

## **Holy Masses and Devotions for the Deceased**

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## Dear Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

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

November is approaching - a month dedicated to remembering and praying for our Deceased.

The celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day remind us that our prayers should embrace all the faithful departed who fulfilled their earthly sojourn, some early in life and others in the autumn of life. Usually, these are people we knew and loved: father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, child, brother, sister, cousin, aunt, uncle, friend, neighbor, teacher, priest, religious brother, nun...



The Catechism of the Catholic Church for Young People speaks about prayer for the dead in the section devoted to the belief in the communion of saints. It points out that the "communion of saints" is made up of all men who have placed their hope in Christ and belong to him through Baptism, whether they have already died or are still alive.

Because in Christ we are one Body; we live in a communion that encompasses heaven and earth. The Church is larger and more alive than we think. Among her members are the living and the deceased (whether they are still undergoing a process of purification or are already in the glory of God), individuals known and unknown, great saints and inconspicuous persons". We can help one another even beyond the grave.

This means we can call on our patrons and favorite saints, but also our departed relatives and friends whom we believe are already with God. Conversely, by our intercessory prayer, we can come to the aid of our dear departed who are still undergoing purification, still in purgatory.

We pray for the dead not only in our personal prayers, but also through Mass offerings. Then we join the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Masses for the dead are one of the forms of help we can give to souls in purgatory. Throughout November we ask you to join us spiritually by common PRAYER for the DEAD (Wypominki), in remembrance of their eternity: eternal peace and with those whom God has taken to Himself. May our prayers flow to heaven with the great desire that human weakness and sin will be overcome by God's mercy.

As in previous years, EVERY DAY throughout November, all the prayers and intentions sent to us will be remembered in MASSES and DEVOTIONS conducted by the Franciscans for all the Deceased, whose names have been included on the enclosed card. By this we will be asking for great graces for our beloved relatives who have gone before us.

At the same time, we ask you for your OFFERING which will help the Franciscans in their evangelization.

May Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, assist us in our prayers for our beloved departed and bring them quickly to eternal glory.

May God reward your good deeds, which you do for your beloved living and deceased.

With prayer and gratitude, we cordially greet you and look forward to your reply.

## Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community and the Companions of St. Anthony

PS - If you wish to receive a *Christmas Wafer* and *Calendar for 2026*, please write to us, **before October** 31<sup>st</sup> and we would be happy to send them to you.

PS - At the request of the Benefactors, the Franciscans are glad to celebrate individual Holy Masses.

Holy Masses in December - the request should arrive by November 25.

**Holy Masses in January** - the request should arrive **by December 18**, so that the Post Office can deliver everything on time during the holiday season.

PS - When you send your intentions REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME and ADDRESS.