the powerful intercession of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, whose ministry sought to prepare those who came to You through him for the wonderful gift of Eternal Life through the forgiveness of their sins and the conversion of their lives, hear our prayers for the Souls in Purgatory. Grant them eternal light, happiness and peace, and help us to live in Your love, mercy, and providence.