

# Litany for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

O Jesus, You suffered and died that all mankind might be saved and brought to eternal happiness. Hear our pleas for further mercy on the souls of:

For my dear parents and grandparents, Jesus, have mercy!  
My brothers and sisters and other near relatives, Jesus, have mercy!  
My godparents and sponsors of confirmation, Jesus, have mercy!  
My spiritual and temporal benefactors, Jesus, have mercy!  
My friends and neighbors, Jesus, have mercy!  
All for whom love or duty calls me to pray, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who have suffered disadvantages or harm through me, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who are especially beloved by you, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those whose release is near at hand, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who desire most to be united with you, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who endure the greatest sufferings, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who are least remembered, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those whose release is most remote, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who are most deserving because of their services to the Church, Jesus, have mercy!  
The rich, who now are the most destitute, Jesus, have mercy!  
The mighty, who now are powerless, Jesus, have mercy!  
The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly, Jesus, have mercy!  
The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness, Jesus, have mercy!  
The poor who did not seek the treasures of heaven, Jesus, have mercy!  
The tepid, who devoted little time to prayer, Jesus, have mercy!  
The indolent, who neglected to perform good works, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the sacraments, Jesus, have mercy!  
The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace, Jesus, have mercy!  
Parents who failed to watch over their children, Jesus, have mercy!  
Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures, Jesus, have mercy!  
The worldly-minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who did not provide for the life hereafter, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those whose sentence is severe because of the great things entrusted to them, Jesus, have mercy!  
The popes, kings, and rulers, Jesus, have mercy!  
The bishops and their counselors, Jesus, have mercy!

My teachers and spiritual advisers, Jesus, have mercy!  
The priests and religious of the Catholic Church, Jesus, have mercy!  
The defenders of the holy faith, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who died on the battlefield, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who fought for their country, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who were buried in the sea, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who died of strokes, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who died of heart attacks, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who suffered and died of cancer or AIDS, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who died suddenly in accidents, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who died without the last rites of the Church, Jesus, have mercy!  
Those who shall die within the next 24 hours, Jesus, have mercy!  
My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before your judgment seat. Jesus, have mercy!

#### Closing Prayers

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
Let perpetual light shine upon them forever more  
with your saints in heaven because you are so gracious.

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

RESPONSE: And with your Spirit.

May the prayer of your suppliant people, we beseech you, O Lord,  
benefit the souls of your departed servants and handmaids.  
Deliver them from all their sins and make them partakers of your redemption.

Amen.