

Devotion for the Office of the Dead



Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

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In his own time, Bouguereau was considered to be one of the greatest painters in the world by the academic art community, and simultaneously he was reviled by the avant-garde. He also gained wide fame in Belgium, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Romania and in the United States, and commanded high prices. His works often sold within days of completion. Some were viewed by international collectors and bought before work had even finished.

DEVOTION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DEAD

The following text is intended for use in private devotion. It is not the Office of the Dead but closely follows the prayers of that Office. It is especially fitted for use in the Octave of All Souls (2nd to 9th November; or Monday, 3rd to Monday, 10th November) and is also appropriate for use throughout the month of November, the month of All Souls, and in requiem novenas following the death of individual faithful, and at other times when particular departed souls are to be remembered (*e.g.* anniversaries of death), including the war dead. Because this is a private devotion, the text is given in English only and the directions supplied are tailored for use by individuals and small groups of people. The Biblical passages are mostly taken from the 1750-1751 Challoner edition of the traditional Douay-Rheims Bible. Some of them have been altered to ensure comprehension in the idiom of our day. However, all the text is given in sacral forms of English to ensure consistency and to preserve traditional expression in prayer. Special musical markings have been omitted in this text, as it is meant to be read, not chanted.

The Office of the Dead consists of only three *horæ*. These are the greater or 'hinge' hours. For countless centuries, and until 1962, these were 'First' (*i.e.* anticipated) Vespers, Matins and Lauds. There was no Second Vespers (and, on the day of a burial, the obsequies are to end with Sacristy Prayers recited before sunset), and there were no little hours. In 1962, the liturgical revolutionaries altered the order to Matins, Lauds and ['Second'] Vespers. For strictly liturgical use *in choro*, the proper order of 1962 will be followed in church. For devotional use or even when chanted in church apart from the Sacred Liturgy, the traditional order can and should be followed.

Matins includes three *nocturns*. At a funeral, all three may be chanted, and this is typically done when there is a large number of people who wish to pray for a departed soul at a viewing. That could happen at a lying-in-state, for example, of a notable faithful, especially at a cathedral, basilica, abbey or collegiate church. In most circumstances, only the first nocturn is chanted at a funeral. All three nocturns should be prayed on All Souls' Day and perhaps, in private use, on the Sunday in its octave.

The following arrangement might be observed on All Souls' Day and in its Octave, and it may be followed on Remembrance Day in Canada, Remembrance Sunday in the United Kingdom, Anzac Day in Australia and New Zealand, and Memorial Day in America; and on other occasions, including during the requiem novena of a faithful (nine days from the date of death or burial).

Doubling of the Antiphons

In the case of the Office of the Dead, the Antiphons are fully doubled (*i.e.* prayed in full before and after the psalm or Gospel canticle proper to each) whenever the Office is chanted solemnly in church; on official days of remembrance set aside for the war dead; on the day of burial of a faithful; on the day after notification of death of a faithful; on the third, seventh and thirtieth days after death or burial (or when these can be observed); on the anniversary of the death or burial of a faithful (or when observed). They are not otherwise doubled, even on All Souls' Day. In this edition, the sometimes-repeated antiphons are enclosed in squared brackets.

Postures

At liturgical offices in general, postures differ in accordance with whether the office be chanted *in choro* (including special rules for the hebdomdarius), or chanted or recited in common, or else prayed privately by an individual. When prayed privately by an individual, the common practice is to pray the entire office whilst kneeling. Pope St. Pius V said all his private offices kneeling and without a kneeler or other support. This was also the practice of St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis de Sales and St. Jean-Marie Vianney, and it is customary in emulation of them.

When the Office of the Dead is prayed in common (*e.g.* in a family or a society or even when two or more people are praying it together), the postures recommended are given here in blue font but, again, enclosed in brackets.

–FIRST VESPERS–

Pray the Pater and Ave whilst kneeling first unless First Vespers of the Dead is immediately preceded by Vespers of the day, in which case First Vespers of the Dead immediately follows Benedicamus Domino and its response.

[STAND]

Antiphon. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 114: Dilexi

I love the Lord because He hath heard the voice of my prayer;

[BE SEATED]

Because He hath inclined His ear unto me: and in my days,

I will call upon Him.

The sorrows of death have compassed me,
and the perils of hell have found me.

I met with trouble and sorrow;
and I called upon the name of the Lord.

O Lord, deliver my soul. The Lord is merciful and just,
and our God sheweth mercy.

The Lord is the keeper of those who are little:
I was humbled, and He delivered me.

Turn, O my soul, into thy rest,
for the Lord hath been bountiful to thee.

For He hath delivered my soul from death;
my eyes, from tears; my feet, from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.]

Antiphon 2. Woe is me, O Lord, that my sojourn is prolonged!

Psalm 119: *Ad Dominum*

In my trouble, I cried to the Lord: and He heard me.

O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips,
and from a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee,
to a deceitful tongue?:

The sharp arrows of the Mighty, with coals that lay waste.

Woe is me, O Lord, that my sojourn is prolonged!

I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar;
my soul hath long been a sojourner.

With them that hated peace, I was peaceable;

when I spoke to them, they fought against me without cause.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Woe is me, O Lord, that my sojourn is prolonged!]

Antiphon 3. The Lord keepeth thee from all evil;

may the Lord preserve thy soul.

Psalm 120: *Levavi oculos*

I have lifted up mine eyes to the mountains,
from whence my help shall come.

My help is from the Lord, Who hath made Heaven and earth.

May He not suffer thy foot to stumble;

neither let Him slumber nor sleep that keepeth Israel.

The Lord is thy keeper;

the Lord is thy protection upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not disturb thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all evil;

may the Lord preserve thy soul.

May the Lord watcheth over thy coming in and thy going out,

from henceforth now and forever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** The Lord keepeth thee from all evil;

may the Lord preserve thy soul.]

Antiphon 4. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities:

Lord, who shall abide it?

Psalm 129: *De profundis*

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

For with Thee, there is merciful forgiveness;

and because of Thy law have I waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul trusteth in His word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

For, with the Lord, there is mercy;

and with Him, there is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities:

Lord, who shall abide it?]

Antiphon 5. O forsake not the work of Thy hands, O Lord!

Psalm 137: *Confitebor tibi*

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart,

for Thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

I will sing praise to Thee in the sight of the angels.

I will worship towards Thy holy temple,

and I will give glory to Thy name

For Thy mercy and for Thy faithfulness:

for Thou hast exalted Thy holy name above all.

In what day soever I shall call upon Thee, hear me.

