

The Weekly Prayers

For the Dying

O ALMIGHTY and everliving God, the Preserver of Souls, Who dost chasten those whom thou lovest, and dost correct every son whom thou receivest; we implore Thee to look mercifully upon all those who are now in their last agony and who are at the point of death. May they be presented before Thee by the hands of the holy Angels, and admitted to the fellowship of Thy Saints and elect, so that no defilement of the flesh may hurt them; but let Thy pity and compassion absolve them from all their offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



For the Departed

O LORD, the God of spirits and of all flesh, Who didst put death under Thy feet, didst destroy the power of the devil, and gavest Thy life for the world: grant rest, O Lord, to all the Faithful Departed, especially to all departed members of the Guild of All Souls, particularly (.....)* and those being prayed for at this time by members of the Guild in other lands: bring them, we pray Thee, to that promised place of light and refreshment, whence pain and sorrow and sighing are driven away; and in Thy goodness and mercy pardon every sin committed by them in thought, word and deed; Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

* **Here insert the names of our Departed for the day or the week.**



O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast promised to come again in like manner as Thou didst go into Heaven; we pray Thee to hasten the time of Thine Advent, that sin and death may be overcome, and that we, with all the faithful Departed, may be perfected in blessedness in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels; through Thy mercy, O our God, Who art blessed, and livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.



Let us pray often for our Guild and for one another:

For the Increase of the Guild

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to the Guild of All Souls such an increase of members as shall best enable Thy servants to accomplish the work Thou hast set before them, and whether we be many or few, grant us so to live here upon earth that hereafter we may come to joys everlasting: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



For a Happy Death

O GOD, Who while appointing all men once to die, hast yet concealed from them the moment and the hour of their death, grant that, spending all the days of my life

in justice and holiness, I may be made worthy to depart out of this world in Thy holy love; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Of the Patron

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we beseech Thy Clemency, that as we venerate St. Michael, Thy most blessed Archangel, as the Patron of the Guild, so our prayers may be presented to Thee by his hand: and that as Thou hast bestowed upon him the crown of holy perfection, so Thou wouldest bestow upon us pardon and forgiveness of all our faults, and when we go hence wouldest admit us to the joys of Paradise, there to praise Thee, with all Thy Holy Angels and Saints, for ever and ever. Amen.



Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who roam the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Let us pray for all departed members being prayed for by the Guild of All Souls in other lands, especially in the Guild Chapel of Saint Michael and the Holy Souls at the Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham, Norfolk.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful: grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins; that through devout supplications they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.



REST eternal grant unto them O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



For Those Who No Longer Need Our Prayers

O God, the King of saints, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; for the blessed Mary ever-Virgin; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints In light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.