

Welcome to our Apostolate of Purgatory!



St. Gertrude

Please send a confirmation e-mail to me at mike.hump@comcast.net when you have received this package. Otherwise I will not know if you received it or not. Thanks!!

My mother, Dorothy Humphrey passed away to her particular judgment on January 31, 2011 and my Father in May of 2007. Because the Lord has not provided me with any full-time work where I can support this apostolate, any financially help you could provide to continue this work would be appreciated. At least one of our FREE Purgatory Prayer Program starter kits has been sent to 37 out of the 50 United States.

If you like the idea behind this program and wish to either:

- Support it for others interested in starting Purgatory Prayer Programs for the Holy Souls, or
- just help pay for the postage and shipping,

it would be appreciated. You can donate at: <http://www.helpersoftheholysouls.com/donate>

Via PayPal or using Brian's postal address.

Thanks for your interest. Let's keep in touch!

Mike Humphrey and Brian Bagley

P.S. Remember to contact me if you change your e-mail address.

I can't provide updates to you and new ideas if we don't keep in touch.

Feedback and suggestions are always appreciated.

You can send your feedback to Mike Humphrey @ mike.hump@comcast.net.

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Blessed Mary of Providence
in the original habit of her Society

Dear Purgatory Prayer Warrior,

Both Brian and I would like to welcome you to our Helpers of the Holy Souls Prayer Program! We think the work of praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory has been overlooked **for way too long**. As stated on our home page HelpersOfTheHolySouls.com:

Helper of the Holy Souls is inspired by Blessed Mary of Providence and the original mission of the Order she founded in 1856, Society of Helpers of the Holy Souls.

Our mission, one of mercy, is to relieve and gain release for the suffering souls in Purgatory who can no longer help themselves.

Enclosed you will find both a paper **and** computer version of our prayer program in English. The enclosed CD also has the program in six other foreign languages as well: Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German, and Polish. If you are disappointed with any translation and wish to help provide a better one, e-mail me.

You can use the CD versions of the program to create Purgatory Prayer Programs in other languages using the attached set of Purgatory Prayer Program Supplies Sheets.

Though the outline of the program can be found on the [Suggested Holy Hour Order of Prayer](#) card, you are **more then welcome** to change any portion of it according to your time, desires, and interests and make it **YOUR Purgatory Prayer Program** for the Holy Souls.

The Program was designed to be an autonomous one; one that, God-willing, will be perpetuated to your friends, family, parish, diocese, and beyond. As I said, the needed supplies for this Purgatory Prayer program can be found in the attached supply sheets. The vision of this program **was not** to receive feedback like: **“Can we have ## more packages?”**

We encourage you to work as a group to customize, reproduce, and buy the supplies required to replicate this Prayer Program using the information in the attached set of Supply sheets.

The disc [CD], itself, is a RW or Read Write CD. This will allow you to add your updated, personalized version of your own Purgatory Prayer Program. We recommend that you initially move ALL the contents of the current CD to your [PC | hard drive], then move ALL the contents back to the CD in addition with your personalized updated version(s). You can create separate folders for each, like: [Original] and [Personalized May 20##] There should be plenty of remaining CD space for the original program content along with your personalized versions. Check out the benefits of a “at home” prayer program at:

<http://www.helpersoftheholysouls.com/waystohelp/StartYourOwnPrayerProgram.htm>

We have found that some participants have initially started our program as a private prayer devotional, before bringing it to their pastor for a possible regular prayer program within their parish. For Deacons and Priests who have asked for a program, we suggest talking to their bishop about offering this, or a similar program, at a diocesan level.

When talking with friends and family on Purgatory, it's important they know the basics:

- Purgatory is not a third place along with Heaven and Hell nor is it a second chance.
- Purgatory is like the Holy Hospital of Heaven.
- Souls in Purgatory have been saved just as much as the souls in Heaven.

Think of sin as a self-inflicted wound in your life.

When we physically hurt ourselves, many times we have to be brought to the hospital and the doctor or nurse will put an alcoholic disinfectant in our cut or wound. It will hurt ... a lot!!! but it's a good hurt; it's a holy hurt, that is needed to make us physically better.

We also have to distinguish between less severe physical injuries where we cut ourselves and require stitches and more severe injuries, like a NASCAR racing driver who gets into a major collision and ends up with third or fourth-degree burns over 90 percent of their body. There are varying degrees of damage that we do to our bodies, not only physically, but spiritually too!