Thou shalt multiply strength in my soul.

May all the kings of the earth give glory to Thee:

for they have heard all the words of Thy mouth.

And let them exult in the ways of the Lord, for great is His majesty.

For the Lord is high, and looketh down on the lowly;

and the haughty He knoweth afar off.

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, Thou wilt quicken me;

and Thou hast stretched forth Thy hand

against the wrath of mine enemies,

and Thy right hand hath upheld me.

The Lord will repay for me: Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever.
O forsake not the work of Thy hands, O Lord!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** O forsake not the work of Thy hands, O Lord!]

✠ I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me,
✠ Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord.

[STAND]

Antiphon at the Magnificat. All that the Father gives to Me
shall come to Me, and him who comes to Me
I will not cast out.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary

My soul ✠ doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid,
For, behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed
Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me,
And holy is His name.
And His mercy is from generation unto generations
to them that fear Him.
He hath shewed might in His arm. He hath scattered the proud
in the conceit of their heart.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy:
As He spake unto our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** All that the Father gives to Me shall come to Me,
and him who comes to Me I will not cast out.]

[KNEEL OR REMAIN KNEELING]

Our Father, *silently until*

✠ And lead us not into temptation,

✠ But deliver us from evil.

✠ From the gate of Hell,

✠ Deliver their/his/her soul(s), Lord.

✠ May they/he/she rest in peace.

✠ Amen.

✠ O Lord, hear my prayer,

✠ And let my cry come unto Thee.

[✠ (*Cleric:*) The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.]

Let us pray.

**Collect for All Souls' Day
(and to be used generally in its octave)**

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through our pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

✠ Amen.

✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ May they rest in peace.

✠ Amen.

The following Collects might be used generally in November
or in requiem novenas.

Collect for Several Deceased People
To be used on the Eve of Remembrance Day
and generally throughout November,
the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

O God, Whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, have mercy on the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and grant them the remission of all their sins, so that, being delivered from the bonds of mortality, they may be found worthy to enter into life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Priest

O God, Who didst raise Thy servant N. (Thy servants, N. and N.) to the dignity of priest in the apostolic priesthood, grant, we beseech Thee, that he/they may be joined in fellowship with Thine apostles forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Man

Incline Thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, in which we humbly entreat Thy mercy. Bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant N., which Thou hast summoned to go forth from this world, and bid him to be numbered with Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Woman

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy loving kindness, to have mercy on the soul of Thy handmaid N., and now that she is released from the perils of this mortal flesh, to give her part in Thine eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

**Collect for Deceased Members of a Congregation,
and for their brethren, relatives and benefactors**

O God, Who grantest and desirest the salvation of mankind, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to grant that the brethren of our congregation, together with their relatives and benefactors, who have passed out of this life, may partake of everlasting bliss through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and of all Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Father and/or Mother

O God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother, in Thy mercy, have compassion on the soul(s) of my father/mother (or father and mother). Forgive them/him/her their sins, and grant unto me to see them/him/her again in the day of eternal bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Other Collects may be found in the appendix to this devotion. Several are for a departed soul on the day of his death or burial; on the third, seventh and thirtieth day after his death or burial; and on the anniversary of his death or burial. Others are for a deceased pope and a deceased bishop.

Close for all the Collects

- ℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
- ℞ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- ℣ May they rest in peace.
- ℞ Amen.



–MATINS–

It is recommended here that all three nocturns be prayed only on All Souls' Day and, optionally, on the Sunday in the octave of All Souls and on a Sunday in a requiem novena. In all cases, begin with the Invitatory and following Psalm 94. On a given Sunday, pray the first nocturn alone or all three nocturns. Pray the first nocturn alone on Mondays and Thursdays; the second, on Tuesdays and Fridays; the third, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

If Matins be prayed separately, begin it with Pater, Ave and Credo, said silently and whilst kneeling; otherwise, begin immediately with the following Antiphon.

[STAND]

Invitatory: The King for Whom all things live: come, let us adore.

Repeat: The King for Whom all things live: come, let us adore.

Psalm 94: *Venite, exultemus*

(with farsed versicle and repeated invitatory and refrains)

Come, let us praise the Lord with joy;

let us joyfully sing to God our Saviour.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

The King for Whom all things live: come, let us adore.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods:

The Lord will not forsake His people.

For in His hand are all the ends of the earth;

and the heights of the mountains are His.

Come, let us adore.

For the sea is His, and He made it;

and His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us adore and fall down,

and weep before the Lord that made us.

For He is the Lord our God, and we are the people of His pasture

and the sheep of His hand.

The King for Whom all things live: come, let us adore.

Today, if you should hear His voice, harden not your hearts,
as in the provocation, according to the day of temptation
in the wilderness, where your fathers tempted Me, proved Me,
and saw My works.

Come, let us adore.

Forty years long was I offended with that generation, and I said:
These always err in their hearts. And these men have not
known my ways:
so I swore in my wrath, that they shall not enter into my rest.

The King for Whom all things live: come, let us adore.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*Come, let us adore. The King for Whom all things live:
come, let us adore.*

First Nocturn

Recommended to be prayed on All Souls' Day with the other two nocturns; optionally on Sundays with the other two; on Sundays alone; and on Mondays and Thursdays.

[STAND OR REMAIN STANDING]

Antiphon. Direct, O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight.

Psalm 5: *Verba mea auribus*

Give ear, O Lord, to my words: understand my cry.

[BE SEATED]

Hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God.

For to Thee will I pray. O Lord, in the morning,

Thou shalt hear my voice.

In the morning, I will stand before Thee, and wilt behold:

for Thou art not a God that willest iniquity.

Neither shall the wicked dwell near Thee;

nor shall the unjust abide before Thine eyes.

Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity;

Thou wilt destroy all that speak a lie;

The bloody and the deceitful man, the Lord will abhor.

But, as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy,

I will come into Thy house.

I will worship towards Thy holy temple in Thy fear.

Conduct me, O Lord, in Thy justice;

and because of my enemies: direct,

O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight.

For there is no truth in their mouth: their heart is vain.

Their throat is an open sepulchre;

they deal deceitfully with their tongues.

Judge them, O God.

Let them fall from their devices.

According to the multitude of their wickedness,

cast them out, for they have provoked Thee, O Lord.

But let all them be glad that hope in Thee.

They shall rejoice for ever, and Thou shalt dwell with them.

And all they that love Thy name shall glory in Thee,

for Thou wilt bless the just.

O Lord, Thou hast defended us with Thy favour,
as with a shield of Thy good will.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Direct, O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight.]

