

SUNDAY, November 2, 2025

All Souls' Day

Prayer for the Morning

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,/ for his mercy endures forever!!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: SM

Remember those, O Lord,
Who in your peace have died,
Yet may not gain love's high reward
Till love is purified.
With you they faced death's night
Sealed with your victory sign;
Soon may the splendor of your light
On them for ever shine!
Sweet is their pain, yet deep,
Till perfect love is born;
Their lone night-watch they gladly keep
Before your radiant morn!
For them we humbly pray:
Perfect them in your love!
O may we share eternal day
With them in heaven above!

Psalm

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Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

(Mt 18:19)

The commemoration of All Souls reminds us that we, the living, have a serious responsibility in charity to pray for those who have died but must yet complete the purification any human being needs to be able to enjoy the vision of God.

With all my voice I cry to the Lord,
with all my voice I entreat the Lord.
I pour out my trouble before him;
I tell him all my distress
while my spirit faints within me.
But you, O Lord, know my path.
On the way where I shall walk
they have hidden a snare to entrap me.
Look on my right and see:
there is not one who takes my part.
I have no means of escape,

not one who cares for my soul.
I cry to you, O Lord.
I have said: "You are my refuge,
all I have left in the land of the living."
Listen, then, to my cry
for I am in the depths of distress.
Rescue me from those who pursue me
for they are stronger than I.
Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise your name.
Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness to me.

Glory to the Father.

Word of God

2 Maccabees 12:44-45

If he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thes 5:17)

Canticle of Zechariah

The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.
(Jas 5:16))

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

God is a God of the living. With confidence, we pray:

R/ Raise them up, O Lord!

For all the dead whom we have loved in life: **R/**

For all the dead of our parish: **R/**

For all the dead among those who have harmed us: **R/**

For all the dead whom no one remembers in prayer: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God, in the death of your only Son, you gave life to the world. Raise up in joy those who have died in peace or in terror, in confidence or in uncertainty, through the mercy you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY, October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,/ and no torment shall touch them./ They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;/ and their passing away was thought an affliction/ and their going forth from us, utter destruction./ But they are in peace./ For if before men, indeed, they be punished,/ yet is their hope full of immortality;/ chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,/ because God tried them/ and found them worthy of himself./ As gold in the furnace, he proved them,/ and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself./ In the time of their visitation they shall shine,/ and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;/ they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,/ and the Lord shall be their King forever./ Those who trust in him shall understand truth,/ and the faithful shall abide with him in love:/ because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,/ and his care is with his elect.

Reading 2

Romans 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Alternate Reading 2:

Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

Gospel

John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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