



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!

We are slowly approaching November, a month dedicated to remembering the Deceased. Each of us, without exception, will someday pass through the threshold of death. It behooves us then, as pilgrims on this earth, to always remember that Jesus referred to Himself as “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (J 14,6).

We believe in the communion of saints and consoled by this communion of the great family of Saints, especially on the day of All Souls and throughout the month of November we shall commemorate all the faithful departed. The Liturgy of November 2nd and the pious exercise of visiting cemeteries reminds us that **Christian death is part of the journey toward becoming like God and it will vanish when God will be all in all to everyone.**

Dear Friends, Eternity is not an “unending succession of days in the calendar, but something more like the supreme moment of satisfaction, in which totality embraces us and we embrace totality” (*Spe Salvi*, n. 12).

In the first days of November, we will bring to mind memories of those who have already left us, their faces, their postures or gestures. Not everyone of us can visit the graves of dear ones. Whatever the case may be, we assure you that far more important than a candle or flowers on a grave is the **MEMORY OF THE DEAR DEPARTED, memory in PRAYER AND THE HOLY MASS.** Holy Bible says, **„Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Mt 5: 7).** And one of the first works of mercy is prayer for the souls of the Departed!

Throughout the entire month of November, Franciscans Friars 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 who you miss: parents, brothers, sisters, spouse, children, friends... and many others who have fallen asleep in Christ.** *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