Antiphon 2. Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul:
for there is no one in death who will be mindful of Thee.

Psalm 6: *Domine, ne in furore*

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine indignation,
nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak;
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is afflicted exceedingly: but Thou, O Lord, how long?
Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul.

O save me for Thy mercy's sake!

For there is no one in death who will be mindful of Thee,
and who shall confess to Thee in hell?

I have laboured in my groanings: every night, I will bathe my bed;
I will drench my couch with my tears.

My eye is dimmed with grief.

I have grown old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity:
for the Lord hath heard my tearful cry.

The Lord hath heard my supplication;
the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be put to shame and sorely frightened;
Let them be turned back and flee in haste.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul:
for there is no one in death who will be mindful of Thee.]

Antiphon 3. Lest he seize upon my soul like a lion,
while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

Psalm 7: Domine, Deus meus

O Lord my God, in Thee have I put my trust.

Save me from him that persecutes me, and deliver me;
lest, at any time, he seize upon my soul like a lion,
while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

O Lord, my God, if I have myself done such wickedness;
if there be iniquity in my hands;
if I have requited them that repaid me evils:
let me deservedly perish before my unjust enemies.

Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it,
and tread down my life on the earth,
and bring down my glory to the dust.

Rise up, O Lord, in Thine anger,
and be Thou exalted in the borders of my enemies.

And arise, O Lord my God, for the judgement Thou hast ordained;
and the assembly of the people shall stand with Thee!

And over it, take Thy seat on high: the Lord judgeth the nations!

Judge me, O Lord, according to my justice,
and according to the innocence within me.

The wickedness of sinners shall be brought to nought;
and Thou shalt direct the just:
the searcher of hearts and of minds is God.

Just is my help from the Lord, Who saveth the upright of heart.
God is a just judge, strong and patient:

He is angry with the wicked every day.

Except the sinner be converted, He will brandish His sword.
He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

And, in it, He hath prepared the instruments of death.
He hath made ready His arrows as fiery darts.

Behold, the wicked man travaileth in injustice:
he hath conceived sorrow and hath brought forth iniquity.

He hath opened a pit and dug it:
and he is fallen into the trap that he himself hath set.

His sorrow shall be turned on his own head;
and his iniquity shall come down upon his crown.

I will give glory to the Lord according to His justice,
and will sing to the name of the Lord the most high.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Lest he seize upon my soul like a lion,
while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.]

✠ From the gate of Hell,
✠ Deliver their souls, O Lord.

The Pater is prayed silently and whilst kneeling.

The Lessons are read without Absolution, Blessing or Title.

[BE SEATED]

Lesson I (Job 7. 16-21)

Spare me, O Lord, for my days are as nothing. What is a man that Thou shouldst magnify him?, or why dost Thou set Thy heart upon him? Thou visitest him early in the morning, and Thou triest him every moment. How constantly wilt Thou examine me, not even suffering me to swallow down my spittle? I have sinned. But what have I done to Thee, O Thou Keeper of men? Why hast Thou set me against Thy will, so that I have become burdensome to myself? Why dost Thou not remove my sin, and why dost Thou not take away my iniquity? Behold, now I shall sleep in the dust; and if Thou seek me in the morning, I shall not be.

✠ I believe that my Redeemer liveth, and that, in the last day,
I shall rise from the earth,
And in my flesh, I shall see my Saviour.

✠ Whom I myself shall see, and not another,
and my eyes shall behold.
And in my flesh, I shall see my Saviour.

Lesson II (Job 10. 1-7)

My soul is weary of my life. Therefore, I will give free rein to my complaint. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God: Do not condemn me. Tell me why Thou judgest me so harshly. Doth it seem good to Thee that Thou shouldst calumniate me, and oppress me, the work of Thine own hands, and that Thou should abet the counsel of the wicked against me? Hast Thou eyes of flesh, or shalt Thou see as man seeth? Are Thine eternal days like the days of men that Thou shouldst inquire so closely after my sins, and weigh all my faults? And Thou dost know that I am not a evil man, and that there is no one who can deliver out of Thy hand.

- ℞ Thou Who didst raise Lazarus fetid from the grave,
Thou, O Lord, give them rest, and a place of pardon.
- ℣ Who art to come to judge the living and the dead,
and the world by fire.
Thou, O Lord, give them rest, and a place of pardon.

Lesson III (Job 10. 8-12)

Thy hands have made me, and fashioned me wholly round about, and dost Thou thus cast me down headlong on a sudden? Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me from clay, and wilt Thou bring me into dust again? Hast Thou not poured me out as milk, and then curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh. Thou hast assembled me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and mercy, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

If all three nocturns are to be prayed, omit all the following prayers which are enclosed between horizontal lines and go immediately to the opening Antiphon of the second nocturn.

℟ O Lord, when Thou shalt come to judge the earth,
where shall I hide myself from the face of Thy wrath?
For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.

℣ I dread my misdeeds, and blush before Thee.
Do not condemn me
When Thou shalt come to judge.
For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.

℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.

[℣ (*Cleric:*) The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.]

Let us pray.

[KNEEL OR REMAIN KNEELING]

Collect for All Souls' Day
(and to be used generally in its octave)

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through our pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

℟ And let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣ May they rest in peace.

℟ Amen.

The following Collects might be used generally in November
or in requiem novenas.

After any of them, close with the foregoing requiem versicles
and responses.

Collect for Several Deceased People
To be used on the eve of Remembrance Day
and generally throughout November, the Month of the Holy
Souls in Purgatory

O God, Whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, have mercy on the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and grant them the remission of all their sins, so that, being delivered from the bonds of mortality, they may be found worthy to enter into life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*
Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Priest

O God, Who didst raise Thy servant N. (Thy servants, N. and N.) to the dignity of priest in the apostolic priesthood, grant, we beseech Thee, that he/they may be joined in fellowship with Thine apostles forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.* *Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Man

Incline Thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, in which we humbly intreat Thy mercy. Bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant N., which Thou hast summoned to go forth from this world, and bid him to be numbered with Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*
Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Woman

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy loving kindness, to have mercy on the soul of Thy handmaid N., and now that she is released from the perils of this mortal flesh, to give her part in Thine eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God,

and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

**Collect for deceased Members of a Congregation,
and for their brethren, relatives and benefactors**

O God, Who grantest and desirest the salvation of mankind, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to grant that the brethren of our congregation, together with their relatives and benefactors, who have passed out of this life, may partake of everlasting bliss through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and of all Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Father and/or Mother

O God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother, in Thy mercy, have compassion on the soul(s) of my father/mother (or father and mother). Forgive them/him/her their sins, and grant unto me to see them/him/her again in the day of eternal bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Other Collects may be found in the appendix to this devotion. Several are for a departed soul on the day of his death or burial; on the third, seventh and thirtieth day after his death or burial; and on the anniversary of his death or burial. Others are for a deceased pope and a deceased bishop.

