

# Holy Souls & Purgatory

## MORNING PRAYERS

Monday

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

### REFLECTION

During November the Church traditionally prays for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

These Souls are *Holy* because they are destined for heaven. They have passed beyond death, and can already see God. They know how much he loves them, and they long to be united with him, but they're in *Purgatory* because they need to be purified of all that is *unholy*.

You can play a part in their purification.

When you lift them up in your prayers, you give them a gift. It is the most important gift you can give to those no longer with us in this world, and they thank you for it.

Remember that one day, your turn will come to thank those who are praying for you down here, praying that your soul will be united to God in heaven.

In the back of the chapel, there is a Book of the Dead, in which you can put the names of those for whom you want us all to pray.

During November, the Friday Mass in the chapel will be offered up for all of those names of yours, and the Thursday Rosary will be said in the chapel in November for the Holy Souls.

### PRAYERS

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Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

**And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

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## REFLECTION

During the trial for his life, Jesus was abandoned by all of those who ought to have spoken up for him.

Saint Peter didn't have the courage to admit being a disciple, and he betrayed Jesus three times.

Then we read how Jesus came out, and turned, and looked at Peter. And we read how Peter fled from the gaze of Jesus and wept bitterly.

That sense of shame must be a bit like Purgatory.

The Lord will look at us full of love, and we experience shame and remorse for all the ways we have betrayed him here on earth.

Only after this purifying pain will we be able to meet his loving gaze and stand before him, face to face.

We help the faithful departed by holding them up in our prayers, turning them to face the mercy of God.

And for that, we do them a great service.

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## REFLECTION

This is an extract from an essay on Purgatory by a famous Catholic writer called Ronald Knox:

*“ To wake up after death is not like waking up after an operation, from the ordinary life of yesterday or today into the ordinary life of tomorrow.*

*It is like waking up from a dream world into the real world, hitherto unexperienced...*

*and Purgatory is the interlude in which the dream world of yesterday is forgotten, and tomorrow, somehow, grows gradually more real as the mounting light of day begins to heal us with its warmth.”*

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**Tomorrow the Rosary is being said in the chapel at 8.25 for the Faithful Departed.**

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Thursday

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## ROSARY REFLECTION

Let us pray the Rosary today for the Holy Souls, praying that they rise into the fullness of life with God in Heaven.

### **FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE RESURRECTION**

*Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.*

1x Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. **Give us this day....**

10x *Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

1x *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was....In the name..*

***Tomorrow, the Friday Mass is being said at 8.25 for the Faithful Departed.***

Friday

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## FRIDAY PRAYER

### **Prayer for the Faithful Departed**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

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**Amen.**

Let us pray:

**O God the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through our prayers they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who live and reign for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**