Prayers for the Holy Souls

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Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory**



O Almighty God, with Whom live the souls of the perfect, and in Whose holy keeping are placed the souls of those that depart hence in an inferior degree of Thy grace -- they being, by their imperfect character, unworthy of Thy Presence and therefore detained in a state of grief and suspended hopes -- as we bless Thee for the saints already admitted to Thy glory, so we humbly offer our prayers for Thine afflicted servants, who continually wait and sigh for the day of their deliverance. Pardon their sins, supply their want of preparation, and wipe away the tears from their eyes, that they may see Thee, and in Thy glorious sight rejoice eternally, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great**

St. Gertrude the Great is invoked for souls in purgatory and for living sinners. Our Lord told St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well.

O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

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