

TOTIES QUOTIES INDULGENCE

Beginning on, November 1st, at noon and continuing to Midnight, November 2nd, the Catholic faithful, as often as they visit a church to pray for the dead, reciting 6 times during the visit the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the intentions of Holy Mother Church, may gain: **A plenary indulgence applicable only to the souls in Purgatory.** This indulgence may also be gained from noon of the following Saturday until Sunday Midnight, but only by those who did not gain the indulgence on All Souls' Day (*Raccolta* #590).

The faithful who during the period of eight days from the commemoration of All Souls inclusive, visit a cemetery in a spirit of piety and devotion and pray, even mentally for the dead, may gain: **A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions on each day of the octave, applicable only to the faithful departed.** Those souls who make such a visit, and pray for the Holy Souls, on any day in the year, may gain: **An indulgence of 7 years, applicable only to the departed** (*Raccolta* #592).

The faithful who recite prayers or perform other devout exercises in supplication for the faithful departed during the month of November, may gain: **An indulgence of 3 years once each day; a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of their 7 or 9 days of prayer** (*Raccolta* #589).

Those who, during the aforesaid month, take part in public services held in a church or public oratory in intercession for the faithful departed may gain: **An indulgence of 7 years on each day of the month; A plenary indulgence, if they attend these exercises on at least fifteen days, and in addition go to confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of Holy Mother Church** (*Raccolta* # 589).

The faithful who devoutly offer prayers at any season of the year in intercession for the souls of the faithful departed, with the intention of so continuing for seven or nine successive days, may obtain: **An indulgence of 3 years once each day; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of their seven or nine days of prayer** (*Raccolta* #588).

All Masses that are celebrated at any altar by any priest within the period of eight days from the Commemoration of All Souls inclusive, enjoy the same privilege as if they were offered on a privileged altar, but only in favor of the soul for whom they are applied (*Raccolta* #591).

CONDITIONS FOR GAINING AN INDULGENCE

To gain any indulgence, one must:

1. Be in the state of grace.
2. Have the intention to gain indulgence.
3. Perform the work required.

In addition, if it is a question of a Plenary indulgence, one must:

1. Have true sorrow for all one's sins.
2. Go to confession and receive Holy Communion
3. Pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the intentions of Holy Mother the Church.
4. Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

REMEMBER: You must move your lips during your prayers.

“ALL SOULS’ DAY”

The Liturgical Year, XV, Book VI, Abbot Gueranger O.S.B., Pages 93-96 & 143.

‘We will not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that are asleep, that you be not sorrowful, even as others who have no hope.’ (I Thess. 4:13) The Church today has the same desire as the apostle thus expressed to the first Christians. The truth concerning the dead not only proves admirably the union between God’s justice and His goodness; it also inspires a charitable pity which the hardest heart cannot resist, and at the same time offers to the mourners the sweetest consolation. If faith teaches us the existence of a purgatory where our loved ones may be detained by unexpiated sin, it is also of faith that we are able to assist them; and theology assures us that their more or less speedy deliverance lies in our power.

Let us make use of our treasures, and exercise mercy towards the poor suffering souls. Is any condition more pitiable than theirs? So great is their anguish, that no distress on earth can approach to it...All heaven cannot help them, for there is no merit to be gained there. God Himself, though most merciful, owes it to His justice not to deliver them until they have paid the whole debt that they carried with them beyond the world of trial. The debt was contracted perhaps through our fault, and in our company; and it is to us they turn for help, to us who are still dreaming of nothing but pleasure, while they are burning, and we could so easily shorten their torments!

Whether it be that purgatory is now more than ever overflowing with the multitudes daily sent thither through the worldliness of the age, or that the last and universal judgment is approaching—the Holy Ghost is no longer satisfied with keeping up the zeal of ancient confraternities devoted to the service of the departed. He raises up new associations, and even religious families, whose one aim is to promote, by every possible means, the deliverance or the solace of the suffering souls.

From the very beginning the Church has always prayed for the dead, as did even the Synagogue before her (2 Mach. 12:46)...Thus, as St. Augustine remarks, those who had no relatives and friends on earth were henceforth not deprived of suffrages; for, to make up for their abandonment, they had the tender compassion of the common mother...The holy souls had the gift of faith, and did the works of faith while on earth; their eternal reward is therefore secured, and God mercifully accept the offerings we make for them...