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Rules and Advantages

1. *Eleven High Masses* are celebrated every day of the year, according to the special intention of the living members, or for the repose of the souls of the deceased members.

2. The *living*, as well as the *dead*, may become members at any time during the year. The year begins with the day of enrollment. Persons living at a distance may be enrolled by mail.

3. The yearly membership is *fifty cents*. As soon as the offerings have reached the sum of ten dollars, the membership becomes *perpetual*. Members, however, may pay fifty cents as often as they wish, until the full amount is reached, or pay the full amount at once.

4. A Family enrollment may now be obtained for a single offering of \$25.00. The enrollment to be made out as follows:

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5. Membership of living members *continues* after their death.

6. After the death of a living member, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered specially for the repose of his or her soul, if the certificate of membership is presented.

This does not hold for the Family enrollment.

7. When contributions are made, the certificate of membership should always be presented.

Indulgenced Prayers to Aid the Suffering Souls

NOTE: All the following indulgences are taken from the latest official book of indulgences — *Preces et Pia Opera*, Vatican Polyglot Press, 1938.

To gain the indulgences granted for the following prayers it is necessary to say them at least *in one's mind*. (Can. 934, Sec. 3, Note 2 A.)

A star(*) before a prayer signifies that if one says this prayer daily for a month he may gain a plenary indulgence on any day of the month if he receives the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, visits a church and there prays for the intention of the Holy Father.

When *Confession* and *Holy Communion* are prescribed for the gaining of an indulgence, those who are accustomed, unless lawfully hindered, to go to Confession at least *twice a month*, or to receive Holy Communion daily (though they may stay away one or two days), may gain all indulgences, without actual confession, which would otherwise be necessary to gain them—except the indulgences of a jubilee. (Can. 931, Sec. 3.)

To pray for the *intention of the Holy Father* it is sufficient to recite *one* Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father.

To gain a plenary indulgence "Toties Quo-

ties." e.g., the *Portiuncula* or on *All Souls' Day*, for which a visit to the church is prescribed, it is sufficient to say at least *six times* the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father for each visit. (Can. 934, Sec. 1, a b.)

To gain such an indulgence the *visits* may be made from noon of the preceding day till night of the specified day. (Can. 923.)

All the indulgences are *applicable* to the Souls in Purgatory. (Can. 930.)

Prayers and Practices

What a treasure might be gained for the Holy Souls in a single day if we would but choose our vocal prayers from amongst those specially approved by Holy Church and enriched with such great indulgences! May the prayers here suggested prompt fervent souls to use them for their own benefit, and for the consolation of the Souls in Purgatory.

Prayers for the departed are more acceptable to God than prayers for the living; for the suffering souls are in the greatest need, and cannot help themselves, yet God is anxious to have them with Him.

1. *The Sign of the Cross!* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. 100 days; if made with Holy Water, 300 days, (631)

2. The acts of *faith, hope, charity* and *contrition*:

* O my God! I believe in Thee, because Thou art infinite Truth.

I hope in Thee, because Thou art infinite Mercy.

I love Thee, because Thou art infinite Goodness, and for Thy sake I love my neighbor as myself.

I am sorry for all my sins, because I have offended Thee, Who art so good.

3 years for each act. Also plenary indulgence at hour of death (26).

3. My God and my all! 300 days (5).

4. *My Lord and my God.

Indulgence of 7 years each time, if said while looking at the Sacred Host at the Consecration, or when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed; if said daily, a plenary indulgence once a week. (107).

5. * Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of Holy Church. 500 days (188).

6. * Teach me, O Lord, to do Thy will, because Thou art my God. 500 days (11).

7. * O God, come to my aid. O Lord make haste to help me. 500 days (20).

8. * Jesus for Thee I live—Jesus for Thee I die—Jesus I am Thine in life and in death. Amen. 100 days (61).

9. From a sudden and unprovided death,
deliver us, O Lord. 300 days (590).

10. * Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit. 500 days (19).

11. * My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge,
but my Saviour. 300 days (56).

12. Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sin-
ners, save the dying, deliver the Holy Souls
from Purgatory. 300 days (198).

