

All Souls (November 2) Plenary Indulgence

Here's the gist:

You can ensure that your loved one is released from Purgatory! You may offer one plenary indulgence daily for the dead, from November 1 to November 8. So, you can free 9 loved ones from Purgatory this November! “Plenary” means “full or complete” and an “Indulgence” is a graced work that erases all temporal punishment due to sin; that is, it erases all Purgatory time. You can do this by:

- (1) Performing the (prescribed) indulgenced work, which includes:
 - Devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying, if only mentally, for the departed on any and each day from **November 1 to 8** (receive one plenary indulgence for one soul each day; 9 total); or
 - Devoutly visiting a church or an oratory and reciting an Our Father and the Creed **on All Souls' Day** to receive one plenary indulgence for one soul in Purgatory.
- (2) And fulfilling these additional requirements several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work, above:
 - Detachment from sin, even venial sin,
 - Sacramental confession,
 - Eucharistic Communion, and
 - Prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff (at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary, though one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention); the November 2022 intention of the Holy Father is for “Children who suffer” ¹.

¹ Children Who Suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Here are the details from the *Manual of Indulgences*:

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§1. To gain a plenary indulgence, in addition to excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, it is necessary to [1] perform the indulgenced work² and [2] fulfill the following three conditions:

- Sacramental confession,
- Eucharistic Communion, and
- Prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

§3. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work; it is, however, fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work is performed.

§5. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention.

From the *Manual of Indulgences*, "Norms on Indulgences"

29 FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

1° on any and each day from **November 1 to 8**, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;

2° **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.

From the *Manual of Indulgences*, "Other Concessions," 29 For the Faithful Departed, p.99

² see **29 For the Faithful Departed**, below, for details