

# **NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.**

(By St. Alphonsus de Liguori.)

Let us commend to Jesus Christ and His holy Mother the souls in Purgatory, in particular those of our relatives, benefactors, friends, and enemies; especially those for whom we are bound to pray; and let us offer the following consideration and prayers for them, pondering over the great sufferings which these spouses of Christ endure.

## **EXPLANATION OF A NOVENA.**

A "Novena" consists of acts of devotion, performed on nine consecutive days, to obtain a particular grace of either spiritual or temporal nature. These acts of devotion may consist of vocal prayers (for instance, nine "Hail Marys," followed by a "Hail, Holy Queen," or any other short prayer, or nine "Glory be to the Father," or a fixed number of ejaculatory prayers whilst at work, etc.) ; reception of the holy sacraments; acts of mortification (for example to refrain from unnecessary talk, to abstain from a particular kind of food we have a craving for, to break off sleep, and to spend this time in a pious manner, not to take a very comfortable posture while at prayer, etc.)

A person may choose the acts of devotion for himself, or better still, have them determined by his spiritual director. Particular care should be taken to avoid even the least voluntary venial sin and fault.

By a Novena pious Catholics prepare themselves for the feasts of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin, or a particular saint; or pay honor to a special mystery of our holy religion.

The first Novena was made by the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles, at the command of our Lord Himself. It lasted from the Ascension of Christ into Heaven until the descent of the Holy Ghost on the feast of Pentecost.

## **FIRST DAY.**

Manifold are the sufferings which those blessed souls must endure, but the greatest of all is the reflection that their sins in life are the cause of their present torments.

### **Prayer.**

O Jesus, my Savior, I have so often deserved to be cast into hell; how great would my suffering if I were now cast away and obliged to think that I, myself, had caused my damnation! I thank Thee for the patience with which Thou hast endured me. My God, I love Thee above all things and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee because Thou art infinite goodness. I will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of perseverance; have pity on me, and at the same time on those blessed souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

### **The Lord's Prayer.**

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### **Hail Mary**

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## **SECOND DAY.**

The second pain which causes these holy souls much suffering, is the time lost in life, when they might have gained merits for Heaven; and the thought, that they are unable to repair this loss, because the time of life and merit is passed.

Prayer.

Woe to me, unhappy being, so many years have I already spent on earth, and have earned naught but hell! I give Thee thanks, O Lord, for granting me time even now to atone for my sins. My good God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. Send me Thy assistance, that I may apply the time yet remaining to me for Thy love and service; have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

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### **THIRD DAY.**

Another great pain of the holy souls is caused by the hideous vision of their guilt, for which they now suffer. In this life the hideousness of sin is not seen as in the life to come; and this one of the greatest sufferings of Purgatory.

#### **Prayer.**

O my God! because Thou art infinite goodness, I love Thee above all things, and repent with my whole heart of my offences against Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. And thou, Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

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The pain that still more afflicts these holy souls, the spouses of Jesus, is the thought of having, during life, displeased by their sins that God Whom they so ardently love. Some penitents have felt

so much pain and sorrow in thinking of having, by their sins, offended so good a God, that they died of grief. The souls in Purgatory understand far better than we do, the claims that God has to our love; they love Him with all their strength. Hence, at the thought of having offended Him during life, they experience pain that surpasses all other pain.

### **Prayer.**

O my God! because Thou art infinite goodness, I am sorry with my whole heart for having offended Thee. I promise to die rather than ever offend Thee more. Give me holy perseverance; have pity on me, and have pity on those holy souls that burn in the cleansing fire, and love Thee with all their hearts. O Mary, Mother of God, assist them by thy powerful prayers.

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#### **FIFTH DAY.**

Another great suffering is caused these holy souls by the ignorance of the time of their deliverance. They are certain of being one day released, yet the uncertainty of the time when their purgatorial term will have ended, gives them great pain.

#### **Prayer.**

Woe to me, unhappy being, if Thou, O Lord, hadst cast me into hell; for from that dungeon of eternal pain there is no deliverance. I love Thee above all things, O infinite God, and I am sincerely sorry for having ever offended Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.



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## **SIXTH DAY.**

The holy souls are, indeed, comforted by the recollection of the passion of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, since they know they are saved by the passion of Jesus Christ, and have received, and still receive, so much consolation from Holy Masses and Holy Communions. Nevertheless, they are greatly pained by the recollection of their ingratitude for these two great gifts of the love of Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer.**

O my Divine Redeemer, Thou didst die for me on the Cross, and hast so often united Thyself with me in Holy Communion, and I have repaid Thee only with ingratitude. Now, however, I love Thee above all things, O supreme God; and I am more grieved at my offences against Thee than at any other evil. I will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

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### **SEVENTH DAY.**

A further great sorrow of these holy souls consists in their ardent desire for the beatific vision. Slowly and painfully the moments of their purgatorial imprisonment pass by; for, they love God deeply, and desire to be delivered from their sad prison in order to praise Him forever.

Prayer.

O God, Father of Mercy, satisfy this their ardent desire! Send them Thy holy Angel to announce to them that Thou, Their Father, art now reconciled with them through the suffering and death of Jesus, and that the moment of their deliverance has arrived.

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### **Prayer.**

O my God! I also am one of these ungrateful beings, having received so much grace, and yet despised Thy love, and deserved to be cast by Thee into hell. But Thy infinite goodness has spared me until now. Therefore, I now love Thee above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I will rather die than ever again offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

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Great are all the sufferings of the holy souls; the fire, the grief, the darkness, the uncertainty of the time of their deliverance from prison; but the greatest of all these sorrows is this, that these holy souls are separated from their divine Spouse, and deprived of His beatific vision.

### **Prayer.**

O my God! how was it possible that I, for so many years, have borne tranquilly the separation from Thee and Thy holy grace! O infinite Goodness, how long-suffering hast Thou shown Thyself to me! Henceforth, I shall love Thee above all things. I am deeply sorry for having offended Thee; I promise rather to die than to again offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance, and do not permit that I should ever again fall into sin.

Have compassion on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. I pray Thee, moderate their sufferings; shorten the time of their misery; call them soon unto Thee in Heaven, that they may behold Thee face to face, and forever love Thee.

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