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#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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 (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. ((Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

#### 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. (Go to invocations, litany and Concluding prayer)

## 2. INVOCATIONS TO JESUS FOR THE SOUL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**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.**

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**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): PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Leader:**

**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

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 worn 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:

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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### 3. 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.

## APPENDIX: WHY PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

The existence of [purgatory](#) has a [Biblical basis](#). This is the reason why the Catholic Church encourages her faithful to pray for the dead.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 958 teaches:

*Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them."<sup>500</sup> Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.*

We pray for the souls of the dead who are undergoing purification in purgatory, so that God who is full of mercy and compassion may forgive all their sins and admit them into His Kingdom forever.