



Wypominki – Prayer for the Deceased

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„And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die” (J 11,26)

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Rosary Hour!

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In the first days of November, once again, in our lives, we will stand reflecting, with cemetery graves before us. Again, our cemeteries will come alive with the glare of candlelight and blooms of flowers. We will recall the memory of those who have left us. We will bring to mind memories of their faces, their postures or gestures. Usually, these are the people closest to us: **father, mother, beloved child, brother, sister...** Join us in these days of communal prayer - prayers for the dead, that eternity bring to those that went before us a blessed and happy eternal life - with the One who called them to Himself. A great prayerful plea will flow to heaven with the hope that God forgive their human weaknesses and sins.

Let us remain with the Franciscans in the spirit of prayer for all the dead. It shall be our Christian deed of mercy in regard to those who are already on the other side of life. As one family, let us include our beloved dead and those whom no one remembers, those who have no monuments, whom no one buried. We will not know until the end, if our prayer is effective in the forgiveness of their earthly sins or a prayer to honor their glory for perhaps they have already attained their heavenly reward. We firmly hope that our good God will hear our pleas and be generous with us more than we ever deserve.

In our cemeteries, churches, chapels, and homes, candles will be lit – a sign of our remembrance of those needing our help. Each November day, spiritually connected with you, Franciscans will remember them and commend them to the love of God in His hour of mercy. The flames of our candles will be a deeply meaningful symbol of our faith and remembrance of the dead. May the risen Christ lead us to life in eternal heaven.



Throughout the entire month of November, Franciscans will offer daily Mass and devotion for the faithful departed. Through the intercession of the Mother of God they will commend to the Mercy of God those souls whom you have indicated on your intention form.



A prayer for the deceased is our duty. Church Tradition has always urged **prayer for the deceased.** It is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls. **Think about the dear ones who passed away, especially those for who miss: parents, brothers and sisters, spouse, children, friends... and many others who have fallen in the Lord.** *Maybe they are waiting for your prayers.* If you beseech Heaven for them, the overabundance of your prayers for their intentions will be passed on to other needy souls. No prayer will be wasted. Remember that every deceased who you help to reach Heaven, may one day become like a magnet that will draw you there.

Your generous free will offering will earn you graces in heaven, because you are contributing to good work: to preach the teachings of the Church on the airwaves and the Internet. The existence and continuance of the Father Justin Rosary Hour is only possible through people like you. It is for this reason that we ask for your generosity so that we may continue serving the people of the twenty-first century, leading all to God and eventually to a heavenly reward where we will live together forever in eternity.

May God, who calls each of us to holiness, reward you abundantly!

Sincerely yours,

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Fr. Marcel with the Rosary Hour community