

# NOVEMBER

## Prayer for the Faithful Departed

### *In November, We Remember*

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead is a powerful act of mercy and hope, and the Church offers a special indulgence for those who do so. Come and pray with us as we remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

#### **Saturday, November 8**

2:00pm     Onesquethaw Cemetery, 1923 Tarrytown Rd, Feura Bush

#### **Sunday, November 9**

1:00pm     Bethlehem Cemetery, 286 Kenwood Ave, Delmar

#### **Saturday, November 15**

10:00am     Woodlawn Cemetery, 1820 Helderberg Trail, Berne

11:00am     Knox Cemetery, 2075 NY-156, Altamont

12:00pm     Fairview Cemetery, 6400 Hawes Rd, Altamont

#### **Sunday, November 16**

1:00pm     Calvary Cemetery, 481 US-9W, Glenmont

#### **Saturday, November 22**

11:00am     Elmwood Cemetery 922 US-9W, Selkirk

12:00pm     Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, 41 Jolley Rd, Glenmont

Fr. Matt will be leading prayer at each of these times and places. Maybe you know someone who is buried in these cemeteries, and maybe not. You are invited to join in prayer at these local cemeteries and ask the Lord to welcome all the faithful departed into the light of eternal life.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## **Indulged Prayers for the Faithful Departed**

There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November. During November, the Church offers two types of indulgences for the souls in purgatory: plenary (full) and partial (in part). A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to sin, while a partial indulgence removes part of it. Both are offered through the mercy of Christ for the help of those who have died.

A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

- on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
- on All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

A *partial indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

- devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;
- devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer *Requiem aeternam* (Eternal rest).

## **How to Gain an Indulgence**

An indulgence is the Church's way of sharing in the mercy of Christ, the remission of the temporal effects of sin for those who are already forgiven. These acts are a powerful expression of love and mercy toward our deceased brothers and sisters. To share in these graces, the Church invites us to fulfill the following conditions. During November 1–8, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead (a partial indulgence may be gained on other days of the month).

To receive the indulgence, one must:

- Be in the state of grace
- Have no attachment to sin, even venial
- Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father and Hail Mary suffice)

Confession, Communion, and prayer for the Pope may be completed within about 20 days of the cemetery visit.