

## Prayers and Devotions to Holy Souls



### Prayer by Cardinal Newman

O GOD of the Spirits of all flesh, O Jesus, lover of souls, we recommend unto thee the souls of all those thy servants, who have departed with the sign of faith and sleep the sleep of peace. We beseech thee, O Lord and Saviour, that, as in thy mercy to them thou became man, so now thou would hasten the time, and admit them to thy presence above. Remember, O Lord, that they are thy creatures, not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only Living and True God; for there is no other God but thou, and none that can equal thy works. Let their souls rejoice in thy light, and impute not to them their former iniquities,

which they committed through the violence of passion, or the corrupt habits of their fallen nature. For, although they have sinned, yet they always firmly believed in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and before they died, they reconciled themselves to thee by true contrition and the Sacraments of thy Church.

O Gracious Lord, we beseech thee, remember not against them the sins of their youth and their ignorance; but according to thy great mercy, be mindful of them in thy heavenly glory. May the heavens be opened to them, and the Angels rejoice with them. May the Archangel St Michael conduct them to thee. May thy holy Angels come forth to meet them, and carry them to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May St Peter, to whom thou gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive them. May St Paul, the vessel of election, stand by them. May St John, the beloved disciple, who had the revelation of the secrets of heaven, intercede for them. May all the Holy Apostles, who received from thee the power of binding and loosing, pray for them. May all the Saints and elect of God, who in this world suffered torments for thy Name, befriend them; that, being freed from the prison beneath, they may be admitted into the glories of that kingdom, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou lives and reigns one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

Come to their assistance, all ye Saints of God; gain for them deliverance from their place of punishment; meet them, all ye Angels; receive these holy souls, and present them before the Lord.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

**And may perpetual light shine on them.**

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

#### **A prayer for the dead**

O God, the creator and redeemer of all the Faithful, grant unto the souls of thy departed servants full remission of all their sins, that through the help of our pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Thou who livest and reignest world without end. **Amen.**

#### **A Prayer for our dear departed**

O Jesus, whose loving heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones in Purgatory. O Thou who didst "love thine own" hear our cry for mercy, and grant that those

whom thou hast called from our homes and hearts may soon enjoy everlasting rest in the home of thy love in heaven. **Amen.**

St Dominic & St Antony, **pray for us.**