

All Souls' Day

Every November 2, the Church remembers the faithful departed. We would like to encourage praying for the souls of those friends and relatives who have gone before us to the Father's House.

During the cultural celebration of the Day of the Dead, or *el día de los muertos*, it is customary to visit cemeteries. All Souls' Day can be a good opportunity to pray for our deceased loved ones and to affirm our faith in the Resurrection. We suggest the following prayers for this solemn occasion:

FOR A CHILD

Lord, you who knows our deep sorrow for the death of this child, grant to those of us who accept with pain this great loss, the consolation of believing that (he or she) lives eternally with you in glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A YOUNG PERSON

Grant, O Lord, the eternal happiness of your glory to your servant whom you have called from this world at a time when the vitality of youth embellished (his or her) life; show (him or her) your mercy and welcome (him or her) among your saints in the eternal song of your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Dear God, you command us to honor our father and mother. In your compassion, have mercy on our (father or mother) and remember not (his or her) sins. May I see (him or her) again in the joy of your eternal radiance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.