

## THE PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE

A Plenary Indulgence **for yourself** and **for the souls in purgatory** may be gained on the **Feast of the Holy Angels... (August 2nd)**. You may visit any church as many times as you want. Your first visit on this day you may gain a Plenary Indulgence for yourself. The other visits are **for the souls in Purgatory**. Conditions to obtain the Plenary Indulgence of the Forgiveness of Assisi (for oneself or for the many suffering souls in Purgatory) is as follows:

- Sacramental Confession to be in God's grace (during eight days before or after.... August 2nd.)
- Participation in the Holy Mass and Eucharist—on August 2nd.
- Make a firm resolution to avoid all occasions of sin
- Recitation of The Apostles Creed, Our Father and a prayer for the Pope's intention which is as follows:

### Prayer for the Pope

May the Lord preserve our Holy Father N\_\_\_\_, give him life, and make him blessed upon earth and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

**LET US PRAY:** O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, in Thy mercy look down upon Thy servant Pope N\_\_\_\_, who Thou has appointed to preside over Thy church, and grant we beseech Thee, that both by word and example he may edify those who are under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him he may attain life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, say:..... 6 Our Father's, 6 Hail Mary's, and 6 Glory Be's...**

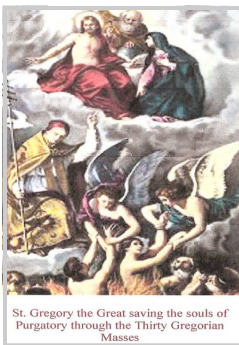
**Note:** This is the First Plenary Indulgence granted by the Church and lasts to the end of time. Granted by Jesus Himself to St. Francis in 1216 and approved by Pope Honorius III, in that same year. Extended for the first and 2nd Sundays in August by the Congregation of the Council on July 17, 1700 and again on December 4, 1723 approved by Pope Pius IX July 12, 1849.

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**Note: This transfer to Sunday is a special concession to remote areas of the world where chapels are not usually open during the week; otherwise the normal rules would apply.** Tell everyone of the magnitude of this gift. This is an extraordinary demonstration of God's mercy in removing the chains of sin from those who devoutly and faithfully seek it. Once again, we see the unfathomable Divine Mercy of God.

## The Thirty Gregorian Masses

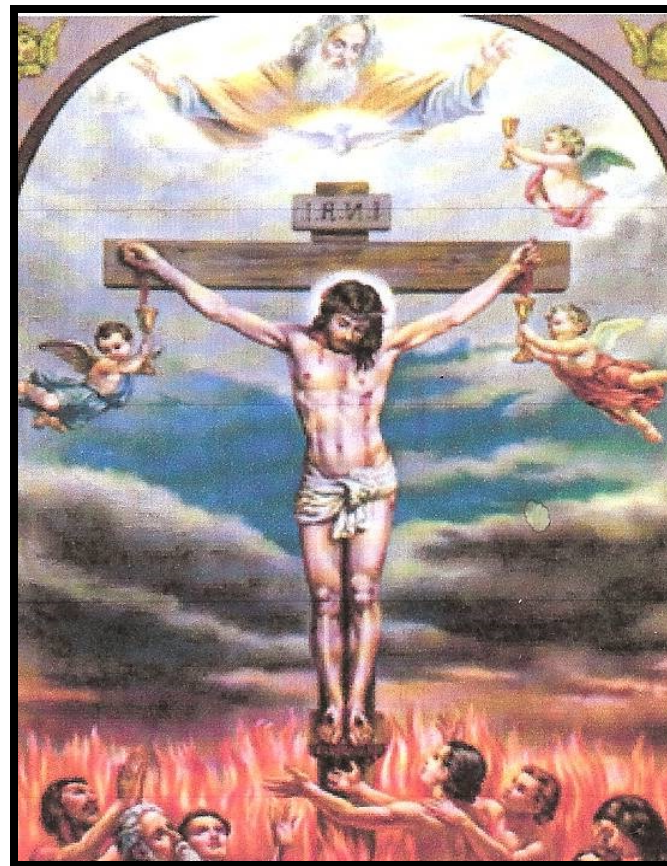
The Gregorian Masses is a practice founded by Pope Gregory the Great that became a tradition in the Benedictine Monasteries: if 30 Masses are offered on 30 consecutive days without interruption for a specific soul in Purgatory, it is believed that the soul will leave Purgatory and enter Heaven. These Masses may be offered *only for the dead*. It does not matter if they are low or high Masses. The number of available and good parish priests being much reduced today, have to decline many requests for the Thirty Masses which **must** be said for a continuous 30 days without any break. **Where can we have Gregorian Masses said?** Any available, willing priest whose Mass timetable is not too heavily laden or priests at contemplative monasteries, often accept requests to say the Gregorian Thirty, (of course there is a stipend attached as there is to having any mass celebrated). A few known places are: The Propagation of the Faith, Braintree, MA... Precious Blood Monastery, Manchester NH, ..... The Seraphic Mass Assoc., Pittsburgh, PA.



