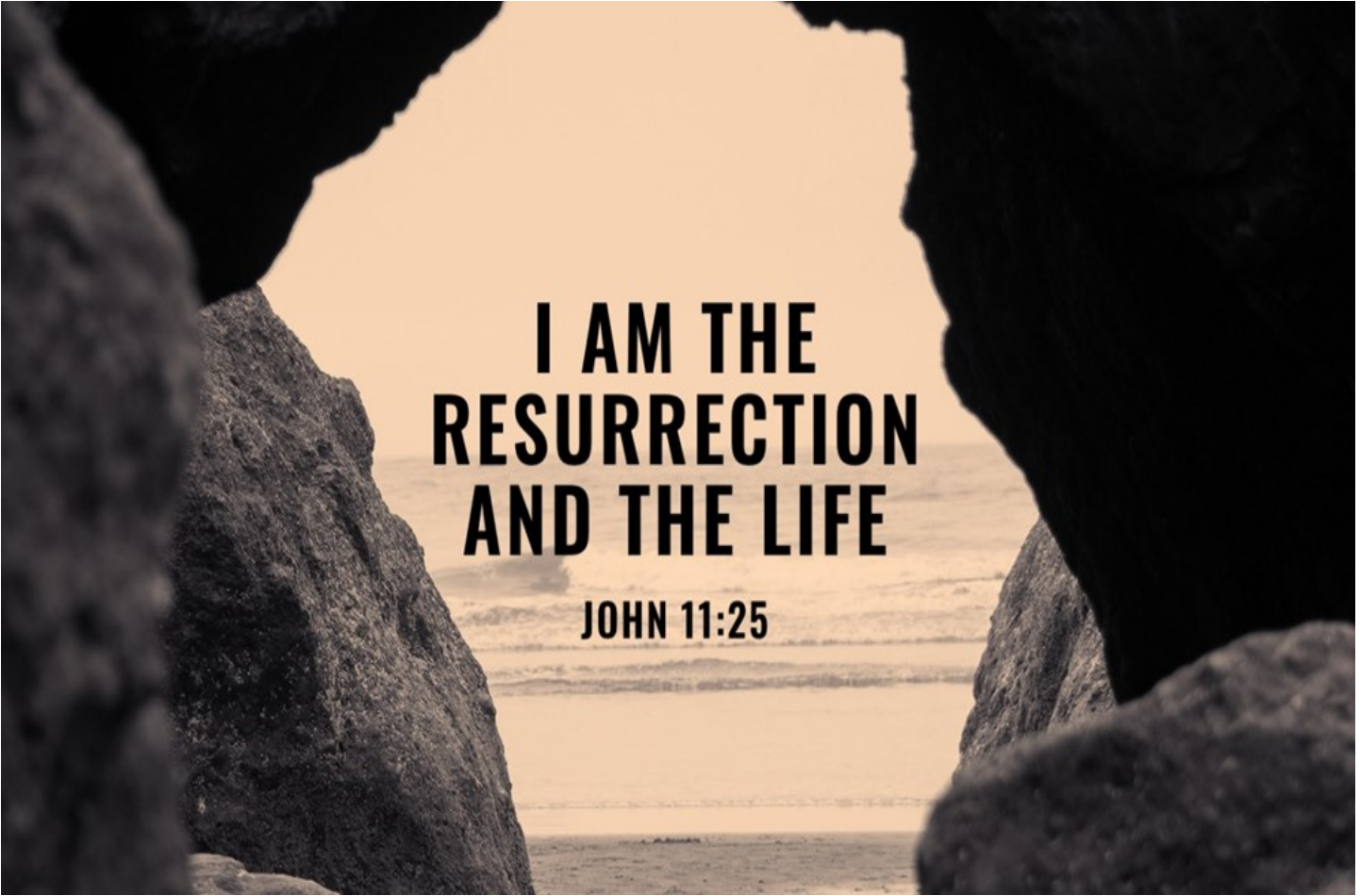


# **NOVENA FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



**I AM THE  
RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE**

**JOHN 11:25**

## INTRODUCTION

**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' 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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## STRUCTURE

Sign of the Cross

Act of Contrition

Holy Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries)

- Pray 1-3
- Prayer for the Day
- Pray 4 & 5
- Hail Holy Queen

Litany of the Faithful Departed

Concluding Prayer

## 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

# **THE NOVENA PRAYERS FOR THE DAY**

## **FIRST DAY**

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, you grant eternal life to \_\_\_\_\_ and all the dead. Grant what we ask of you in this novena for your greater honor and glory. AMEN.

## **SECOND DAY**

Merciful God, we beseech you, by the pain which your Holy Mother saw you suffer and agonies 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 honor and glory. AMEN

## **THIRD DAY**

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. AMEN.

## **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. AMEN.

## **FIFTH DAY**

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 honor of your name.

AMEN

## **SIXTH DAY**

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 honor of your name. AMEN.

## **SEVENTH DAY**

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. AMEN.

## **EIGHT DAY**

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.

## **NINTH DAY**

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. AMEN.

## LITANY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Lord, have mercy on us.

*R/ Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.

*R/Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*R/ Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

*R/Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven. (*Response: Have mercy on the Faithful Departed*)

God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

God, the Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity One God.

### ***RESPONSE: PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED***

Holy Mary.

Holy Mother of God.

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

***RESPONSE: DELIVER THEM, O LORD***

From all evil.  
From your wrath  
From the rigor of your justice  
From the power of the devil  
From the gnawing worn of conscience  
From long enduring sorrow  
From eternal flames  
From horrible darkness  
From dreadful weeping and wailing  
Through your most cruel death  
Through your most holy wounds  
Through your holy resurrection  
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit  
In the Day of Judgment

***RESPONSE: WE BESEECH YOU, HEAR US, O LORD***

- You who have the keys of heaven
- You who 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

***Pause:***

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

***R/ Grant Unto them eternal rest.***

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***R/Grant unto them eternal rest.***

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## **The Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

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.

AMEN.

**Leader:** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

**Response:** And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

**Leader:** May they rest in peace.

**ALL:** AMEN.

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** AMEN.