13. Praised be Jesus and Mary. Now and
forever. Amen. 300 days (647 b).

14. * Jesus! Mary! Joseph!
7 years (256).

15. * Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you
my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my
last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe
forth my soul in peace with you.

7 years for each of these ejaculations (589).

16. * My Jesus, mercy! 300 days (55).
Repeat this often devoutly. It will suit every
intention for yourself, your friends, for sinners,
for souls, for the Church, for the dying, for the
heathens—for every need.

17. Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all
things. 300 days (57).

18. * O sweetest Heart of Jesus, I implore, that I may ever love Thee more and more. 300 days (193).

19. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make my heart like unto Thine. 500 days (196).

20. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom come. 300 days (197).

21. Lord Jesus, protect with Thy Divine Heart our Holy Father, the Pope. Be his light, his strength, his consolation. 300 days (605).

22. * Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee. 300 days (195).

23. Blessed be the most holy Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. 300 days (237).

24. Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. 300 days (239).

25. O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine; all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. 300 days (109).

26. * Come Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY!

O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that through this same Spirit we may relish what is right and always rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
5 years (265).

27. Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my love.
300 days (206).

28. * Sweet Heart of Mary, be my Salvation.
300 days (352).

29. * Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
300 days (324).

30. * O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
300 days (325).

31. Immaculate Queen of Peace, pray for us.
300 days (395).

32. *Say Three Hail Marys*, adding to each invocation: By thy Immaculate Conception, O Mary, purify my body and sanctify my soul.
300 days, morning and night (326).

33. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.
300 days (391).

34. * Mother of Grace, O Mary blest
To thee sweet fount of love we fly;
Shield us through life and take us
hence
To thy dear bosom, when we die.
300 days (283).

35. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray
for us. 300 days (359).

NOTE: Those who on account of manual work or for any other reasonable cause are hindered from holding in their hands the beads or a crucifix blessed for gaining the indulgences of the *Holy Rosary*, or *Way of the Cross*, may gain these indulgences if during the recitation they *carry on their person* the rosary or crucifix. (Can. 934, Sec. 3, 2b.) The decades may be separated (interrupted) provided the recitation of the beads *is finished* on the same day. (360, Sec. 1.)

36. * Help us, St. Joseph, in our earthly
strife.
E'er to lead a pure and blameless life.
300 days (421).

- 37.* Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side.
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

300 days; also plenary indulgence
at the hour of death (415).

38. *For the poor souls*: Eternal rest grant
them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace! Amen.
300 days (536).

Act of Submission to the Will of God

My Lord and my 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.

7 years (591).

Plenary Indulgence only at the hour of death, if this Act has been made devoutly under the usual conditions, at least once during life.

By means of this indulgence it becomes easy for the faithful to secure the great blessing of a plenary indulgence at death, while they are still in good health. There is no other condition required save those mentioned.

Heroic Act of Charity for the Benefit of the Souls in Purgatory

The heroic act of charity is an offering of all works of satisfaction we may gain during life and all the suffrages which may be offered for us after death. We place this offering in the hands of our Blessed Lady, leaving her to apply it as she sees fit, for the comfort or delivery of the souls in Purgatory. This gift does not prevent us from working or praying for ourselves, for our relations, or for others. It is simply the giving of the satisfactory value of our works and prayers to the Blessed Virgin. The merit of our actions and their power of intercession are still our own.

St. Ambrose says: "All that we give through charity to the souls in Purgatory, is changed into graces for us, and after our death we shall find the merit of it increased in our regard a hundredfold."

Heroic Act of Love,

*or Offering of All Our Satisfactory Works
for the Souls in Purgatory*

I, N. N., renounce in favor of the suffering souls in Purgatory the satisfactory portion of all the good works which, with the assistance of divine grace, I from this day shall perform, as also all the prayers and satisfactory works which may, after my death, be applied to my benefit, and I place them all in the hands of the Most Blessed Virgin, that this Mother of Mercy may dispose of them according to her pleasure.

(It is not absolutely necessary to make use of this form. The intention is sufficient; but it is good and useful to frame the expression of the inward act and renew it outwardly from time to time.)

