



HOLY SOULS APOSTOLATE

**A Lay Apostolate in
the Diocese of Lincoln**

“The souls in Purgatory repay the prayers that we say for them.”

- St. Padre Pio

“If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.”

- St. Paul of the Cross

“As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say ‘a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory’.”

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

ROSARY DECADE INTENTIONS

1st decade: Family & relatives

2nd decade: Friends, acquaintances &
benefactors

3rd decade: The deceased of our diocese &
parish

4th decade: Those who suffer the most &
those who have been
forgotten

5th decade: All of the souls in purgatory

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6th decade: Priests & Religious
(*or can choose any category*)

7th decade: Those who must endure a
very long purgatory
(*or can choose any category*)

ROSARY CLOSING PRAYERS

[To follow the Hail Holy Queen]

Let us pray:

Prayer For A Deceased Man

*(Said when there is a male entry in
the deceased calendar for this day)*

Incline, O Lord, your ear to our prayers, in which we humbly beseech your mercy, that you would place the soul of your servant, **{name}**, which you have caused to depart from this world, into the region of peace and light; and unite him in the fellowship of your Saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For A Deceased Woman

*(Said when there is a female entry in
the deceased calendar for this day)*

We beseech you, O Lord, of your goodness to have mercy on the soul of your handmaid **{name}**; do you, who have freed her from the perils of this mortal life, vouchsafe to number her forevermore among the saved. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Family, Friends & Benefactors

O God, the giver of pardon and lover of human salvation, we beseech your clemency to grant that my relations, friends, and benefactors who are departed from this world may, by the intercession of the blessed Mary, ever virgin, and of all your saints, attain to the fellowship of eternal beatitude. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Special Groups

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful departed, give to the souls of your servants, most especially:

Monday	My family & relatives
Tuesday	My friends, acquaintances & benefactors
Wednesday	Those within my diocese & parish
Thursday	Those who suffer the most & those who have been forgotten
Friday	All of the Holy Souls
Saturday	Priests & religious <i>(or can choose any category)</i>
Sunday	Those who must endure a very long purgatory <i>(or can choose any category)</i>

the remission of all their sins, that by pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing

O Holy Souls, as one devoted to you, I shall make every attempt to remember you often and to pray to the Most High for your release.

I beseech you to obtain for me from God, with whom you are so powerful on behalf of the living, that I might be freed from all dangers of soul and body.

I beg for myself - as well as my relations, benefactors, friends & enemies - pardon for our sins and the grace of perseverance in good, whereby we may save our souls. Amen.

OTHER BENEFICIAL PRACTICES

Members of the Apostolate are always encouraged to do more for the Holy Souls. Other practices that are encouraged are:

- Arranging for Masses to be said for the poor souls
- Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the holy souls
- Offering up one's Communion for the deceased that they may soon be released and enter into Heaven
- Sprinkling holy water with the intention of assisting the holy souls
- Visiting a cemetery to pray for the deceased
- Lighting a candle in one's parish for the poor souls
- Gather together as groups to pray together the rosary and closing prayers
- Educating others on Purgatory and how to ease the suffering of those therein

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for All Souls Day*

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