**Close for all Collects,
and ending of Matins if only the first nocturn is to be prayed:**

- ✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
- ✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- ✠ May they rest in peace.
- ✠ Amen.

Lauds of the Dead will now follow at its appointed or its preferred time, or immediately.

Second Nocturn

Appointed to be prayed on All Souls' Day
with the other two nocturns;
optionally, on Sundays with the other two;
and on Tuesdays and Fridays.

[STAND OR REMAIN STANDING]

Antiphon 1. He hath set me in a place of green pastures.

Psalm 22: *Dominus regit me*

The Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing.

[BE SEATED]

He hath set me in a place of green pastures.

He hath brought me up on the water of refreshment.

He hath converted my soul.

He hath led me on the paths of justice for His own name's sake.

For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evils, for Thou art with me.

Thy rod and Thy staff, they have comforted me.

Thou hast prepared a table before me against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;

and my chalice, which inebriateth me, how goodly it is!

And Thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** He hath set me in a place of green pastures.]

Antiphon 2. Remember not the sins of my youth

and all my follies, O Lord.

Psalm 24: *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

In Thee, O my God, I put my trust: let me not be ashamed.

Neither let my enemies laugh at me:

for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

Let all them be thwarted that act unjust things without cause.

Shew, O Lord, Thy ways to me, and teach me Thy paths.

Direct me in Thy truth, and teach me, for Thou art God my Saviour,
and on Thee have I waited all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion,
and Thy mercies which were ordained
from the beginning of the world.
Remember not the sins of my youth and all my follies, O Lord.
According to Thy mercy, remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake.
The Lord is sweet and righteous;
therefore, He will give a law to sinners in the way.
He will guide the mild in judgement;
He will teach the meek His ways.
All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth
to them that seek after His covenant and His testimonies.
For Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou wilt pardon my sin,
for great is my guilt.
Who is the man that feareth the Lord?
God hath appointed a law in the way for him
that he shall choose.
His soul shall dwell in good things, and his seed shall inherit the land.
The Lord is a firmament to them that fear Him,
and His covenant shall be made manifest unto them.
My eyes are ever towards the Lord,
for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare.
Look Thou upon me, and have mercy upon me,
for I am alone and poor.
The troubles of my heart are multiplied. Deliver me from my needs.
See my abjection and my labour, and forgive me all my sins.
Consider mine enemies, for they are multiplied,
and they have hated me with an unjust hatred.
Keep Thou my soul, and deliver me.
I shall not be ashamed, for I have hoped in Thee.
The innocent and the upright have adhered to me
because I have waited on Thee.
Deliver Israel, O God, from all his tribulations.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Remember not the sins of my youth
and all my follies, O Lord.]

Antiphon 3. I believe I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Psalm 26: *Dominus illuminatio*

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?
Whilst the wicked draw near against me to eat my flesh,
My enemies that trouble me have themselves been weakened,
and they have fallen.
If armies in camp should stand together against me,
my heart shall not fear.
If a battle should rise up against me, I shall remain resolute.
One thing I have asked of the Lord and this will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life
That I may see the delight of the Lord, and may visit His temple.
For He hath hidden me in His tabernacle;
in the day of evils, He hath protected me
in the secret place of His tent.
He hath exalted me upon a rock, and now He hath lifted up my head
above my enemies all around. I have offered up
in His tabernacle a sacrifice of jubilation;
I will sing, and I will recite a psalm to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried to Thee.
Have mercy on me and hear me.
My heart hath said to Thee: My face hath sought Thee.
Thy face, O Lord, will I still seek.
Hide not Thy face from me;
and turn not away from Thy servant in Thy wrath.
Be Thou my helper; forsake me not.
Do not despise me, O God my Saviour!
For my father and my mother have left me:
but the Lord hath taken me up.
Set me, O Lord, a law in Thy way, and guide me in the right path,
because my enemies assail me.

Deliver me not over to the will of them that trouble me,
for unjust witnesses have risen up against me,
and they tell lies to destroy me.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Trust in the Lord, do manfully, and let thy heart take courage,
and wait thou for the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** I believe I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.]

✠ May the Lord seat them with princes,
✠ With the princes of His people.

*The Pater is prayed silently and whilst kneeling immediately before
the first lesson of each nocturn.*

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[BE SEATED]

Lesson IV (Job 13. 22-28)

Answer me: How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me know
my crimes and offences. Why hidest Thou Thy face, and thinkest
me Thine enemy? Against a leaf, that is carried away with the wind,
Thou provest Thy power, and Thou pursuest a dry straw. For Thou
writest bitter things against me, and wilt consume me for the sins of
my youth. Thou hast put my feet in the stocks, and hast observed all
my paths, and hast considered all the steps of my feet. Shall I now
be consumed as rottenness, and as a garment that is moth-eaten?

✠ Remember me, O my God, because my life is but wind.
Nor may the sight of man behold me.

✠ From the depths, I have cried to Thee, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice. Nor may the sight of man behold me.

Lesson V (Job 14. 1-6)

Man born of a woman, living for a short time, is filled with many miseries. Who cometh forth like a flower, and is destroyed, and fleeth like a shadow, and never continueth in the same state. And dost Thou think it meet diligently to examine such a wretch, and to bring him into judgement with Thee? Who can make him clean that is conceived of unclean seed? Is it not only Thou Who canst do it? The days of man are short, and the number of his months is with Thee. Thou hast appointed his bounds, which cannot be passed. Depart a little from him, that he may rest until his day of peace, like that of an hireling, may come at last.

- ℟️ Woe is me, O Lord,
because I have sinned exceedingly in my life.
O wretch, what shall I do, whither shall I fly but to Thee,
my God.
Have mercy on me when Thou comest at the latter day.
- ℣️ My soul is greatly troubled, but Thou, O Lord, succour it.
Have mercy on me when Thou comest at the latter day.

Lesson VI (Job 14. 13-16)

Who will grant me this: that Thou mayest protect me in Hell, and hide me until Thy wrath pass, and appoint me a time when Thou wilt remember me? Shall man that is dead, thinkest Thou, live again? For all the days in which I am now in warfare on this earth, I shall wait for my relief to come. When Thou shalt call me, I will answer Thee; to me, the work of Thy hands, Thou shalt save by Thy firm right hand. Thou indeed hast numbered all my steps, but remember not my sins.