1. A plenary indulgence applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, every day Holy Communion is received, under the usual conditions.

2. A plenary indulgence every Monday for those who hear Mass for the souls in Purgatory. All those who are unavoidably hindered from hearing Mass on a Monday, may gain the indulgence if they offer the Sunday Mass for that intention.

3. For priests, an Indult of a personal privileged altar every day. (547)

All for the greater glory of God and for the suffering souls in Purgatory.

NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

(By St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

Let us commend to Jesus Christ and His holy Mother the souls in Purgatory, in particular those of our relatives, benefactors, friends, and enemies; especially those for whom we are bound to pray; and let us offer the following considerations and prayers for them, pondering over the great sufferings which these spouses of Christ endure.

To the faithful who devoutly recite some prayers, any time of the year, in favor of the souls in Purgatory, with the intention of continuing this same pious exercise for seven or nine successive days, is granted:

1. Indulgence of three years for each day.
2. Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions at the end of this practice of seven or nine days. (542)

First Day

Manifold are the sufferings which those blessed souls must endure, but the greatest of all is the reflection that their sins in life are the cause of their present torments.

Prayer

O Jesus, my Saviour, I have so often deserved to be cast into hell; how great were my suffering if I were now cast away and obliged to think that I, myself, had caused my damnation! I thank Thee for the patience with which Thou hast endured me. My God, I love Thee above all things and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee because Thou art infinite goodness. I will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of perseverance; have pity on me, and at the same time on those blessed souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

**PRAYER TO OUR SUFFERING
SAVIOUR FOR THE SOULS
IN PURGATORY**

To be repeated every day during the Novena.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemani, have mercy on these blessed souls.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy Cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains

which thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy blessed soul, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

(Here recommend yourself to the souls in Purgatory, and mention the favor you wish to obtain by this Novena.)

Blessed souls, we have prayed for you; we entreat you, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for us miserable sinners, who are in danger of being damned, and of losing God forever. Amen.

HYMN

Since Thine Eyes, O My God

Since Thine Eyes, O my God, have rested on
me,
I have suffered and sighed, Dearest Jesus for
Thee.
Thou hast left me to pine, Dearest Lord all
alone,
But the pain, oh, 'tis sweet, which for sin
will atone.

CHORUS

Jesus, have mercy,
Jesus, have mercy,
Jesus, have mercy, have mercy on me,
Jesus, my Jesus, have mercy on me.

Thou hast gone but my heart, it will e'er fol-
low Thee

And 'twill murmur, sweet Lord, have Thou
mercy on me.

Lord, my prison is lone, but yet love feeds
the fire

And to love Thee, O Jesus, is all I desire.

CHORUS.

Second Day

The second pain which causes these holy souls much suffering, is the time lost in life, when they might have gained merits for Heaven; and the thought, that they are unable to repair this loss, because the time of life and merit is passed.

Prayer

Woe to me, unhappy being, so many years have I already spent on earth, and have earned naught but hell! I give Thee thanks, O Lord, for granting me time even now to atone for my sins. My good God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. Send me Thy assistance, that I may apply the time

yet remaining to me for Thy love and service; have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Third Day

Another great pain of the holy souls is caused by the hideous vision of their guilt, for which they now suffer. In this life the hideousness of sin is not seen as in the life to come; and this is one of the greatest sufferings of Purgatory.

Prayer

O my God! because Thou art infinite goodness, I love Thee above all things, and repent with my whole heart of my offenses against Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. And thou, Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Fourth Day

The pain that still more afflicts these holy souls, the spouses of Jesus, is the thought of

having, during life, displeased by their sins that God Whom they so ardently love. Some penitents have felt so much pain and sorrow in thinking of having, by their sins, offended so good a God, that they died of grief. The souls in Purgatory understand far better than we do, the claims that God has to our love; they love Him with all their strength. Hence, at the thought of having offended Him during life, they experience pain that surpasses all other pain.