St. Gregory the Great saving the souls of Purgatory through the Thirty Gregorian Masses

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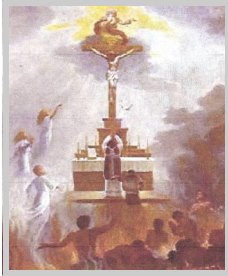
## DEVOTIONS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



**THEIR SUFFERING NEVER CEASES.  
THEY SUFFER DAY AND NIGHT.  
WITHOUT ANY REST.**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,  
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM,  
AND MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN. +**

There are many Devotions and Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory a few are listed below and on the following pages.



### Daily Mass

**“The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Perpetual Sacrifice, is the greatest of all suffrages for the Holy Souls”**

(from the Council of Trent).

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#### PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

*Our Lord showed St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release a vast number of souls from purgatory each time it is said. "Eternal Father, I offer thee the most*

*precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, ...for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family." Amen*

*Approval of His Eminence the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, Apr. 2nd 1936*

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#### Special Prayer

*Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, prudent father, you loved the Souls in Purgatory so much and taught us to love them as well. You offered yourself as a victim to expiate their sufferings in Purgatory. Intercede for us with Our Lord and God Jesus Christ that our hearts may be filled with compassion and love for the Holy Souls. Following your example, we too desire to assist the Holy Souls and reduce their time of affliction in Purgatory. We ask that our prayers and sacrifices may grant them relief in their sufferings, the holy indulgences necessary to liberate them from their place of torment and a speedy entrance into the eternal joys of heaven. Amen... "The Rosary is the weapon." Padre Pio*

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#### A Prayer for the Forgotten Dead

O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to Thee, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Thine own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which Thou hast created be parted from thee, their Creator... ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))

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

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#### VISITING A CEMETERY

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only momentarily, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. **THIS INDULGENCE IS A PLENARY ONE FROM NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8** and can be gained on each one of these days. On the other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

*“It is, therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sin.”*

(2 Mach. 12:46)

### Prayer to St. Nicholas of Tolentino—for the deceased (patron of the souls in purgatory)

Lord, God of holiness and light, you do not allow any shadow of darkness or evil in your sight, and so in your mercy you grant to those who have left this world burdened with sin, a time of purification, applying to them the spiritual treasures of your holy Church.

Hear my prayer and through the merits of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, the saints, and all your faithful people bring to an end this time of waiting for our beloved dead, especially name(s) \_\_\_\_\_:

In your providence you have chosen St. Nicholas as a special intercessor on behalf of the departed.

Hear also his fervent prayer for those whom I recommend to you through his intercession. Amen

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#### PRAYER TO ST. NICHOLAS

*O God, source of strength and courage, you gave your beloved preacher, St. Nicholas of Tolentino the conviction of faith to the very end. Grace us with the ability to translate your teaching into action, remain patient amid hardship, serve the poor and those who suffer, and live as your true and faithful servants.*

*St. Nicholas of Tolentino, pray for us.*

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#### ROSARY FOR THE DEAD

(may be said on regular rosary beads)

**ON THE CRUCIFIX: De Profundis...\*see below**

**ON THE LARGE BEADS:** “Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

**Also on the large beads:** O my God, I believe in Thee, because Thou art TRUTH ITSELF; I hope in Thee, because Thou art infinitely merciful; I love Thee with my whole heart, and, above all things because Thou art infinitely perfect, and I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, on account of Thy infinite goodness, and I firmly propose with Thy holy grace, never more to offend Thee. Amen.”

**ON THE SMALL BEADS:** “Sweet Heart of Mary, Be Thou My Salvation!”

**IN CONCLUSION REPEAT: \* De Profundis**

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord, O Lord, hear my voice! Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou didst keep count of offenses, O Lord, O Lord, who would endure it? But with Thee is forgiveness of sins, that men may serve Thee with reverence. In the Lord do I hope, my soul hopes in His word; My soul waits expectantly for the Lord, more than night watchmen for the coming of dawn. More than night watchmen for the coming of dawn does Israel await the Lord, because with the Lord is plentiful redemption: and He shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities. Psalm 129.... (over 60 years indulgence...from the Universal Living Rosary)

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#### ACT OF SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD

My Lord and God even now I most willingly and cheerfully accept whatever form of death Thou wilt be pleased to send me, with all its anguish, sorrow and pain.

*A plenary indulgence approved by Pope Pius X on March 9, 1904.*