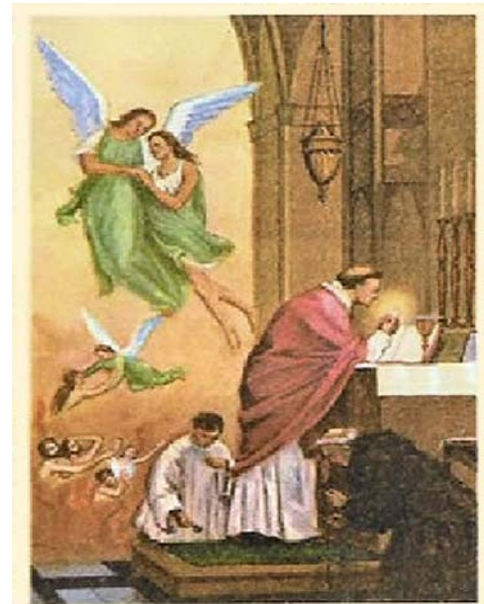
Because Revelation tells us that nothing impure can enter Heaven (Revelation 21:27) and because God Himself is all Holy, we too, have to be all Holy to enter Heaven. To achieve this, any remaining self-inflicted spiritual wounds or self-love from our pilgrimage on earth has to be healed or burned off. If our spiritual injuries are along the line of “just needing stitches”, that healing period where our self-love has to be burned off may be short; but if our self-inflicted injuries are along the line of third or fourth-degree burns, the healing process may take longer. Saints have had private revelations from the souls in Purgatory who share that while the [healing | burning] fires of God's Love in Purgatory are painful (Hebrews 12:29, Exodus 3:1-6) at the same time they had an internal burning joy because they knew they were being conformed to the image of God and their final destiny would be total union with Him.

Instead of the good healing pain that the alcoholic disinfectant gave us under a doctor's care to prepare us to re-enter the earthly world again, in Purgatory, we experience a holy, healing pain under Jesus' Care which purifies our souls and prepares us to enter eternal life with God who is all Holy. Think of the number of people who have passed from this life to the next since 33 A.D., many with major spiritual injuries. **There are a lot!** This is why praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory is very important – and they can't wait for Heaven!

Keep in touch with me via e-mail **and most importantly e-mail your new e-mail address, if you change your e-mail address.**

Mike @ mike.hump@comcast.net

Ways to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory!



Saint Nicholas of Tolentino
Patron Saint of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

14 Ways to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. The best way to help is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them¹ or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief.
2. Make the Stations of the Cross for their consolation.
3. Pray the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary for them.
4. Gain indulgences for them²
5. Offer up pains, self-denials and sufferings for their relief.
6. Pray, offer up works of mercy and practice virtues for their consolation.
7. Ask the Blessed Mother to choose an unknown soul for you to pray for.³
8. Lovingly sprinkle Holy Water, in faith and with trust, for their cleansing.
9. Light their darkness, as an act of love, by burning a blessed candle for them.
10. Liturgical prayers like:
 - a. De Prodonis (*Psalm 129* {Official prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory} , *found in most Catholic prayer books.*)
 - b. Pray the Office of the Dead or Vespers, the liturgical hours of the Church.
 - c. "Eternal Rest" prayer:

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual live shine on them and may the souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.
 - d. Prayers from the Roman Missal for the Souls in Purgatory.
11. Visit a Church or Chapel and spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament for their comfort and relief.

12. Visit a Cemetery, and pick out a number of grave stones and say some prayers for their souls.

(From November 1st - 8th, a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the departed souls by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. Use the tombstone as a kneeler and pray the Rosary for your loved one.)

13. START YOUR OWN PURGATORY PRAYER PROGRAM TODAY!

See the last paragraph of this handout!

14. Organize collections for Masses for the Holy Souls. Check out how we have organized our Masses for the Holy Souls Program in the next section.

1 All monthly donations to Helpers of the Holy Souls go to having Holy Masses offered up for the relief or deliverance of souls in Purgatory.

2 Catechism of the Catholic Church [1471-1479](#). The Handbook of Indulgences also may be consulted.

3 e.g. Rosaries, rosary decades, Stations of the Cross, special prayers, any merciful acts, etc.

Having Masses said for the Holy Souls.

Before explaining our organization and approach to having Masses said for the Holy Souls, let's clarify some terms and possible issues people may have.

In training his disciples on bringing the Gospel to the world, Our Lord told his disciples in Luke's Gospel:

Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. **And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages;** do not go from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Luke 10:3-9

From this we clearly see that Our Lord believes in a just wage for the work of His new priests/disciples. The word the Church uses today for this is called **a stipend**. A stipend is a fixed pay, salary or retribution for work done; the income of an ecclesiastical living.