If all three nocturns are to be prayed, omit all the following prayers which are enclosed between horizontal lines and go immediately to the opening Antiphon of the second nocturn.

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- ℟️ Remember not my sins, O Lord,
When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
- ℣️ Direct, O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight,
When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

[✠ (*Cleric:*) The Lord be with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.]

[KNEEL OR REMAIN KNEELING]

Let us pray.

**Collect for All Souls' Day
(and to be used generally in its octave)**

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through our pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

✠ Amen.

✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
✠ May they rest in peace.
✠ Amen.

The following Collects might be used generally in November
or in requiem novenas.
After any of them, close with the foregoing requiem versicles
and responses.

**Collect for Several Deceased People
To be used on the eve of Remembrance Day
and generally throughout November,
the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

O God, Whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, have mercy on the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and grant them the remission of all their sins, so that, being delivered from the bonds of mortality, they may be found worthy to enter into life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Priest

O God, Who didst raise Thy servant **N.** (Thy servants, **N.** and **N.**) to the dignity of priest in the apostolic priesthood, grant, we beseech Thee, that he/they may be joined in fellowship with Thine apostles forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Man

Incline Thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, in which we humbly intreat Thy mercy. Bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant **N.**, which Thou hast summoned to go forth from this world, and bid him to be numbered with Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Woman

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy loving kindness, to have mercy on the soul of Thy handmaid **N.**, and now that she is released from the perils of this mortal flesh, to give her part in Thine eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for Deceased Members of a Congregation, and for their brethren, relatives and benefactors

O God, Who grantest and desirest the salvation of mankind, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to grant that the brethren of our congregation, together with their relatives and benefactors, who have passed out of this life, may partake of everlasting bliss through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and of all Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a deceased Father and/or Mother

O God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother, in Thy mercy, have compassion on the soul(s) of my father/mother (or father and mother). Forgive them/him/her their sins, and grant unto me to see them/him/her again in the day of eternal bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen. *Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Other Collects may be found in the appendix to this devotion. Several are for a departed soul on the day of his death or burial; on the third, seventh and thirtieth day after his death or burial; and on the anniversary of his death or burial. Others are for a deceased pope and a deceased bishop.

Close for all Collects, and ending of Matins if only the first nocturn is to be prayed:

- ✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
- ✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- ✠ May they rest in peace.
- ✠ Amen.

Lauds of the Dead will now follow at its appointed or its preferred time, or immediately.

Third Nocturn

Appointed to be prayed on All Souls' Day
with the other two nocturns;
optionally, on Sundays with the other two;
and on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

[STAND OR REMAIN STANDING]

Antiphon 1. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; look down, O Lord, to help me.

Psalm 39: Expectans expectavi

With expectation, I have waited for the Lord,
and He was attentive to me.

[BE SEATED]

And He heard my prayers, and brought me out of the pit of misery,
and the mire of dregs.

And He set my feet upon a rock, and directed my steps.

And He put a new canticle into my mouth, a song to our God.

Many shall see this and shall fear:

and they shall put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord,

and who hath not had regard to vanities, and lying follies.

Thou hast multiplied thy wonderful works, O Lord my God;

and, in Thy thoughts, there is no one like to Thee.

I have declared and recounted them,

but they are many beyond numbering.

Sacrifice and oblation Thou didst not desire,

but Thou hast opened mine ears to Thee.

Burnt offering and sin offering Thou didst not require.

Then, said I: Behold, I come.

In the head of the book, it is written of me that I should do Thy will:

O my God, I have desired it,

and Thy law is ever in the midst of my heart.

I have declared Thy justice in the great assembly;

lo, I will not restrain my lips: O Lord, Thou knowest it.

I have not hid Thy justice within my heart:

I have declared Thy truth and Thy salvation.

I have not concealed Thy mercy and Thy truth from the great council.
Withhold not Thou, O Lord, Thy tender mercies from me:
Thy mercy and Thy truth have always upheld me.
For evils without number have encompassed me.
My iniquities have overtaken me,
so that I can no longer see my way.
They are multiplied above the hairs of my head,
and my heart hath forsaken me.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; look down, O Lord, to help me.
Let them be confounded and ashamed together
that seek after my soul to destroy it.
Let them be humiliated and rebuked that desire evils to me.
Let them be chastened and let them blush for guilt
that say to me: Aha, aha!
Let all that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;
and let such as love Thy salvation say always:
The Lord be magnified.
But I am a beggar and poor, and yet the Lord careth for me.
Thou art my helper and my redeemer.
O my God, rescue me without delay!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
look down, O Lord, to help me.]

Antiphon 2. Heal, O Lord, my soul,
because I have sinned against Thee.

Psalm 40: *Beatus qui intelligit*

Blessed is he who regardeth the weak and the poor
The Lord will deliver him in the evil day.

The Lord preserve him and give him life,
and make him blessed upon the earth,
and deliver him not up to the fury of his enemies.

The Lord help him on his bed of sorrow;
He will relieve him on his couch of sickness.

I said: O Lord, be Thou merciful to me.

Heal, O Lord, my soul because I have sinned against Thee.

My enemies have spoken evils against me:

When shall he die, and his name perish?, they will say.
And if one of them cometh to visit me, he speaketh falsely.

His heart gathereth new malice.

Then he goeth out and speaketh to others to the same purpose.

All my enemies whispered together against me;
they devised evils to me.

They plotted evil schemes against me, saying:

May he that lieth there in sickness never rise again.

Even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, haughtily seeketh my ruination.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy on me, and raise me up again,
and I will requite them.

By such a sign, all shall know that Thou hast favoured me:
for my enemy can not then rejoice over me.

For Thou wilt have upheld me by reason of mine innocence;
and Thou wilt have confirmed me in Thy favour forever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from age to age.

So be it! So be it!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Heal, O Lord, my soul,
because I have sinned against Thee.]

Antiphon 3. My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God.
When shall I come and appear before His face?

Psalm 41: *Quemadmodum desiderat*

As the hart panteth after the fountains of water,
so my soul panteth after Thee, O my God.

My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God.

When shall I come and appear before His face?

My tears have been my bread day and night,
whilst it is said to me daily: Where is thy God?

These things will I remember as I pour out my soul within me:
how I went with the multitude to the place
of the wondrous tabernacle, even to the house of God.

