

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

We are encouraged to pray for our departed loved ones throughout the year and in a special way throughout the month of November. Especially throughout the month of November, we are encouraged to pray for all those journeying to heaven. Our prayers are focused on those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why our prayers for our departed loved ones are so important.

Praying for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy and what better way to give expression to our prayers than to attend Mass. Visiting the resting places of our departed loved ones is also an honorable practice. Pray for departed family members and friends. Pray for all the souls in Purgatory.

Our prayers especially this month focus on helping those who are still waiting to enter Heaven. As we pray for our departed loved ones, we are reminded of the hope that we have in eternal life.

In all that we say and do, let us pray that we are walking in the light of the Lord and that light one day will lead us into the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven where we will live with the Lord forever.

-Fr. Raphael