In order to have Masses offered up for the Holy Souls on a regular basis, we collect stipend money on a monthly basis. **Is it something that's required?** <No.> **Is it something that is just?** <Yes.> This allows us to have Masses said by priests who value this important, but sometimes overlooked, intention of the Universal Church. Stipend amounts for a Mass intention vary from parish to parish. Any objections to stipends as a money making machine can quickly be diffused as no priest is going to get rich over Mass stipends. In the Boston area, the suggested amount for a Mass stipend is usually about \$10.00.

There are three (3) sources Brian uses to collect stipend money for our Mass intentions:

1. He gathers empty cans and bottles from friends and family, who have no interest or use for them and redeems them at a local supermarket for cash.
2. He gathers individual donations in multiples of \$10.00 from friends and family who wish to have a Mass said for the Holy Souls.
3. Finally, he gather "pocket change" from anyone one who can't afford to make a \$10.00 donation. We call this part of our program "Pennies from Heaven."

During the calendar year, at most parishes, Mass is offered up for a particular intention on various days.

Brian calls or stops by the rectory to find out what Masses he can have scheduled to be said for the Holy Souls in

Purgatory. How far in advance we can schedule a Mass will vary from parish to parish. An important key to doing this successfully is developing a good relationship with the personnel at the rectory.

Most of the time, stipend money collected in one month, is used to schedule Masses for the Holy Souls for the next month. What you can and can't do will vary from parish to parish and diocese to diocese.

Brian has a very organized method for keeping track of Masses he has scheduled.

As a means of organizing his efforts, he uses:

- a metal cash or security box
- a deposit bag — most retail stores use to bring their revenues to the bank
- a 8.5" x 11" yearly organizer (e.g. Day Minder, At-A-Glance) and
- a contact book

The metal cash or security box and deposit box are used to secure donations made by friends and family as well money collected from his empty bottles and cans program.

The yearly planner he uses can be bought at any Staples or Office Max. He uses this to keep track of the Masses he schedules at the various parishes.

His contact book keeps the names and postal addresses of Churches he has worked with along with phone number and contact names of the people he talked to.

It's our hope that sharing the way Brian has organized his apostolate will assist you in starting and developing your own.

Start Your Own Purgatory Prayer Program Today!

At Helpers of the Holy Souls, we offer a FREE start-up Purgatory Prayer Program that you can customize to your liking. It can be said as a private devotional in a chapel or church or be said as a monthly Catholic prayer meeting in a chapel, church, or even at someone's home.

I was involved in a monthly First Saturday prayer meeting for at least eight to ten years at a friend's home.

Monthly Catholic Prayer Meetings are a great way to:

- pray for the Church Suffering as well as strengthening the Church Militant
- confirm fellow Catholics in areas of the faith they may have questions about.
- share common struggles and sufferings (as well as joys and successes) on home and work-related issues
- meet new friends and connect with old acquaintances.

Usually after the prayer meeting, my friend's wife was gracious enough to have some coffee, soda and other snacks prepared.

HelpersOfTheHolySouls.com supports these types of Catholic prayer meetings as long as "the talk" before and after the prayer meeting is faithful to the Church.

Many times, conversation about unapproved Marian apparitions can arise or a "Gnostic environment" can develop:

e.g. "You are so privileged to know this information that the rest of the Church doesn't know."

If conversation or practices develop within the prayer meetings that are contrary to ANY paragraph of the Catechism of the Catholic Church or Church's Magisterium, you know it's time to leave. Prudence should be used in discerning whether the issues involved should be brought to the local bishop.

Purgatory Prayer Program Supplies Sheets

The following sheets give you the needed information so you can order more supplies for your Purgatory Prayer Program.

The only items in the Prayer Program that were custom-made by Helpers of the Holy Souls were the Holy Cards. We can send you a limited supply for each. Just send a request to the listed e-mail along with the postal address for the Purgatory Prayer Program.