I went there with the voices of joy and praise,
gladdened by the songs of the feasting throng.
Why art thou sad, O my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me?
Hope thou in God, for I will still give praise unto Him,
the salvation of my countenance, and my God.
My soul is troubled within myself; therefore will I remember Thee
from the land of Jordan and Hermoniim, from the little hill.
The deep resoundeth upon the deep at the roaring of Thy cataracts.
All Thy waves and all Thy billows have passed over me.
In the daytime, the Lord hath poured forth His mercy,
and I sing a canticle to Him in the night.
My prayer is directed to the God of my life.
I will declare unto God: Thou art my helper.
Why hast Thou forgotten me, and why go I forth mourning,
whilst mine enemy afflicteth me?
Whilst my bones are broken,
my enemies who trouble me have reproached me,
For they say to me day and night: Where is thy God?
Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why dost Thou disquiet me?
Hope thou in God, for I will still give praise unto Him,
the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God.
When shall I come and appear before His face?]

✠ Deliver not to beasts the souls that praise Thee;
✠ And the souls of Thy poor, forget not to the end.

The Pater is prayed silently and whilst kneeling immediately before the first lesson of each nocturn.

The Lessons are read without Absolution, Blessing or Title.

[BE SEATED]

Lesson VII (Job 17. 1-3, 11-15)

My spirit shall be wasted, my days shall be shortened, and only the grave remaineth for me. I have not sinned, and yet my eye abideth in bitterness. Deliver me, O Lord, and set me beside Thee, and no man's hand may prevail against me. My days have passed away, my thoughts are dissipated, tormenting my heart. My anguished ruminations have turned night into day, and therefore make me believe after sunset that light will soon come to dispel the darkness. If I wait for the light, hell is my house, and I have only made my bed in darkness. I have said to the grave: thou art my father; to worms, my mother and my sister. Where is then my hope for deliverance, and who is there who will care that I wait for it?

✠ The fear of death troubles me: sinning daily and not repenting,
Because in Hell there is no redemption.

Have mercy on me, O God and save me.

✠ O God, in Thy name, save me; and in Thy strength, deliver me:
Because in Hell there is no redemption.

Lesson VIII (Job 19. 20-27)

The flesh being consumed, my bone hath cleaved to my skin, and nothing but lips are left about my teeth. Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you who are my friends, for the hand of the Lord hath afflicted me. Why do you also persecute me as God does, and glut yourselves with my flesh? Will no one suffer that my words may be written? Will no one grant that they will be marked down in a book or chiselled in a plate of lead with an iron pen, or else be graven with an instrument of flint stone? For I know that I have a Defender Who will prove me forever. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the last day, I shall rise out of the earth. And I shall be clothed again with my skin; and in my flesh, I shall see my God: Whom I myself shall see, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. This, my hope, is laid up in my bosom.

- ℞ O Lord, judge me not according to my deeds,
For I have done nothing worthy in Thy sight;
Therefore, I beseech Thy Majesty, that Thou, O God,
mayst blot out my iniquity.
- ℣ Wash me, O Lord, yet more from my injustice,
and cleanse me from my sin,
Because, in Hell, there is no redemption.

Lesson IX (Job 10. 18-22)

Why didst Thou bring me forth out of the womb? O, that I had been consumed, that eye might not see me! I should have been as one never born, carried from the womb to the grave. Shall not the fewness of my days be ended shortly? Suffer me, therefore, that I may lament my sorrow a little before I go to the place of no return, to a land that is dark and drear, to a world that is covered with the mist of death, a land of misery and gloom, where dwelleth the shadow of death, and no order, but everlasting horror.

If all three nocturns have been prayed together, pray the following responsory and versicles; otherwise, omit these and go to the set which follows them

- ℞ Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that dreadful day,
when the heavens and the earth are to be moved:
when Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
- ℣ I tremble and do fear, when the examination is to be,
and Thy wrath to come.
When the heavens and the earth are to be moved.
- ℣ That day is the day of anger, of calamity and of misery,
a great day and very bitter,
When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
- ℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
- ℞ Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that dreadful day,
when the heavens and the earth are to be moved:
when Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

If only the third nocturn has been prayed, pray the following Responsoy and versicles in place of those foregoing.

℟ Deliver me, O Lord, from the ways of hell,
Thou Who hast broken the brazen gates, and hast visited hell,
and hast given light to them that they might behold Thee.

℣ Who were in the pains of darkness,

℣ Crying, and saying: Thou art come, O our Redeemer,

℣ Who were in the pains of darkness,

℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣ Who were in the pains of darkness.

[℣ (*Cleric:*) The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.]

[KNEEL OR REMAIN KNEELING]

Let us pray.

**Collect for All Souls' Day
(and to be used generally in its octave)**

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℟ Amen.

℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

℟ And let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣ May they rest in peace.

℟ Amen.

The following Collects might be used generally in November or in requiem novenas. After any of them, close with the foregoing requiem versicles and responses.

**Collect for Several Deceased People
To be used on the eve of Remembrance Day
and generally throughout November,
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O God, Whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, have mercy on the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and grant them the remission of all their sins, so that, being delivered from the bonds of mortality, they may be found worthy to enter into life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Priest

O God, Who didst raise Thy servant **N.** (Thy servants, **N.** and **N.**) to the dignity of priest in the apostolic priesthood, grant, we beseech Thee, that he/they may be joined in fellowship with Thine apostles forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Man

Incline Thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, in which we humbly intreat Thy mercy. Bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant **N.**, which Thou hast summoned to go forth from this world, and bid him to be numbered with Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Woman

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy loving kindness, to have mercy on the soul of Thy handmaid **N.**, and now that she is released from the perils of this mortal flesh, to give her part in Thine eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

**Collect for Deceased Members of a Congregation,
and for their brethren, relatives and benefactors**

O God, Who grantest and desirest the salvation of mankind, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to grant that the brethren of our congregation, together with their relatives and benefactors, who have passed out of this life, may partake of everlasting bliss through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and of all Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased father and/or Mother

O God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother, in Thy mercy, have compassion on the soul(s) of my father/mother (or father and mother). Forgive them/him/her their sins, and grant unto me to see them/him/her again in the day of eternal bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Other Collects may be found in the appendix to this devotion. Several are for a departed soul on the day of his death or burial; on the third, seventh and thirtieth day after his death or burial; and on the anniversary of his death or burial. Others are for a deceased pope and a deceased bishop.

**Close for all Collects,
and ending of Matins if only the first nocturn is to be prayed:**

- ✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
- ✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- ✠ May they rest in peace.
- ✠ Amen.

Lauds of the Dead will now follow at its appointed or its preferred time, or immediately.



