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Prayers for November

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

This month, as we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, let us pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, especially those of our family, friends, and fellow Knights who have gone before us. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Prayer to the Saints

In the month of November, we call upon the intercession of the saints to help guide us as we strive to live out our faith. We look to their examples of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion as inspiration for our own lives.

Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

November in the Catholic Church is a time of solemn reflection, prayer, and hope. It is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, a time when the faithful are particularly called to pray for those who have died and await the fullness of union with God in heaven. This month offers Catholics a unique opportunity to meditate on the Communion of Saints, the promise of eternal life, and the loving mercy of God that extends to all souls.

Understanding Purgatory and the Communion of Saints

Purgatory, as understood by the Catholic Church, is a state of purification for souls who have died in God's grace but are not yet perfectly purified to enter heaven. According to Catholic teaching, nothing impure can enter heaven, and purgatory serves as a merciful process of purification, allowing these souls to be fully prepared for eternal life with God.

The Communion of Saints encompasses all members of the Church: the faithful on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls in purgatory. The Church encourages prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory, believing that such acts help them in their journey to God. This month invites us to remember the deceased with special Masses, prayers, and the offering of indulgences.

Indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Church offers specific indulgences during November, especially around All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2). Visiting a cemetery to pray for the departed and participating in Masses dedicated to the souls in purgatory are ways Catholics can obtain indulgences on behalf of the deceased, aiding in their purification process.

Liturgically Important Days and Feast Days in November

1. November 1 - All Saints' Day (Solemnity)

This holy day of obligation celebrates all saints, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. It is a day to honor those who have reached the fullness of life with God and serves as an inspiration for the faithful on earth.

2. November 2 - All Souls' Day (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

A day dedicated to praying for all the souls in purgatory. Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass and visit cemeteries to offer prayers for the deceased. The Church recognizes the need for ongoing prayers to help those who have gone before us.

3. November 3 - St. Martin de Porres (Optional Memorial)

Known for his humility and care for the poor, St. Martin is a powerful intercessor for charity and compassion, qualities that align closely with the spirit of November.

4. November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo (Memorial)

A reformer and bishop, St. Charles dedicated his life to the Church's spiritual renewal. His feast encourages Catholics to seek renewal and purity in their own lives.

5. November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

The Lateran Basilica in Rome is the oldest church in the West and symbolizes unity with the Pope and the universal Church.

6. November 10 - St. Leo the Great (Memorial)

As Pope and Doctor of the Church, St. Leo fought heresies and helped shape Catholic theology. His feast reminds Catholics of the importance of truth and the defense of faith.

7. November 11 - St. Martin of Tours (Memorial)

A soldier who became a monk and then a bishop, St. Martin is remembered for his charity, famously depicted in the story of sharing his cloak with a beggar.

8. November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Memorial)

Known as Mother Cabrini, she was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized and is a patroness of immigrants. Her feast day calls for prayers for those seeking refuge and a new beginning.

9. **November 15 - St. Albert the Great (Optional Memorial)**
A scientist, bishop, and Doctor of the Church, St. Albert's feast celebrates the compatibility of faith and reason.
10. **November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)**
Known for her charity and dedication to the poor, St. Elizabeth inspires Catholics to serve others and live out their faith through good works.
11. **November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul (Optional Memorial)**
This day commemorates the dedication of two of the most important basilicas in Rome, representing the foundations of the Church and the apostolic faith.
12. **November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**
This feast celebrates the dedication of Mary's life to God from her early years, reminding Catholics of their own consecration to God's service.
13. **November 22 - St. Cecilia (Memorial)**
The patroness of music, St. Cecilia is remembered for her faith and courage in the face of martyrdom. Her feast day is a celebration of the arts and the role of beauty in the Church.
14. **November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (Memorial)**
This day commemorates the Vietnamese martyrs who bore witness to their faith under severe persecution, reminding the faithful of the call to courage.
15. **November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)**
The final Sunday of Ordinary Time celebrates Christ as King over all creation, marking the end of the liturgical year and preparing the faithful for Advent.
16. **November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**
The first-called of the Apostles, St. Andrew's feast day reminds Catholics of the missionary spirit and the call to spread the Gospel.

