

Leader: You would be pleased to deliver the souls of our relatives and friends from the pains of hell
 You who would be pleased to grant them all the pardon and remission of all their sins
 You who would be pleased to fulfill all their desires
 You who would be pleased to receive them into the company of the blessed

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that our dear departed will share in Christ's resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: AMEN.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto O Lord.

All: And let your perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Leader: May he/she rest in peace.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

NINE-DAY NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE DEAD



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WHY PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

Many people say that the Bible contains no references to purgatory. What is the basis for the Catholic Church's teaching about this? Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

In the Second Book of Maccabees (12:38-46), Judas Macabee orders that his soldiers that sacrifices and prayers be offered in the Temple of Jerusalem for the slain Jewish soldiers who had worn pagan amulets. In the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (1:18), St. Paul prays for Onesiphorus, who has died.

The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects not only on the above biblical bases but also on the understanding of the communion of saints. We are connected to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory, and we, believers, here on earth. We pray for the souls of the dead who are undergoing purification in purgatory, that the God who is full of mercy and compassion may forgive all their sins and admit them into His Kingdom forever.

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Holy virgin of virgins
St. Michael and all archangels and angels
St. John the Baptist
St. Joseph
Sts. Peter and Paul
All Apostles and Evangelists
St. Stephen and all martyrs
St. Gregory
St. Ambrose
St. Augustine
St. Benedict
St. Jerome

All holy bishops, confessors and doctors of the Church
All holy monks and hermits
St. Magdalene
St. Barbara

Leader: From all evil.
Response (All): O LORD, DELIVER THEM.
Leader: From your wrath
From the rigor of your justice
From the power of the devil
From the gnawing worm of conscience
From long enduring sorrow
From eternal flames
From horrible darkness
From dreadful weeping and wailing
Through you most cruel death
Through your most holy wounds
Through your holy resurrection
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit
In the Day of Judgment

Leader: You who have the keys of heaven
Response (All): WE BESEECH YOU, HEAR US, O LORD

Leader: Jesus, through your blood on the cross
 Response (All): Have mercy on the soul of
 Leader: Jesus, through the blow you received on your sacred face.
 Jesus, through the cruel scourging you endured.
 Jesus, through the crown of thorns that pierced your head.
 Jesus, through your carrying of the cross.
 Jesus, through your face covered with blood which you allowed to be imprinted on the veil of Veronica
 Jesus, through your garments which were cruelly removed from your wounded body
 Jesus, through your holy body nailed on the cross
 Jesus, through your side pierced with a lance and from which flowed blood and water.

LITANY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.
 All: Lord, have mercy on us.
 Leader: Christ, have mercy on us.
 All: Christ, have mercy on us.
 Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.
 All: Lord, have mercy on us.
 Leader: Christ, hear us.
 All: Christ, graciously hear us.

Leader: God, the Father of heaven.
 Response (All): Have mercy on the soul of _____
 Leader: God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
 God, the Holy Spirit. Holy Trinity One God.

Leader: Holy Mary.
 Response (All): PRAYFOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 Leader: Holy Mother of God.

PART ONE: THE HOLY ROSARY

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

PART TWO: THE NOVENA FOR THE DEAD

FIRST DAY

Leader: Lord our God, receive our supplications, prayers and mortifications and sighs in suffrage for the holy souls for whom we make this novena; and we pray that by the motherly love bestowed on you by your most holy Mother, when she followed you on the way of sorrow up to Mount Calvary, and grant what we ask of you in this novena for your greater honour and glory.
 All: AMEN.
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SECOND DAY

Leader: Merciful God, we beseech you, by the pain which your Holy Mother saw you suffer and agonise on the cross, that the holy souls in purgatory be freed from those pains; especially for the soul of _____, for whom we are praying and offering in This novena. Bring those who are submerged in their sins to a true knowledge of their guilt and grant what we ask of you in this novena, for your greater honour and glory.
 All: AMEN
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THIRD DAY

Leader: Almighty Father, to whom nobody asks without the hope of receiving, by the intercession of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, enable the suffering souls in purgatory to be able to leave that place, especially for the soul of _____. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: AMEN.

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FOURTH DAY

Leader: Gracious God, through whose mercy the saints rest in glory, we beg you to set free those blessed souls in purgatory, especially for the soul of _____, for whom we are praying in this novena. May you radiate your compassion and love to them so they may enter into your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: AMEN.

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FIFTH DAY

Leader: Sovereign Lord, in whom it is proper to be merciful, through the intercession of St. Michael, the archangel, and by the sorrow of your Blessed Mother who suffered when the soldier pierced your side with a lance, have mercy on the soul of _____ for whom we are offering this novena and bring him/her to your eternal rest in heaven, for the better glory and honour of your name.

All: AMEN.

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SIXTH DAY

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, incline your ears to our petitions. Have mercy on the souls in purgatory, especially for the soul of _____

for whom we make this novena. We humbly ask you to set them free and bring them to the happiness in heaven, for the greater glory and honour of your name.

All: AMEN.

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SEVENTH DAY

Leader: Lord of mercy, hear our prayer. May our brother/sister _____, whom you called your son/daughter on earth, enter into the Kingdom of peace and light, where your saints live in glory. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: AMEN.

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EIGHT DAY

Leader: Creator and Redeemer of all mankind, through the infinite merits of passion, death and resurrection, we beg you to shower the immense treasures of your clemency on those blessed souls, especially for the eternal repose of the soul of _____. Bring those who are in sin to a true knowledge and repentance and grant what we ask for in this novena, through Christ, our Lord.

All: AMEN.

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NINTH DAY

Leader: Lord God, you are the glory of the believers and the life of the just. Your Son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Our brother/sister _____, was faithful and believed in resurrection. Give to him/her the joys and the blessings of the life to come. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: AMEN.