–LAUDS–

If Lauds be prayed separately, begin with Pater and Ave whilst kneeling; otherwise, begin immediately with the following Antiphon.

[STAND OR REMAIN STANDING]

Antiphon. The bones that have been humbled
shall rejoice in Thee, O Lord.

Psalm 50: Miserere

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

[BE SEATED]

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies,
blot out my iniquity.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my guilt, and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee:

so that Thou mayest manifest Thy justice in passing sentence,
and prove Thy wisdom in rendering judgement.

For, behold, I was conceived in iniquities,
and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For, behold, Thou hast loved truth:
the secret and hidden things of Thy wisdom,
Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed;
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing, Thou shalt give joy and gladness:
and the bones that have been humbled
shall rejoice in Thee, O Lord.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create a clean heart in me, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy face;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways;
and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from the guilt of blood, O God,

Thou God of my salvation:

and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips,

and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For, if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it:

with burnt offerings, Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit;

a contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion,

that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice:

oblations and whole burnt offerings.

Then shall they lay calves upon Thy Altar.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** The bones that have been humbled

shall rejoice in Thee, O Lord.]

Antiphon 2. Hear, O Lord, my prayer: f

or all flesh must come unto Thee.

Psalm 64: Te decet hymnus

A hymn of praise, O God, becometh Thee in Sion;

and a vow shall be offered to Thee in Jerusalem.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: for all flesh must come unto Thee.

The words of the wicked have prevailed over us,

and yet Thou wilt pardon our transgressions.

Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen and taken to Thee.

He shall dwell in Thy courts.

We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house.

Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in justice.

Hear us, O God our Saviour, Who art the hope of all,

even to the ends of the earth, and far off into the sea.

Thou dost prepare the mountains by Thy strength,

being girded with power;

Thou dost stir the depths of the sea

and causeth the roaring of its waves.

Thou makest the gateways of morning and of evening joyfully
to praise Thee, and at Thy signs, the Gentiles shall be troubled,
and they that dwell in the uttermost borders
shall be seized with fear.

Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it.
Thou hast enriched it abundantly.

The river of God is filled with water. Thou dost provide the grain,
for Thou hast prepared for its growth.

Thou waterest the furrows of the earth abundantly,
and Thou dost multiply its fruits.

Thy gentle raindrops gladden the crops,
and Thou dost bless their shoots.

Thou crownest the year with Thy generosity,
and Thy fields shall be filled with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat,
and the little hills shall be girded about with joy.

The pastures are clothed with sheep,
and the vales shall abound with corn.

They shall shout, yea, they shall sing a hymn of praise.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Hear, O Lord, my prayer:
for all flesh must come unto Thee.]

Antiphon 3. Thy right hand hath upheld me.

Psalm 62: Deus, Deus meus, ad te

O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day.

For Thee, my soul hath thirsted;

for Thee, my flesh longeth, O, how exceedingly!

In a desert land, where there is no water and no path,
have I come before Thee in Thy holy sanctuary,
that I might see Thy power and Thy glory.

For Thy mercy is better than life: My lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee all my life long;

and, in Thy name, I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be sated as with marrow and fatness:

and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.

I will remember Thee upon my bed,
and I will meditate on Thee in the night watches:
because Thou hast been my helper.
And I will rejoice under the covert of Thy wings.
My soul hath cleaved unto Thee.
Thy right hand hath upheld me.
But my enemies have sought my soul in vain.
They shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
They shall be delivered into the power of the sword.
They shall be the portion of foxes.
Whereas the king shall rejoice in God.
All they shall be praised that swear by Him:
because the mouth of them that speak wicked things
is stopped.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[Antiphon. Thy right hand hath upheld me.]

Antiphon 4. From the gate of hell, deliver my soul, O Lord.

Canticle of Ezechias (Isaias 38. 10-20)

I said: In the midst of my days, I shall go to the gates of hell.
I am deprived of the remainder of my years.
I said: I shall not see the Lord God again in the land of the living.
I shall behold man no more, nor the inhabitants of this world.
My generation is at an end,
and it is rolled away from me as a shepherd's tent.
My life is cut off as by a weaver.
Whilst I was yet but beginning, he cut me off.
From the morning even to night, Thou wilt make an end of me.
I hoped until morning. As a lion, so hath He broken all my bones.
From morning even to night, Thou wilt make an end of me.
I will cry like a young swallow; I will meditate like a dove.
My eyes are dimmed, looking upward.
O Lord, I suffer violence. Answer Thou for me.
What shall I say, or what shall He answer for me,
whereas He himself hath afflicted me?

In the bitterness of my soul, I will recount to Thee all my years.
O Lord, if man's life be such,
 and the life of my spirit be in such things as these,
 Thou shalt correct me, and make me to live.
Behold, in peace is my bitterness most bitter;
 but Thou hast delivered my soul, that it should not perish.
 Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.
For hell shall not confess to Thee; neither shall death praise Thee;
 nor shall they that go down into the pit look for Thy truth.
The living, the living: he shall give praise to Thee, as I do this day.
 The father shall make Thy truth known to the children.
O Lord, save me, and we will sing our psalms all the days of our life
 in the house of the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** From the gate of hell, deliver my soul, O Lord.]

Antiphon 5. Let every living creature praise the Lord.

Psalm 150: Laudate Dominum

Praise ye the Lord in His holy place;
 praise ye Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise ye Him for His mighty acts; praise ye Him
 according to the multitude of His greatness.
Praise Him with sound of trumpet; praise Him with psaltery and harp.
Praise Him with timbrel and choir;
 praise Him with strings and organs.
Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals;
 praise Him on cymbals of joy.
Let every living creature praise the Lord. Alleluia.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[**Antiphon.** Let every living creature praise the Lord.]

✠ I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me:

℟ Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

[**STAND**]

Antiphon at the Benedictus. I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, even though he die, shall live; and whosoever lives and believes in Me shall not die forever.

Canticle of Zachary (St. Luke 1. 68-79)

Blessed ✠ be the Lord God of Israel:

for He hath visited and wrought the redemption of His people;

And hath raised up a horn of salvation to us

in the house of His servant, David.

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,

who are from the beginning:

Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of them that hate us,

To perform mercy to our fathers,

and to remember His holy covenant and

The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,

that he would grant unto us,

That, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

we might serve Him without fear

In holiness and justice before Him all the days of our life.

And Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest,

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

to prepare His ways:

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people

for the remission of their sins,

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God,

whereby the Orient from on high hath visited us;

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death;

to direct our feet into the way of peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

[Antiphon. I am the Resurrection and the Life.

