



Eternal Rest

Pray for the faithful departed. On November 1–8 a devout cemetery visit with prayer for the dead carries a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Usual Conditions

The intention to gain the indulgence.

The state of grace.

Complete detachment from every sin, including venial sin.

Sacramental Confession.

Holy Communion — a separate Communion for each plenary indulgence.

Prayer for the Pope's intentions — an Our Father and a Hail Mary are suitable.

Confession, Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions may be made within about twenty days before or after the work. Only one plenary indulgence may ordinarily be gained each day.

The Two Works

A devout visit to a cemetery with prayer for the dead, on each day from November 1 through November 8. Silent prayer fulfils the prayer required for that visit.

A devout visit to a church or oratory on November 2, praying there the Our Father and the Creed.

These are separate works; you need not do both. Both are applicable only to the souls in purgatory. Enchiridion of Indulgences, grant 29.

Let Us Pray

Lord, receive our prayers for those who have died. Purify them in Your mercy and bring them into the joy of Your presence. Amen.