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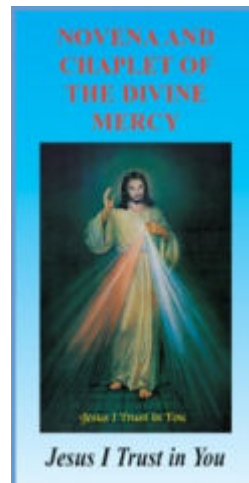
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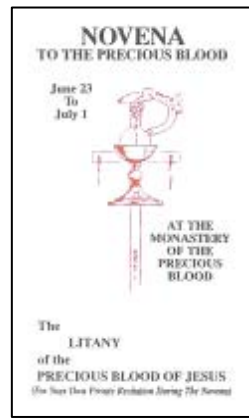
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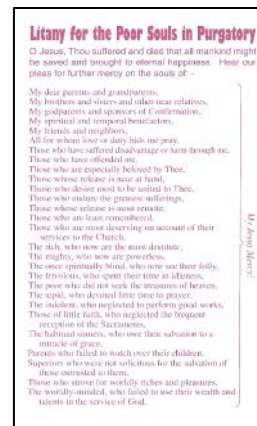
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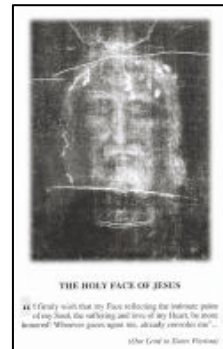
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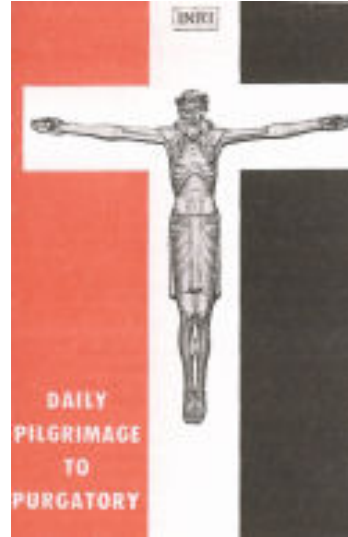
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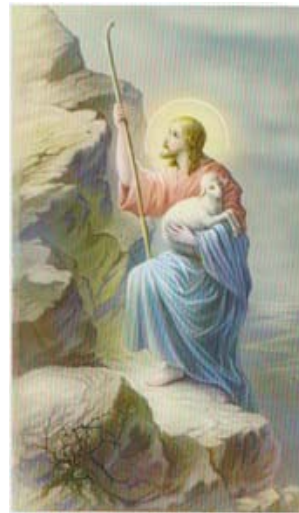
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Lord Jesus Christ, have compassion on Your Church suffering. Temper Your justice with pity and open the gates of Heaven for the souls in Purgatory, that they may praise and glorify You forever. Amen.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Jesus Christ in atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory, and for the needs of holy Church.

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

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PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them, especially N.....N.....

Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames.

And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

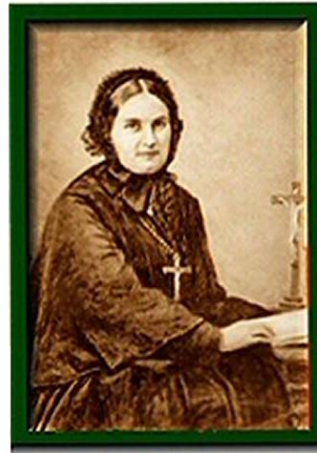
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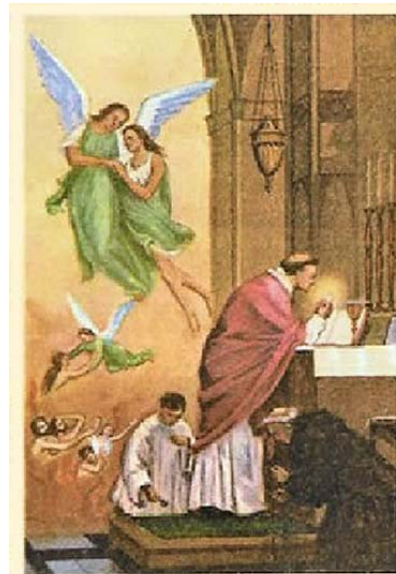


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Our Lady Queen of Purgatory
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Dearest Mother, Queen of Purgatory, choose for me an "unknown soul" in Purgatory for whom I will especially pray. When this soul has entered the glory of Heaven choose for me another "unknown soul".



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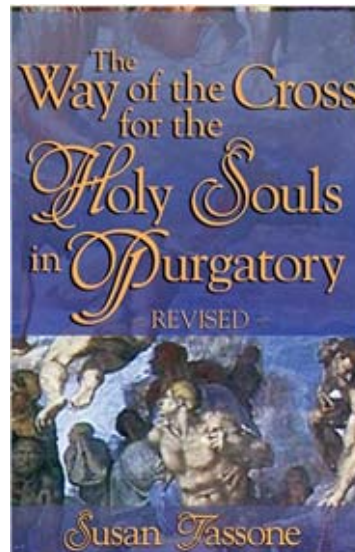
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