Prayer

O my God! because Thou art infinite goodness, I am sorry with my whole heart for having offended Thee. I promise to die rather than ever offend Thee more. Give me holy perseverance; have pity on me, and have pity on those holy souls that burn in the cleansing fire, and love Thee with all their hearts. O Mary, Mother of God, assist them by thy powerful prayers.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Fifth Day

Another great suffering is caused these holy souls by the ignorance of the time of their deliverance. They are certain of being one day released, yet the uncertainty of the time when their purgatorial term will have ended, gives them great pain.

Prayer

Woe to me, unhappy being, if Thou, O Lord, hadst cast me into hell; for from that dungeon of eternal pain there is no deliverance. I love Thee above all things, O infinite God, and I am sincerely sorry for having ever offended Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Sixth Day

The holy souls are, indeed, comforted by the recollection of the passion of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, since they know they are saved by the passion of Jesus Christ, and have received, and still receive, so much consolation from Holy Masses and Holy Communions. Nevertheless, they are greatly pained by the recollection of their ingratitude for these two great gifts of the love of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

O my Divine Redeemer, Thou didst die for me on the Cross, and hast so often united Thyself with me in Holy Communion, and

I have repaid Thee only with ingratitude. Now, however, I love Thee above all things, O supreme God; and I am more grieved at my offenses against Thee than at any other evil. I will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Seventh Day

A further great sorrow of these holy souls consists in their ardent desire for the beatific vision. Slowly and painfully the moments of their purgatorial imprisonment pass by; for, they love God deeply, and desire to be delivered from their sad prison in order to praise Him forever.

Prayer

O God, Father of Mercy, satisfy this their ardent desire! Send them Thy holy Angel to announce to them that Thou, their Father, are now reconciled with them through the suffering and death of Jesus, and that the moment of their deliverance has arrived.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Eighth Day

Another bitter sorrow of these souls is caused by the reflection that God has distinguished them by so many graces not granted to others, and that they compelled Him, by their sins, to condemn them to these sufferings, and that they had deserved hell, and were pardoned and saved only by the mercy of God.

Prayer

O my God! I also am one of these ungrateful beings, having received so much grace, and yet despised Thy love, and deserved to be cast by Thee into hell. But Thy infinite goodness has spared me until now. Therefore, I now love Thee above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I will rather die than ever again offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

Ninth Day

Great are all the sufferings of the holy souls; the fire, the grief, the darkness, the un-

certainty of the time of their deliverance from prison; but the greatest of all these sorrows is this, that these holy souls are separated from their divine Spouse, and deprived of His beatific vision.

Prayer

O my God! how was it possible that I, for so many years, have borne tranquilly the separation from Thee and Thy holy grace! O infinite Goodness, how long-suffering hast Thou shown Thyself to me! Henceforth, I shall love Thee above all things. I am deeply sorry for having offended Thee; I promise rather to die than to again offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance, and do not permit that I should ever again fall into sin.

Have compassion on the holy souls in Purgatory. I pray Thee, moderate their sufferings; shorten the time of their misery; call them soon unto Thee in Heaven, that they may behold Thee face to face, and forever love Thee.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession, and pray for us also who are still in danger of eternal damnation.

Our Father, Hail Mary, O most sweet Jesus, etc. Page 15.

DE PROFUNDIS

Psalm 129

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord! Lord hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark our iniquities; O Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even unto night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen.

To the faithful who devoutly recite Psalm 129, "Out of the Depths . . ." or one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and the versicle "Eternal Rest . . ." in favor of the faithful departed, is granted.

1. Indulgence of 3 years.
2. Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, once a month. (539).

THE PROTESTATION FOR A HAPPY DEATH

(*By St. Alphonsus*)

My God, prostrate in Thy presence, I adore Thee; and I intend to make the following protestation, as if I were on the point of passing from this life into eternity.

My Lord, because Thou art the infallible Truth, and hast revealed it to Thy Holy Church, I believe in the mystery of the most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; three Persons, but only one God; Who for all eternity rewards the just in Heaven, and punishes the wicked in hell. I believe that the Second Person, that is, the Son of God, became Man, and died for the salvation of mankind; and I believe all that the Holy Church believes. I thank Thee for having made me a Christian, and I protest that I will live and die in this holy Faith.

