

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend – and, in fact, throughout the month of November – we focus in a special way on praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. These people, we believe, died in friendship with God, but with selfishness still in their souls. God, in His infinite mercy, allows them entrance into Heaven, but after they are purified of that selfishness. We call this purification “Purgatory.” I invite you (individually or as a family) to pray the “Litany for the Holy Souls” for these souls throughout November. Below is a copy of the Litany.

LITANY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The response to each invocation is: **Lord have Mercy**

For those who have died without asking for forgiveness.

For those who have died filled with anger.

For those who have died spurning prayer.

For those who have died without forgiving others.

For those who have died filled with obstinacy.

For those who have died hating their enemies.

For those who have died neglecting their faith.

For those who have died rife with resentment.

For those who have died without ever saying, “I’m sorry.”

For those who have died not needing anyone else.

For those who have died given over to defiance or rebellion.

For those who have died in love of arrogance.

For those who have died enslaved to egoism or individualism.

For those who have died imbued with bitterness.

For those who have died attached to worldly pleasures and indulgence.

For those who have died oblivious to the poor and needy.

For those who have died bloated with self-love.

For those who have died indignant and self-righteous.

For those who have died ungrateful and un-giving.

For those who have died dejected and defeated.

For those who have died smug and self-important.

For those who have died disheartened and disgruntled.

For those who have died longing for reconciliation.

For those who have died tormented by regrets.

For those who have died with disdain for purity.

For those who have died with a vengeful or spiteful spirit.

For those who have died with indifference toward holiness.

For those who have died with unconverted desires.

For those who have died isolated or alienated.

For those who have died unresponsive to God’s friendship.

For those who have died infatuated with self-satisfaction.

For those who have died surrounded by false idols.

For those who have died obsessed with avarice.

For those who have died cold and hard-hearted.

For those who have died cynical and skeptical.

For those who have died disappointed and hurt.

For those who have died suddenly and violently.

For those who have died without being prepared.

For those who have died dismissive of the power of grace.

For those who have died deaf to God’s word.

For those who have died without ever saying “I love you.”

For those who have died without the benefit of the sacraments.

For those who have died who have not sufficiently expiated their faults.

For those who have died lost in their sin.

For those who have died yearning for divine mercy.

For those who have died with the hope of eternal salvation.