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Daily Devotions and Practices for November

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory

Catholics are encouraged to offer the following prayers throughout November:

- The Eternal Rest Prayer: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."
- St. Gertrude's Prayer: This traditional prayer is said to have been given to St. Gertrude the Great in a vision from Christ, promising that each time it is recited, 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory. "Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory."

Indulgences for the Faithful Departed

The Church offers specific indulgences for the souls in purgatory, particularly during the first eight days of November. By visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased, as well as by attending Mass, Catholics can obtain indulgences to help shorten the purification of these souls.

Other Notable Practices

- Attending Masses Dedicated to the Holy Souls: Many parishes offer Masses in November specifically for the souls in purgatory.
- Almsgiving and Sacrifices: The Church encourages acts of charity, fasting, and other sacrifices to aid the souls in purgatory.
- Lighting Candles: Lighting candles for the deceased is a beautiful tradition symbolizing Christ as the light that guides them to heaven.

Grand Knight's Digest

Brother Knights,

As we enter this season of reflection and remembrance, November calls us to honor the saints who guide us and pray for the souls who await union with Christ. This is a time for renewal in our faith journey, and as Knights of Columbus, we are called to be examples of hope and light in our community.

This month's feasts, including All Saints and All Souls, remind us that we are united with all the faithful, living and deceased, as the Body of Christ. Let us strengthen our unity as a council and our commitment to our mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Let the examples of saints like St. Martin of Tours (Nov. 11) and St. Andrew (Nov. 30) inspire us to greater acts of charity and service.

We also approach the season of Advent, a time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Consider how you might deepen your prayer life and engage in works of mercy during this time of preparation.

May we continue to support each other as Knights and grow in our faith together. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus,

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The Spiritual Significance of November

November's focus on death and purification reminds the faithful of the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. This theme encourages Catholics to live with a spirit of humility, repentance, and charity, always mindful of their ultimate destiny with God. By praying for the deceased and performing acts of mercy, Catholics participate in the ongoing mission of the Church, bridging heaven and earth through love and intercession.

As we journey through this holy month, may our prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory draw us closer to God and to our eternal family in the Communion of Saints. Let this November be a time of hope and renewal, where we deepen our connection to those who have gone before us, awaiting the day when all will be united with Christ in glory.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November

For Those Who Have Left the Faith: Let us pray for those who feel separated from God, that they may be drawn to the light of Christ through the love and witness of the Christian community. May our lives of service and devotion inspire others to return to their faith.

Council Notes

- **Go to our Website and share it with friends!**
kofc839.org
- **The Gavel is Now Entirely Electronic:** The physical copy of the Gavel has been deprecated due to rising costs and the larger societal move toward a more online desire for news and information. The electronic copy of the Gavel will continue as before.
- Next 5th Sunday: December 29th
- Memorial Mass: Memorial Mass at Neuman Center, 5:30 PM with dinner to follow

Community Notes

- Turkey Shoot: November 10th 12:00 – 5:00 PM at the VFW in La Crosse. Please volunteer if you can. Also, the council is looking for donations for the silent auction



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NOVEMBER 2024 *Activity Calendars* **DECEMBER 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	3pm Chaplet Joe Znidarsich	7	8
10 TURKEY SHOOT	11 Rosary & Council 839 Meeting	12	13	3pm Chaplet Larry Hubert	14	15
17	18	19	20	3pm Chaplet Bill Jaekel	21	22
24	25	26	27	3pm Chaplet Kent Stein	28	29

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Rosary & Council 839 Meeting	10	11	3pm Chaplet Larry Hubert	12	13
15	16	17	18	3pm Chaplet Henry Althoff	19	20
22	23	24	25	3pm Chaplet Charlie Peters	26	27
29	30	31		3pm Chaplet Henry Althoff		