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.

**Litany to the Holy Angels**

*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 us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,  
have mercy on us.  
God the Holy Spirit,  
have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
have mercy on us.
II. Prayers to the Saints and Angels seeking their Intercession

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels

Response to each: Pray for us.

Holy Mother of God

Holy Virgin of Virgins

Saint Michael, who was ever the defender of the people of God,

St. Michael, who did drive from Heaven Lucifer and his rebel crew,

St. Michael, who did cast down to Hell the accuser of our brethren,

Saint Gabriel, who did expound to Daniel the heavenly vision,

St. Gabriel, who did foretell to Zachary the birth and ministry of John the Baptist,

St. Gabriel, who did announce to Blessed Mary the Incarnation of the Divine Word,

Saint Raphael, who did lead Tobias safely through his journey to his home again,

St. Raphael, who did deliver Sara from the devil,

St. Raphael, who did restore his sight to Tobias the elder,

All ye holy Angels, who stand around the high and lofty throne of God,

Who cry to Him continually: Holy, Holy, Holy,

Who dispel the darkness of our minds and give us light,

Who are the messengers of heavenly things to men,

Who have been appointed by God to be our guardians,

Who always behold the Face of our Father Who is in Heaven,

Who rejoice over one sinner doing penance,

Who struck the Sodomites with blindness,

Who led Lot out of the midst of the ungodly,

Who ascended and descended on the ladder of Jacob,

Who delivered the Divine Law to Moses on Mount Sinai,

Who brought good tidings when Christ was born,

Who comforted Him in His agony,

Who sat in white garments at His sepulcher,

Who appeared to the disciples as He went up into Heaven,

Who shall go before Him bearing the standard of the Cross when He comes to judgment,

Who shall gather together the elect at the End of the World,

Who shall separate the wicked from among the just,

Who offer to God the prayers of those who pray,

Who assist us at the hour of death,

Who carried Lazarus into Abraham’s bosom,

Who conduct to Heaven the souls of the just,

Who perform signs and wonders by the power of God,

Who are sent to minister for those who shall receive the inheritance of salvation,

Who are set over kingdoms and provinces,

Who have often put to flight armies of enemies,

Who have often delivered God’s servants from prison and other perils of this life,
Who have often consoled the holy martyrs in their torments,
Who are wont to cherish with peculiar care the prelates and princes of the Church,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,

III. Prayers Seeking Deliverance through Jesus Christ
From all dangers, Response to each: Deliver us, O Lord
From the snares of the devil,
From all heresy and schism,
From plague, famine and ware,
From sudden and unlooked-for death,
From everlasting death

IV. Prayers to Invoke the Good Work of Angels through Christ
Through Thy holy Angels, Response to each: We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou would spare us,
That Thou would pardon us,
That Thou would govern and preserve Thy Holy Church,
That Thou would protect our Apostolic Prelate and all ecclesiastical orders,
That Thou would grant peace and security to kings and all Christian princes,
That Thou would give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
That Thou would grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed

V. Prayers seeking God’s Mercy
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

VI. The Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be
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 evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

VII. Concluding Prayers
Bless the Lord, all ye Angels:
—Ye who are mighty in strength,
who fulfill His commandments,
—hearkening unto the voice of His words.
He hath given His Angels charge concerning thee
—to keep thee in all thy ways.

Let us pray:
O God, Who dost arrange the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that our life may be protected on earth by those who always do Thee service in Heaven, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost are one God now and forever.
—Amen.

O God, Who in Thine unspeakable Providence dost send Thine Angels to keep guard over us, grant unto Thy suppliants that we may be continually defended by their protection and may rejoice eternally in their society, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, forever and ever.
—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).