

High Mass yesterday was  
for Gilbert Behrens, 3d  
anniversary. Pray for him.

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Help The Poor Souls.

Young as you are, you have relatives and friends who are dead. Maybe some of your very near relatives are dead.

Where are they? Do you care, now that they are gone? Young people are sometimes very selfish that way. They themselves are too well provided for to think about the sufferings of even their loved ones.

But let us suppose, something quite natural, that one very dear to you is this minute suffering in Purgatory. Suffering for what? Well, maybe for certain punishment still due to mortal sin committed. There are many chances in life, you know, to commit mortal sin. And the traces of mortal sin are not entirely washed off the soul in a hurry.

Then all venial sins must be atoned for--for nothing defiled, Holy Scripture reminds us, may enter into Heaven.

To bring the picture nearer to you, if this moment you were to die, would you deserve to go straight to Heaven? Have you done ample penance for all sins you have ever committed? Are you sure? Wouldn't you, then, like your friends to pray for you?

If this minute you were in Purgatory, helpless to hurry along your final reception into Heaven, would you not cry out to your relatives and friends on earth in every tongue at your command, "Don't forget me. It means so little to you, so much to me. Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friend..."

That cry of the Poor Souls comes repeatedly to you this November, the month dedicated by the Church to the Poor Souls, that the faithful on earth through their Masses and prayers and penances may hasten the liberation of many captive souls in Purgatory.

How To Help.

Visits. Until midnight tonight you may gain a plenary indulgence for a Poor Soul each visit that you make to the church or to a hall chapel. Here are the conditions: be in the state of grace; receive Holy Communion Wednesday or Thursday; each visit that you make, say six Our Fathers, six Hail Marys, and six Glory-be-to-the-Fathers for the intention of the Pope.

Poor Souls' Novena. Wednesday morning, November 3, a novena of Masses and Holy Communion starts for the Poor Souls. Nine special Masses will be offered during this Novena.

Write down the names of the Poor Souls that you wish to have remembered, and get your list to one of the offices of the Prefect of Religion--in Dillon, Howard, or Cavanaugh--tonight or tomorrow. These lists will be placed on the altar where the Masses are to be offered up, so that the Poor Souls listed may have a special share in these Masses and in the public prayers of the Novena.

Public Prayers, followed by Benediction, will be conducted in the main church every day of the Novena at 5:00 p.m.--(on Saturday at 11:30; on Sunday at 7 and 7:30.)

Get up as a penance, and offer Mass and Holy Communion every morning during November for those Poor Souls who are specially depending upon your loyalty and help. Some day you too will be, let us hope, in Purgatory. And no less than Our Lord Himself reminds, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." He doesn't say, "Blessed are the lazy and forgetful, for they shall not be forgotten."

PRAYERS: (deceased) Ed Walsh Jr. ('23); son of Robert Roach ('15); father of John M. Barrett; friend of Jim Burke (Zahr); aunt of J. and T. Kinnealey. Ill, Tex Riegel.