

# *Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

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*“The souls of the just are in the hand of God...”*

Dear Friend of the Sacred Hearts,

When my father passed away from inoperable lung cancer, I remember my sadness was eased by knowing that the long weeks of suffering were over for him. He was now in the hands of God. He knew he was nearing the end, but he found comfort saying to me that he had a good life and was at peace.

Unfortunately, death sometimes comes unexpectedly to those in the prime of life who should have many years ahead. It is then that we are stunned and question, “why?” Why is a young father suddenly taken from his young family by a massive heart attack? What will happen to the baby whose mother dies from cancer shortly after his birth?

We ask one another why this happens, what is the reason, trying to understand such a tragic loss. Immediately we offer a prayer...prayer for the soul of the deceased and also for those left behind asking for God’s comfort and strength.

Scripture tells us it is “**good and pious**” to pray for these departed souls to help ensure their way to a place of peace and joy with our Lord. It is also through prayer that we come to accept death as a part of life...that life everlasting is possible for all who are faithful to God.

**It is a compassionate work of mercy to offer our prayers and Masses for the Holy Souls.**

We also believe that, when these holy souls are in union with God, they will not forget the faithful who so kindly remembered them in their own time of need. Their prayers will eagerly be offered for us as well.

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**Dear Father John,** Please remember all my departed loved ones listed on the enclosed card in the All Souls Novena and my own intentions that I have written on the back of this form. I enclose my offering of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help your ministries here and around the world.

No acknowledgment of my gift is necessary.



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The Church designates November as the month dedicated to All Souls. It gives us a special time to remember all the souls of our faithful departed. Although parted from us on earth, they are still our family in faith and we hold them always in prayer.

**Our All Souls Novena of Masses will begin on November 2** and will entrust the departed souls of friends and loved ones to the most merciful Hearts of Jesus and Mary. I invite you to send me the names of your deceased loved ones on the enclosed form. They will be remembered during the Novena and in our daily prayers throughout the month of November.

Your most generous Novena offering that you enclose is vital in helping us to support our apostolates so they can continue to comfort the dying and minister to those who are left behind dealing with sorrow. Your generosity also supports the training of our seminarians who will continue this work in the future. Surely it is a comfort to know that a priest will be there to pray with us as we grieve the death of a loved one.

**Each gift is a blessing that is deeply appreciated...thank you.**

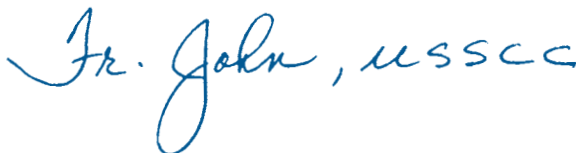
As we join in prayer for those who have gone before us, let our minds dwell on the knowledge that their time of trial is over; they are on their way to the loving hands of our gracious God.

May our fervent prayers speed that journey for them and may they know that love will still bind us together always.

Be assured, dear friend, that every day as we pray during our Chapel Mass and in our community prayers, you and your needs are remembered. During the month of November, I shall also keep your departed loved ones in my personal prayers.

Let us ask Jesus and Mary to welcome all the holy souls into the safety of “the hand of God where no torment shall touch them.”

In the love of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Father John, M.S.S.C.C.

P.S. When I receive your intentions, I will send you a copy of our beautiful devotional leaflet: “Nine Days of Prayer for All Souls.”

### *My All Souls Novena Intentions*

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My intentions:

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