

## Indulgences for the Month of November

There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November.

1. A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,
  - o on any and each day from November 1 to 8, visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
  - o on All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
  - o **This year the Major Penitentiary has decreed that the indulgences are available to be applied to the holy souls of Purgatory, not just for the first 8 days of the month, but for any 8 days throughout the month of November.**
2. A *partial indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,
  - o devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;
  - o devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer *Requiem aeternam* (Eternal rest)

### For the faithful departed

§ 1. A plenary indulgence, applied exclusively to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the Christian faithful who:

1° on each single day, from the first to the eighth day in November, devoutly visit a cemetery and, even if only mentally, pray for the faithful departed; [Note: one plenary indulgence for each day, if the usual conditions are met]

2° on the day of Commemoration of All Faithful Departed [November 2] (or, according to the Ordinary, on the preceding or subsequent Sunday, or on the day of the solemnity of All Saints) piously visit a church or oratory and there recite the *Pater* and the *Credo*.

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A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. There are a few cemeteries that have car paths, allowing one to "visit" even if you stay in the car.

The "Eternal Rest" prayer gains a partial indulgence and can be prayed all year. Passing a cemetery and praying the "Eternal Rest" can help out the souls in need.

*Requiem aeternam dona ei (eis), Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei (eis).*

*Requiescat (-ant) in pace Amen.*

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The "Eternal Rest" prayer can be inserted in between decades of the rosary, and can be added to the end of the "Prayer Before Meals":

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts,  
Which we are about to receive,  
from Thy bounty,  
through Christ, our Lord, Amen.  
And may the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.

For more information on Indulgences, see the Enchiridion:

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