He who believes in Me, even though he die, shall live;

and whosoever lives and believes in Me shall not die forever.]

Now Our Father ... is continued silently and whilst kneeling whilst kneeling to

✠ And lead us not into temptation,
✠ But deliver us from evil.

The following Psalm is recited only on ferial days and, even then, is omitted on the day of death or burial of a faithful being commemorated. It should also be omitted on All Souls' Day and in its octave and on any feastday of the first, second or third class.

[REMAIN KNEELING]

Psalm 129: *De profundis clamavi*

Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice.

O, let Thine ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

For with Thee, there is merciful forgiveness;

and because of Thy law have I waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul trusteth in His word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

For, with the Lord, there is mercy;

and with Him, there is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Whether or not the foregoing Psalm be prayed, continue as follows:

✠ From the gates of Hell,

✠ Deliver their/his/her soul(s), O Lord.

✠ May they/he/she rest in peace.

✠ Amen.

✠ O Lord, hear my prayer,

✠ And let my cry come unto Thee.

[✠ (*Cleric:*) The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.]

Let us pray.

**Collect for All Souls' Day
(and to be used generally in its octave)**

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through our pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

℣ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

℟ And let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣ May they rest in peace.

℟ Amen.

The following Collects might be used generally in November
or in requiem novenas.

After any of them, close with the foregoing requiem versicles
and responses.

[REMAIN KNEELING]

Let us pray.

**Collect for several Deceased People
To be used on the eve of Remembrance Day
and generally throughout November,
the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

O God, Whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, have mercy on the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and grant them the remission of all their sins, so that, being delivered from the bonds of mortality, they may be found worthy to enter into life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Go to the close at the end of the Collects.

Collect for a Deceased Priest

O God, Who didst raise Thy servant **N.** (Thy servants, **N.** and **N.**) to the dignity of priest in the apostolic priesthood, grant, we beseech Thee, that he/they may be joined in fellowship with Thine apostles forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Man

Incline Thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, in which we humbly intreat Thy mercy. Bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant **N.**, which Thou hast summoned to go forth from this world, and bid him to be numbered with Thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Woman

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy loving kindness, to have mercy on the soul of Thy handmaid **N.**, and now that she is released from the perils of this mortal flesh, to give her part in Thine eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

Collect for Deceased Members of a Congregation, and for their brethren, relatives and benefactors

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Collect for a Deceased father and/or Mother

O God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother, in Thy mercy, have compassion on the soul(s) of my father/mother (or father and mother). Forgive them/him/her their sins, and grant unto me to see them/him/her again in the day of eternal bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen. *Go to the close at the end of the Collects.*

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Close for all Collects:

✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
✠ May they rest in peace.
✠ Amen.

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Extra Collects for Special Occasion

At the end of each *hora*, and at the end of each nocturn in Matins, the following Collects may be substituted for stated cause.

[REMAIN KNEELING]

Let us pray.

Collect to be used on the Day of Death of a Departed Soul

O God, Whose property it is ever to have mercy and to spare, in behalf of the soul of Thy servant/handmaid **N.**, whom Thou hast this day called out of this world, we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldst not deliver him/her into the hands of the enemy, nor forget him/her forever, but wouldst command Thy holy angels to take him/her and lead him/her to the home of Paradise, that, forasmuch as, in Thee, he/she put his/her hope and trust, he/she may not endure the pains of Hell but may come to the possession of eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

(In rare cases of several departed dying on the same day, the personal pronouns may be pluralised.)

Go to the close at the end of these additional Collects.

Collect to be used on the Day of Death or Burial of a Departed Soul

We beseech Thee, O Lord, deliver the soul of Thy servant/handmaid **N.**, that, being dead to this world, he/she may live to Thee; and whatsoever sins he/she has committed through human frailty, do Thou wipe away by the pardon of Thy merciful goodness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

(In rare cases of several departed dying on the same day, the personal pronouns may be pluralised.)

Go to the close at the end of these additional Collects.

**Collect to be used on the Third, Seventh and Thirtieth Day
after Death or Burial of a Departed Soul**

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldst deign to grant fellowship with Thy saints and elect to the soul of Thy servant/handmaid **N.**, whose death/burial three/seven/thirty days since we commemorate, and wouldst pour into it the everlasting dew of Thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

(In rare cases of several departed dying on the same day, the personal pronouns may be pluralised.)

Go to the close at the end of these additional Collects.

**Collect for the Anniversary of Death
or Burial of a Departed Soul**

O God, the Lord of mercies, grant to the soul(s) of Thy servant(s)/handmaid(s) **N.**, whose anniversary we are keeping, a place of refreshment, rest and happiness, and the glory of Thy light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of these additional Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Pontiff

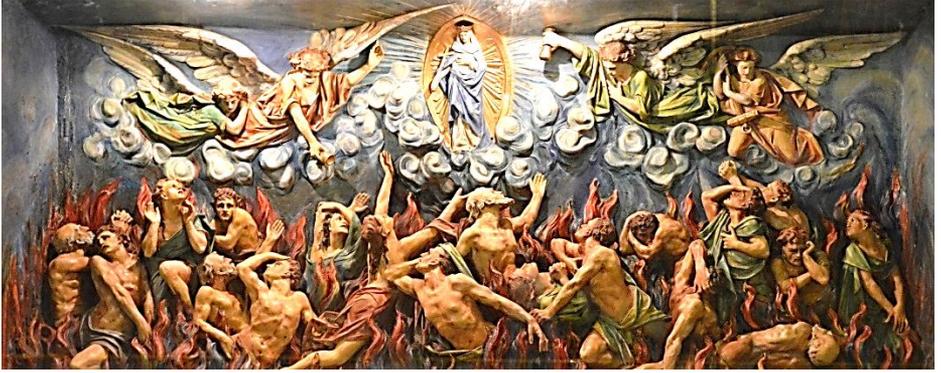
O God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, wast pleased to number Thy servant **N.** among the sovereign pontiffs: grant, we beseech Thee, that he who reigned as the vicar of Thy Son on earth may be joined to fellowship with Thy holy pontiffs forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of these additional Collects.*

Collect for a Deceased Bishop

O God, Who wast pleased to raise Thy servant **N.** (servants **N.** and **N.**) to the dignity of the episcopate, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe to admit him/them to the fellowship of Thy holy bishops forevermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who is God, and liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen. Go to the close at the end of these additional Collects.*

Close for all Collects:

- ✠ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
✠ And let perpetual light shine upon them.
✠ May they rest in peace.
✠ Amen.



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