

THE CHAPLET FOR THE DEAD



The Chaplet resembles a standard Rosary, except it has only four decades instead of five. It starts on the Cross, and has 4 introductory prayers, followed by 4 decades starting with 1 red bead and 10 black beads. The 5 red beads represent the 5 wounds of Christ. The 40 black beads are in memory of the 40 hours which Our Lord is thought to have spent in Limbo. There are 49 beads total. A partial indulgence is granted and applied to the souls in Purgatory for each recitation of this chaplet. The Chaplet was established by the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of Suffrage in Nimes, France, and approved by Pope Pius IX in 1873.

On the Cross:

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;
R: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive
R: to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, shalt observe our iniquities,
R: O Lord, who shall endure it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness;
R: and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word:
R: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night,
R: let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy,
R: and with Him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel
R: from all his iniquities.

On the first Pater (red bead):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Act of Faith (first black bead):

My God, I believe in Thee,
R: because Thou art Truth itself; I firmly believe the truths revealed to the Church.

Act of Hope (second black bead):

My God, I hope in Thee,
R: because Thou art infinitely good.

Act of Charity (third black bead):

My God, I love Thee with all my heart, and above all things,
R: because Thou art infinitely perfect; and I love my neighbor as myself, for the love of Thee.

On all the Paters (red beads):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

On All the Aves (black beads):

Sweet Heart of Jesus, **R: be my love.**
Sweet Heart of Mary, **R: be my salvation.**

At the End:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R: Amen.

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus
Christ bless us and console us and gently wipe every
tear from our eyes.

R: Amen.



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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:

My dear parents, grandparents and spouse,
R: *Jesus Have Mercy*

My brothers and sisters and other near relatives, R:

My Godparents and sponsor of Confirmation, R:

My spiritual and temporal benefactors, R:

My friends and neighbors, R:

All for whom love or duty calls me to pray, R:

Those who have suffered disadvantages or harm through me, R:

Those who have caused me disadvantages or harm, R:

Those who I have led astray, R:

Those who have led me astray, R:

Those who are especially beloved by You, R:

Those whose release is near at hand, R:

Those who desire most to be united with You, R:

Those who endure the greatest sufferings, R:

Those who are least remembered, R:

Those whose release is most remote, R:

Those who are most deserving on account of their services to the Church, R:

The rich, who now are the most destitute, R:

The mighty, who now are powerless, R:

The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly, R:

The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness, R:

The poor who did not seek the treasures of heaven, R:

The tepid, who devoted little time to prayer, R:

The indolent, who neglected to perform good works, R:

Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the Sacraments, R:

The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace, R:

Parents who failed to watch over their children, R:

Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them, R:

Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures, R:

The worldly-minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God, R:

Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own, R:

Those who did not provide for the life hereafter, R:

Those whose sentence is severe because of the great things entrusted to them, R:

The Popes, kings and rulers, R:

The Bishops and their counselors, R:

The Priests and Religious of the Catholic Church, R:

My teachers and spiritual advisers, R:

The defenders of the holy faith, R:

Those who died on the battlefield, R:

Those who fought for their country, R:

Those who were buried in the sea, R:

Those who died of apoplexy, R:

Those who died of heart attacks, R:

Those who suffered and died of cancer or AIDS, R:

Those who died suddenly in accidents, R:

Those who died without the Last Rites of the Church, R:

Those who shall die within the next twenty-four hours, R:

My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before your judgment seat, R:

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them with your Saints forever more because You are gracious.

Let us pray: May the prayer of Your suppliant people, we beseech You, O Lord, benefit the souls of Your departed servants and handmaids, that You both deliver them from all their sins and make them partakers of Your redemption. R: *Amen.*

May the divine assistance remain always with us. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R: *Amen.*

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
R: *Make my heart like unto Thine.*

Saint Nicholas of Tolentino, Patron Saint of the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
R: *Pray for us!*

St. Joseph, model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus:
R: *Pray for us.*

Amen