



## holy souls NOVENA

During these nine days of Novena, as well as remembering and praying for all those whose names are included on the November list of the Dead, we focus on a particular group of people for each of the nine Masses of the Novena.

### *Day 1 Parents, Husbands and Wives.*

Lord God, who commanded us to honour our father and mother, look kindly upon our parents. Have mercy on them and let us see them again in eternal light. Lead them into eternal peace, and bring them to the table where the saints feast together in your heavenly home.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### *Day 2 Brothers, Sisters, Sons & Daughters*

Almighty God and Father, by the mystery of the cross, you have made us strong; by the power of the resurrection you have sealed us as your own. Look kindly upon our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters now freed from the bonds of mortality, and count them among your saints in heaven.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### *Day 3 Grandparents, Grandchildren, Aunts, Uncles, Godparents, Cousins.*

God of loving kindness, we remember today our grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, godparents and relations whom you have called to yourself. Strengthen us in the belief that your Son has risen from the dead and in our belief that all people will rise again.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### *Day 4 Friends and Neighbours*

To you, O God, the dead do not die, and in death, our life is changed, not ended. Hear our prayers for our friends and neighbours. We commend them to dwell with Abraham, your friend, and be raised at last on the great day of judgement. In your mercy cleanse them of any sin that they may have committed through human frailty.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### *Day 5 Children who have died at a young age*

To you O Lord, we humbly entrust children who have died, so precious in your sight. Take them into your arms and welcome them into paradise, where there will be no more sorrow, no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with you forever.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Day 6 Young people who have died as a result of illness, accident or tragedy.*

Lord, your wisdom governs the length of our days. We mourn the loss of our young people who have died as a result of illness, accident or tragedy. Their lives have passed so quickly and we entrust them to your mercy. Welcome them into your heavenly dwelling and grant them the happiness of everlasting youth.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

*Day 7 People who have died in accidents, natural disasters, or violently.*

Lord our God, you are always faithful and quick to show mercy. People have been taken from us suddenly and without warning. Come to their aid and have mercy on them. Comfort their family and friends by the power and protection of the cross.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

*Day 8 For those who have died during Covid19 Pandemic*

Lord, many people have gone to their eternal reward during this pandemic and you have given them new life in the waters of baptism.

Show mercy to them now, and bring them to happiness of life in your kingdom. Give light and hope to those who grieve their loss, many in difficult circumstances.

May your grace and peace embrace them at this difficult time.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Day 9 Those who have died in the past year*

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld from those who call upon you in prayer, look kindly on all who have died in the past year, both before and during the pandemic.

They departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forevermore.

Lord of all gentleness, surround us with your care and comfort us in our sorrow, for we grieve the loss of our loved ones. May we one day be united with them and share forever the joy of your kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Almighty and All-loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we pray to you through Christ the Healer  
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19  
in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn  
the loss of each and every person who has died  
as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,  
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,  
comfort to everyone in distress  
and a sense of calm to us all in these days  
of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord  
who showed compassion to the outcast,  
acceptance to the rejected  
and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

*(Archbishop Michael Jackson, United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough)*