

**URGENT REQUEST**  
**FROM THE VANCOUVER TRADITIONAL MASS SOCIETY**  
**TO THE ENTIRE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS COMMUNITY**  
**TO BEGIN A NOVENA TO THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

We refer our members to the Catechesis on Prayer and the Spiritual life which was begun in the March 1999 issue of 'The Traditional Mass' Newsletter. It was pointed out that:

- Without prayer there is no salvation, and
- Christ's words "Amen, Amen I say to you. If you ask the Father anything in My name He will give it to you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in My name. Ask, and you shall receive; that your joy may be full (Jn.16 23-24).

The VTMS official request to the Archbishop for:

1. our community to be provided full access to the liturgy of Holy Mother Church as set out in the pre-Vatican II liturgical books;
2. our community be given access to full parish life with the establishment or the intention of establishing a 'quasi' parish for the Latin Mass Community; and
3. a Priest from the Fraternity of St. Peter be permitted to minister to our needs;

We were informed that the request will be placed before the Council in November.

Our entire Community and all our friends are requested to begin the 'The Nine Day Novena For The Holy Souls In Purgatory' and continue it unceasingly (once you have completed the nine days start over from the beginning) until a decision is reached by the Archbishop. The intentions are specifically the acceptance of the three items listed above.

In Thy name O Christ Jesus we have asked the Father for full access to the traditional liturgy of Holy Mother Church, a parish of our own, and a Priest from the Fraternity of St. Peter to minister to our needs. We have Your solemn promise that these things will be given unto us. Father we accept Thy Divine Will for us at this time and if it is necessary to suffer more then we thank you in advance for so great an honour and for Your great love for us. Ecce ancilla Domine fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum et fiat

voluntas tua sicut in caelo et in terra. We further promise the Holy Souls that if our requests are granted we will say at least one Mass for them every month in our Parish in perpetuity.

## **The Nine Day Novena For The Holy Souls In Purgatory**

### **DAY ONE**

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.

Jesus, my Savior I have so often deserved to be cast into hell how great were 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 infi-nite 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.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day. This prayer can be found at the end of the Novena.)

### **DAY TWO**

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.

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.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

### **DAY THREE**

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 is one of the greatest sufferings of Purgatory.

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

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

### **DAY FOUR**

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 sur-passes all other pain.

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.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

## **DAY FIVE**

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.

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 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.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

## **DAY SIX**

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 Communion. Nevertheless, they are greatly pained by the recollection of their ingratitude for these two great gifts of the love of Jesus Christ.

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 offenses 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.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

## **DAY SEVEN**

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.

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

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

## **DAY EIGHT**

Another bitter sorrow of these souls is caused by the reflection that God had distinguished them by so many graces not granted to others, and that they compelled Him, by their sins, to condemn them to these sufferings, and that they had deserved hell, and were pardoned and saved only by the mercy of God.

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 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.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

## **DAY NINE**

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.

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 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. Mary, Mother of Mercy, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession, and pray for us also who are still in danger of eternal damnation.

(Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.)

### **The Holy Souls In Purgatory Novena Prayer To Our Suffering Savior**

➤ most sweet Jesus, through that sweat of blood which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these holy souls.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

➤ O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Scourging, have mercy on them.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

➤ O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful Crowning with Thorns, have mercy on them.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

➤ most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy Cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

➤ most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

➤ O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy bitter Agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

➤ most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy Blessed Soul, have mercy on them.

Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

(Here recommend yourself to the souls in Purgatory and mention your intentions.)

Blessed Souls, we have prayed for you; we entreat you, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for us miserable sinners, who are in danger of being damned and of losing God forever. Amen.