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PEOPLE

Prayers for Grieving and
Remembering Loved Ones



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In Memoriam



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*He restores
my soul.*

Psalm 23.3



Introduction



The month of November is traditionally when the Church remembers those that have died. During this month, we are invited to pray for our family members and friends who have passed away, whether they died recently or a longer time ago.

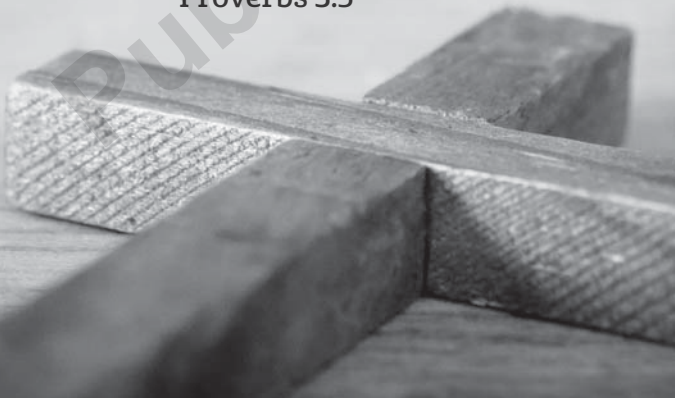
The month begins with All Saints' Day (Nov 1), during which we commemorate women and men who committed themselves to a great degree of holiness in their personal lives and witnessed to the saving power of Christ's death and resurrection in a special way.

On Nov 2, we commemorate All Souls' Day, that is, we pray for all of the faithful departed. On this day in particular, all Catholics pray for the dead.

The booklet you hold in your hands is an aid to help you celebrate this month. Page 4 gives you space to write down the special people in your life that you wish to remember and pray for this month. The pages throughout include a wide range of prayers for various occasions, which you can pray to commemorate your lost loved ones. Whether your loss is more immediate and you are struggling with feelings of grief, loss and hopelessness, or you are simply commemorating special anniversaries of loved ones who died a while ago, in this booklet you will find the prayers you need for this special month of prayer.

Trust in the
Lord
with all your
heart.

Proverbs 3.5





Prayer for Those Who Are Dying



Prayer for Those Who Are Dying

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O Holy Spirit,
the soul's most welcome guest,
pour out your love
on all those who are dying.
Comfort and sustain them
in their suffering and fear;
fill them with your peace
in their final moments.
Let your joy fill them as they draw closer
to the heavenly banquet.
And with mercy, accompany them
as they run to greet our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Prayers for Those Who Have Died



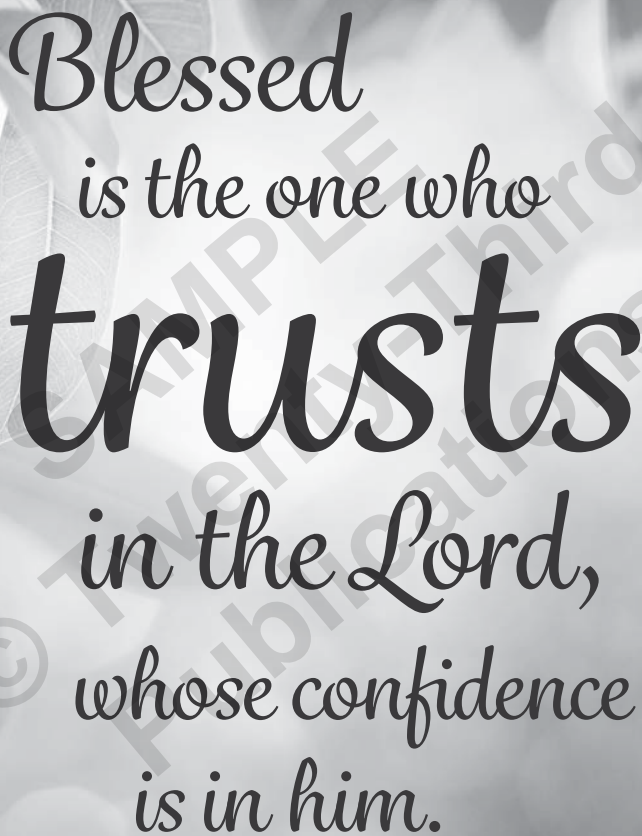
Prayer for the Recently Deceased

Loving God,
during this time of great sorrow
come to comfort me.
During this time of my loss
take my loved one to be with you.
Embrace my loved one in your tender care,
and bring them to a place of eternal rest.
As for us, who are left behind in sadness,
wipe our tears of sorrow;
fill us with hope
and peace everlasting.
In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Prayers for Those Who Have Died

God our Father,
your power brings us to birth,
your providence guides our lives,
and by your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in your presence;
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to you alone.
In company with Christ,
who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing your praise forever and ever.
Amen.

God of love and kindness,
by the mystery of the cross
your Son, Jesus, conquered sin and death.
Look kindly upon your servant _____.
Cleanse him/her of sin,
and grant him/her the joy of eternal life.
Amen.



Blessed
is the one who
trusts
in the Lord,
whose confidence
is in him.

Jeremiah 17.7



Prayers from the Saints



Prayer for the Dead

Receive in tranquility and peace, O Lord,
the souls of your servants
who have departed this present life to come to you.
Grant them rest
and place them in the habitations of light,
the abodes of blessed spirits.
Give them the life that will not age,
good things that will not pass away,
delights that have no end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch



A Wonderful Birth

Death is the ultimate grace
and the culmination of our Christian life.
It is not the end, as too many think,
but the beginning of a wonderful birth.
It marks not the end of a creature,
but their true development,
their full realization in love.
It fulfills our belonging in God's life,
removing the barriers that, here on Earth,
prevent us from enjoying life in God completely.
Death slows us to attend freely
to Love Eternal,
to be aware that Love gives itself to us
and to live in God forever...
When I think about my approaching death,
I say to myself,
"Good - soon I will see God!"

Venerable Marthe Robin

Prayer

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you
and a hope of finally embracing you.
Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas



Lord, Bless All People

Lord, bless all who are filled with sadness.
Bless the broken spirits of those who suffer,
the oppressive solitude of the lonely people,
the person who knows no rest,
the suffering that we confide to no one.

Bless the procession
of night owls
that do not fear the specter
of unknown roads.

Bless the sufferings of those
who are dying this day.
Dear God, give them
a good death.

Bless hearts, Lord,
hearts that are bitter.
Above all,
comfort the sick,
teach forgetfulness to those
who have lost the one they love most.
Leave no one on the whole earth
in distress.

Bless those who are full of joy,
and protect them, Lord.
So far, you have never
delivered me from sadness.
It sometimes weighs heavily on me,
but you give me your strength
and so I can bear it.
Amen.

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross