

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

General Prayers

○ GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe: grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaidens the remission of all their sins; that as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

○ FATHER of all, we pray to thee for those we love, but now no longer see. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

○ GOD, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers; Grant to all thy servants a merciful judgment at the last day; that they in the face of all thy creatures may then be acknowledged as thy true children. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

○ ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of *this* thy servant(s), our dear *brother*, into

thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that *he* may be precious in thy sight. Wash *him*, we pray thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements *he* may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, *he* may be presented pure and without spot before thee. Through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

For a Departed Bishop or Priest

○ GOD who hast made thy servant N. to flourish among the Ministers of Apostolic Succession in the honorable office of a Bishop (Priest): grant, we beseech thee, that he may also be joined with them in a perpetual fellowship. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Departed Parents

○ GOD who didst command thy people, saying: Honor thy father and thy mother: of thy loving-kindness have mercy on the soul(s) of my *father* (and my mother) and forgive *them* all *their* sins; and I humbly pray thee that thou wouldest grant

unto me to behold *their* face(s) in the glory of eternal felicity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those for Whom We Are Bound to Pray

GRANT, O Lord our God, that the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, the memory of whom I keep with special reverence, and for whom I am bidden and am bound to pray, and the souls of all my benefactors, relatives and friends, and all the faithful, may rest in the bosom of thy saints; and hereafter, in the resurrection from the dead, may please thee in the land of the living. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Also the "De profundis" and prayer at the end of Requiem Mass, p. 222.

Nine Days' Prayer for One Deceased

First Day

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions for the soul of thy servant N., which thou hast commanded to depart out of this world: deliver *him* not into the hand of the enemy, neither forsake *him* at the last; but command *him* to be received by the holy Angels, and brought to the country of paradise; that forasmuch as

he hoped and believed in thee, *he* may not undergo the pains of hell, but be made partaker of everlasting felicity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Day

TO thee, O Lord, I commend the soul of thy servant N., that being dead to the world, *he* may live to thee; and whatsoever sins *he* hath committed, through the frailty of *his* mortal nature, do thou wash away by the pardon of thy most merciful loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Day

O GOD whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept my prayers on behalf of the soul of thy servant N. departed, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Day

INCLINE thine ear, O Lord, unto the prayers wherewith I humbly entreat thy mercy: that the soul of thy servant, which thou hast bidden to depart this life, may by thee be set in the abode of peace and light, and made partaker of the fellowship of thine elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fifth Day

ABSOLVE, O Lord, I pray thee, the soul of thy servant N., from every bond of sin: that at the general Resurrection at the last day *he* may find refreshment in the glory of thy Saints. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixth Day

IBESEECH thee, O Lord, of thy loving kindness have mercy upon the soul of thy servant N., and now that *he* is released from the contagion of mortality, do thou restore *his* portion in everlasting salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seventh Day

IMPLORE thee, O Lord, mercifully to grant I companionship with the blessed in heaven to the soul of thy servant N., whose death I commemorate. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eighth Day

ACCEPT, O Lord, I pray thee, the prayers which I humbly offer unto thee for the soul of thy servant N., beseeching thee to grant that, whatever defilements *he* may have contracted in *his* conduct in this life being pardoned by thy goodness, *he* may be made

partaker of those unspeakable joys that thou hast prepared for thine elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ninth Day

GRANT, O Lord, this mercy to thy servant departed, who desired to do thy will, that *he* may not receive the punishment of *his* misdeeds: and that, as true faith joined *him* to the company of the faithful here below, so thy mercy may bring *him* to the Angelic company of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany for the Faithful Departed

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God the Father of Heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of
 the world,
 God the Holy Ghost, our
 Strengtheners,
 Holy Trinity, One God,

} Have
 mercy
 upon thy
 servants.

From all evil,
 From thy wrath,
 From the strictness of thy Justice,
 From the gnawing worm of con-
 science,

} Good Lord,
 deliver them.

From weeping and gnashing of teeth,
 From eternal anguish,
 By thine Incarnation,
 By thy holy Birth and thy sweetest
 Name,
 By thy Baptism and holy Fasting,
 By thy Humility and Obedience,
 By thy Poverty and Meekness,
 By thy Love and Compassion,
 By thy Pains and Anguish,
 By thy Bloody Sweat,
 By thy Scourging,
 By thy Crowning with Thorns,
 By thy Cross and Passion,
 By thy Sacred Wounds,
 By thy Bitter Death,
 By thy glorious Resurrection,
 By thy wonderful Ascension,
 By the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
 In the Day of Judgment,

Good Lord, deliver them.

We sinners beseech thee to hear us,
 who didst pardon Mary Mag-
 dalene,
 Who didst hear the prayer of the
 publican,
 Who hast the keys of death and hell,
 That thou wouldest deliver the Faith-
 ful Departed from all the penal-
 ties of sin,

*We beseech thee
to hear us.*

That thou wouldest refresh and enlighten the souls of our parents, relations, and benefactors,

That thou wouldest have mercy on the souls who are forgotten on earth,

That thou wouldest cleanse them, and be gracious to them all,

That thou wouldest fulfill their desires,

That thou wouldest bring them into the company of the Blessed,

King of tremendous Majesty,

We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant them eternal rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon them.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, grant perpetual light to the souls of thy servants; that their faith and hope in thee may avail to their eternal salvation. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*