My God, my Hope, trusting in Thy promises, I hope from Thy mercy, not through my own merits, but through the merits of Jesus Christ, for the pardon of my sins, perseverance in Thy grace, and, after this miserable life, the glory of Paradise. And should the devil at death tempt me to despair at the sight of my sins, I protest that I will always hope in Thee, O Lord, and that I desire to die in the loving arms of Thy goodness.

O God, worthy of infinite love, I love Thee with my whole heart, more than I love myself; and I protest that I desire to die making an act of love that I may thus continue to love Thee eternally in Heaven which, for this end, I desire and ask of Thee. And if hitherto, O Lord, instead of loving Thee, I have despised Thy infinite goodness, I repent of it with all my heart, and I protest that I wish to die, always weeping over and detesting the offenses I have committed against Thee. I purpose for the future rather to die than ever to sin again; and for the love of Thee I pardon all who have offended me.

O my God, I accept death, and all the sufferings which will accompany it; I unite it with the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, and offer it in acknowledgment of Thy supreme dominion, and in satisfaction for my sins. Do Thou, O Lord, accept of this sacrifice which I make of my life, for the love of that great Sacrifice which Thy Divine Son made of Himself upon the altar of the Cross. I resign myself entirely to Thy Divine will, as though I were now on my deathbed, and protest that I wish to die, saying: O Lord, always Thy will be done.

Most holy Virgin, my Advocate and my Mother Mary, thou art and wilt always be, after God, my hope and my consolation at the hour of death. From this moment I have

recourse to thee, and beg of thee to assist me in that passage. O my dear Queen, do not abandon me in that last moment! Come then to take my soul and present it to thy Son. Henceforward I shall expect thee; and I hope to die under thy mantle, and clinging to thy feet. My Protector, St. Joseph, St. Michael Archangel, my Angel Guardian, my Holy Patrons, do you all assist me in that last combat with hell.

And Thou, my Crucified Love, Thou my Jesus, Who wert pleased to choose for Thyself so bitter a death to obtain for me a good death, remember at that hour that I am one of those dear sheep Thou didst purchase with Thy Blood. Thou, when all the world shall have forsaken me, and not one shall be able to assist me, canst alone console me and save me, do Thou make me worthy to receive Thee in the Viaticum, and suffer me not to lose Thee forever, and to be banished forever to a distance from Thee. No, my beloved Saviour, receive me then into Thy sacred Wounds, for I now embrace Thee. At my last breath I intend to breathe forth my soul into the loving wound in Thy side, saying now, for that moment: Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul.

O happy suffering, to suffer for God!
happy death, to die in the Lord!

I embrace Thee now, my good Redeemer,

that I may die in Thy embraces. If, O my soul, Mary assists you at your departure, and Jesus receives your last breath, it will not be death, but a sweet repose.

Then it will not be death but ineffable rest
That will close, in the end, on these earth-
wearied eyes.

When my forehead by Mary is soothingly
pressed,
And Jesus receives my last penitent sighs.



LOOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively

sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity, Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They pierced My hands and My feet, they numbered all My bones."

Indulgence of *ten years* if devoutly said before an image of the Crucifix.

Plenary Indulgence if recited after Holy Communion, and prayers offered for the intention of the Holy Father. (171)

**PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**



O most compassionate Jesus! have mercy on the souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thee our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their groanings; look with pity on the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by the virtue of Thy Passion release them from the pains due unto their sins. O most pitiful Jesus, let Thy precious Blood flow down into Purgatory, and refresh and revive the captive souls suffering there. Stretch out unto them Thy strong right hand, and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.



JOIN THE MASS LEAGUE
of the
PURGATORIAN SOCIETY

What a privilege to share in the graces and merits of one single Holy Mass!

But what of the really exceptional blessing of having a share in the benefits of not only one MASS, but ELEVEN MASSES, and these High Masses, said not once, but DAILY!

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Members share in:

- Over 75 High Masses a week
- Over 300 High Masses a month
- Over 4,000 High Masses a year

The ELEVEN High Masses are celebrated daily in churches of the REDEMPTORIST FATHERS. (See page 3.)

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