

Commemoratio omnium Fidelium Defunctorum

The Remembering of all the Faithful Departed

Also known as “All Souls’ Day”

Why?

- Praying for the dead
- Reduce their temporal punishment in Purgatory

Temporal punishment

I break your cell phone because I'm careless. I can apologize, and you can accept my apology, but your phone is still broken. I owe you a replacement phone.

God forgives our sins, but we have still hurt our relationship with him and turned ourselves toward earthly things. We need to be turned back.

How do we get rid of temporal punishment?

1. The *penance* you're given at confession is a start
2. Voluntary acceptance of sufferings you encounter
3. Penitential practices you adopt on your own
4. Indulgences

What's an Indulgence?

Short answer: Because Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was such a great gift, the Church is able to make our penances more effective than they would be otherwise. So certain actions which the Church wishes to encourage are given an *indulgence*.

We can gain an indulgence for ourselves, or we can apply it through prayer to someone else (can only be done for someone who's dead)

Types of Indulgence

For any indulgence you must: 1) Be in a state of grace; 2) Intend to receive it, at least in a general way; 3) Do whatever the indulgenced action is.

Plenary: Forgives all temporal punishment

You must: 1) Do all of the above; 2) Go to Confession within a reasonable time (within about a week before or after is a good guideline); 3) Receive Communion within about the same timespan; 4) Pray for the intentions of the Pope; 5) Be free of attachment to sin (hard to explain, hard to do, but you still get a partial if you don't meet this requirement)

All Souls (and the month of November)

Specially dedicated to praying for the dead

November 1-8: A plenary indulgence applicable only to the deceased can be gained by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead



