

## Our Beloved Dead

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Why have you forgotten us? Does not this sorrowful reproach of the poor suffering souls in Purgatory appeal and apply to us all in a general manner and to many among us in a very special one. They reproach us for our forgetfulness and feel it so keenly that it adds new pain to their agony.

Oh! let us not be deaf to their appeal, let it ring loudly in our ears and still louder in our hearts. They suffer so intensely those dear ones, and we who think we love them neglect to pray for their relief. Oh! listen to their pleading and assure them the help of souls who will pray in our stead, the help of the prayers of Our Lord Himself.

But how can this be done you ask? Who is unselfish enough to undertake to pray for them in our name?

Precious means: Among the means placed at our disposal by the Church the most precious and efficacious is undoubtedly the adorable Sacrifice. Mass is for the dead, the blessed ransom that pays their debts to Divine Justice, and, that after having consoled and helped them in their distress, finally, ushers them into the unutterable joy of heaven.

Then during this month, let us have as many masses as possible offered for our dead, and we may rest assured the sacrifices we make for their sake will be amply repaid by the benefit of their protection when they enter, thanks to us, eternal beatitude. If gratitude is rare in this world, forgetfulness and ingratitude are unknown in the other, unknown among the poor suffering souls in whose hands lie the power of God Himself to protect us and help us in our need.

Perhaps our means will not allow us to have as many masses as we would wish offered for our dead. In that case, why not affiliate them to some of those Associations that for a small stipend, assures them the benefit