

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

It is a holy and wholesome thought that we should pray for the dead
that they may be loosed from their sins.

2 Macabees 12 : 46



The Church sets aside the month of November to remember in a special way the souls of all those who have gone before us. We especially pray for our loved ones, for our friends, for co-workers and for the most abandoned souls and for those souls closest to heaven, as well as for the affiliated members of our Institute and all of our former students, and benefactors.

We hold up to the merciful Lord our Brothers who have died this past year:

Brother Ken Pfister, FSC (Brother Kenneth of Mary)
Brother Leander Noone, FSC (Brother Josiah Leander)
Brother Gerard Pihaly, FSC (Brother Louis Gerard)
Brother Jerome Wegener, FSC (Brother Jerome David)



We remember that our God is always with us as we are part of the
Communion of Saints: the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the
souls of the faithful departed.

We bless You, O Lord. We praise You, and we give You glory.

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is His kindness toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him,
For He knows how we are formed;
He remembers that we are dust.
Our days are like those of grass;
like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
and his place knows him no more.
But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity to eternity
toward those who fear Him,
And is justice toward children's children
among those who keep His covenant
and remember to fulfill His precepts.

Let us Pray:
God, our Creator and Redeemer,
by Your power Christ conquered death
and returned to You in glory.
May all Your people who have gone before us in faith
share His victory
and enjoy the vision of Your glory.
We make our prayer in the name of the Risen Christ.
Amen.

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Jesus, by that shuddering dread which fell on You;
Jesus, by that cold dismay which sickened You,
Jesus, by that pang of heart which throbbed in You;
Jesus, by the mount of sins which crippled You;
Jesus, by the sense of guilt which stifled You;
Jesus, by the innocence which surrounded You;
Jesus, by the holiness which reigned in You;
Jesus, by the Godhead which was one with You;
Jesus, spare those souls which are so dear to You;
who calmly and patiently wait for You.
Hasten Lord, their hour, and bid them come to You,
to that glorious home where they shall ever gaze on You.

- John Henry Newman

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains,
from where comes my help.
My help comes from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.
The Lord shall preserve your going out
and your coming in from this time forth,
and even for evermore.

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

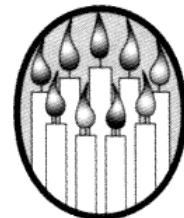
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1 Corinthians 15: 20–24

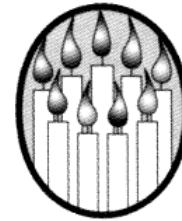
*Christ has been raised from death,
as a guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised.
For just as death came by means of a man,
in the same way the rising from death
comes by means of a man.
For just as all die because of their union to Adam,
in the same way, all will be raised to life
because of their union to Christ.
But each one in his own proper order;
Christ, the first of all;
then those who belong to Christ
at the time of His coming.*

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Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers
and sisters.
In this life You embraced them
with Your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.



**The old order has passed away:
welcome them then into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping nor pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy
with Your Son and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. Amen.**



**Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us
and is risen from the dead.**

He is our saving Lord; He is joy for all ages.

If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.

If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.

In Him all our sorrow, in Him all our joy.

In Him hope of glory, in Him all our love.

In Him all our redemption, in Him all our grace.

In Him our salvation, in Him all our peace.

- Lucien Deiss, CSSp., 1965, World library Publications

**“I am the Resurrection and the Life,
whoever believes in Me will live,
even though they die;
and whoever lives and believes in Me
will never die.”**

May the angels greet our faithful departed.

May the martyrs welcome them.

May all the saints escort them

to their heavenly home

where they will enjoy God’s presence forever.

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**Saint John Baptist de La Salle and
all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
aid us in remembering in prayer and sacrifice,
the holy souls who are undergoing purgation
before their final resting place in heaven.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!