SPIRITUAL RESOURCES
Monday Devotion: Litany for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

In its tradition, the Church has a specific focus of devotion for each day of the week. During this period where the public Celebration of Mass, and other aspects of the Sacramental Life of the Church, are suspended by order of our Bishop, we desire to tend to the spiritual need in the hearts of our Parishioners. To this end we are providing online and, in the Church, spiritual resources to nourish the prayer life of the faithful and keep them close to the heart of Christ and his Church. The focus of devotional practices for each day of the week as made known in the Tradition of the Church are:

Monday — Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday – The Holy Angels
Wednesday – St. Joseph
Thursday – The Most Blessed Sacrament
Friday – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (also, the Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Saturday – Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity

And now, remembering those who have gone before us, but still awaiting being in the sight of the Beatific Vision of God, we pray for those members of the Church Suffering – the Poor Souls in Purgatory who need our prayers, as they make their way toward the God who gave them life.

Litanies for the Poor Souls in Purgatory
for private recitation

I. Prayers to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven,
have mercy on the Souls of the Faithful departed.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on the Souls of the faithful departed.
God, the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on the Souls of the faithful departed.
Holy Trinity, One God,
have mercy on the Souls of the faithful departed.
II. Prayers to the Saints seeking their Intercession

Holly Mary, \textbf{Response to each:} pray for the Souls of the faithful departed.
Holy Mother of God,
Saint Michael,
Saint Gabriel,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
Saint Peter,
Saint Paul,
Saint John,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangilists,
Saint Stephen,
Saint Lawrence,
All ye holy Martyrs,
Saint Gregory,
Saint Ambrose,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
Saint Mary Magdalen,
Saint Catherine,
All ye holy Virgins and widows,
All ye Saints of God, make intercession for the Souls of the faithful departed.

III. Prayers Seeking Deliverance through Jesus Christ

Be merciful, spare them, O Lord.
Be merciful, hear them, O Lord.
From all evil, \textbf{Response to each:} O Lord, deliver them
From Thy wrath,
From the flame of fire,
From the region of the shadow of death,
Through Thine Conception by the Power of the Holy Spirit,
Through Thy Nativity,
Through Thy Most Holy Name,
Through the multitude of Thy tender mercies,
Through Thy most bitter Passion,
Through Thy most Sacred Wounds,
Through Thy most Precious Blood,
Through Thine ignominious death, by which Thou hast destroyed our death,
IV. Prayers of Supplication for the Poor Souls
We sinners, we beseech Thee, hear us.

O Thou Who didst absolve the sinner woman and heard the prayer of the good thief,
That thou wouldst release our deceased parents, relations and benefactors
from the bonds of their sins and the punishment for them,
we beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst hasten the day of visiting Thy faithful detained
in the receptacles of sorrow, and wouldst transport them to the city of eternal peace,
we beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst shorten the time of expiation for their sins
and graciously admit them into the holy sanctuary,
into which no unclean thing can enter,
we beseech Thee, hear us.

That through the prayers and alms of Thy Church,
and especially by the inestimable Sacrifice of Thy Holy Altar,
Thou wouldst receive them into the tabernacle of rest
and crown their longing hopes with everlasting fruition,
we beseech Thee, hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee, hear us.

V. Prayer seeking Eternal Rest for the Poor Souls
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant them eternal rest.

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Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
VI. The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
—But deliver us from all evil. Amen.
From the gates of Hell,
—Deliver their Souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace.
—Amen.
O Lord hear my prayer.
—And let my cry come unto Thee.

VII. Concluding Prayer
Let Us Pray. O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the Souls of Thy departed servants the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
—Amen.

O God, the Giver of pardon and the Lover of the salvation of men, we beg Thy clemency on behalf of our brethren, kinsfolk and benefactors who have departed this life, that by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, Thou wouldst receive them into the joys of Thine everlasting kingdom. Through Christ Our Lord.
—Amen.

O God, to Whom it belongs always to have mercy and to spare, be favorably propitious to the Souls of Thy servants and grant them the remission of all their sins, that being delivered from the bonds of this mortal life, they may be admitted to life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
—Amen.

About Litanies.
Litanies (like this Litany for the Poor Souls) are prayers to our Lord, his Blessed Mother, and the saints consisting of a series of petitions and responses. Although they are traditionally used in church services, they can also be prayed in private devotions, and may be sung. The word “litany” itself comes from the Greek word “lite,” meaning “prayer” or “supplication.” In public worship, one person recites the first part of the prayer, which is followed by a response from the congregation (such as “pray for us”). These prayers have their roots in the pre-Christian era when Jews used this responsive pattern in public worship. The first Christian litanies probably consisted of the frequent repetition of the words Kyrie Eleison (Greek for “Lord have Mercy,” the same words we pray at Mass).