

## MEDITATIONS

“Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15:55-57

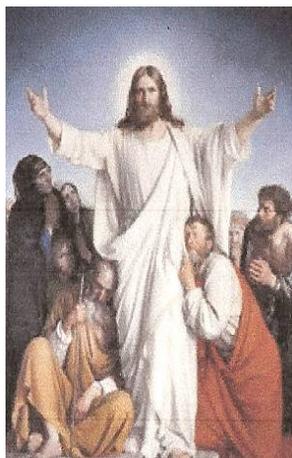
Nothing is more difficult for a human being to accept than painful waiting. While the souls in Purgatory are sure of one day reaching Heaven, they understand that they must first be cleansed from their sins before they can attain the Beatific vision and the splendor of Heaven.

Souls that are damned to hell suffer bleakness and hopeless despair for all eternity. Souls in purgatory rejoice in hope and certainty, love and eagerness. Their time in purgatory is spent in anxious waiting for the day they will be released from their prison and enjoy the glory of heaven.

A souls time in purgatory consists of suffering and hope. Hope for the end of their suffering, while the flames they endure cleanses and purifies them, so that they may enter the kingdom of God which is all holy and pure. Even though there is real suffering from the flames, the greatest suffering for these souls comes from being separated from God. It is this waiting to be re-united with God that makes the souls in purgatory eager for our prayers.

Souls in purgatory cannot any longer help themselves. They are totally dependant on those on earth to pray for them. It is our prayers that relieve their sufferings and reduces our own time in purgatory. This is the greatest act of **charity** that you can do for your neighbor, that is, helping someone who can no longer help himself.

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*We are living for the souls, we are apostles, let us save above all the souls of Priests. These souls should be more transparent than crystal. Alas, how many unworthy priests there are, how many priests who are not holy enough! We pray, we suffer for them and, on the last day, **Jesus will be grateful**” (LT 94).”*

*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*

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*Mary, Mother of all priests, take them under your special protection and lead them ever to the highest priestly sanctity. Grant to the souls of the priests who have departed this life, eternal rest.*

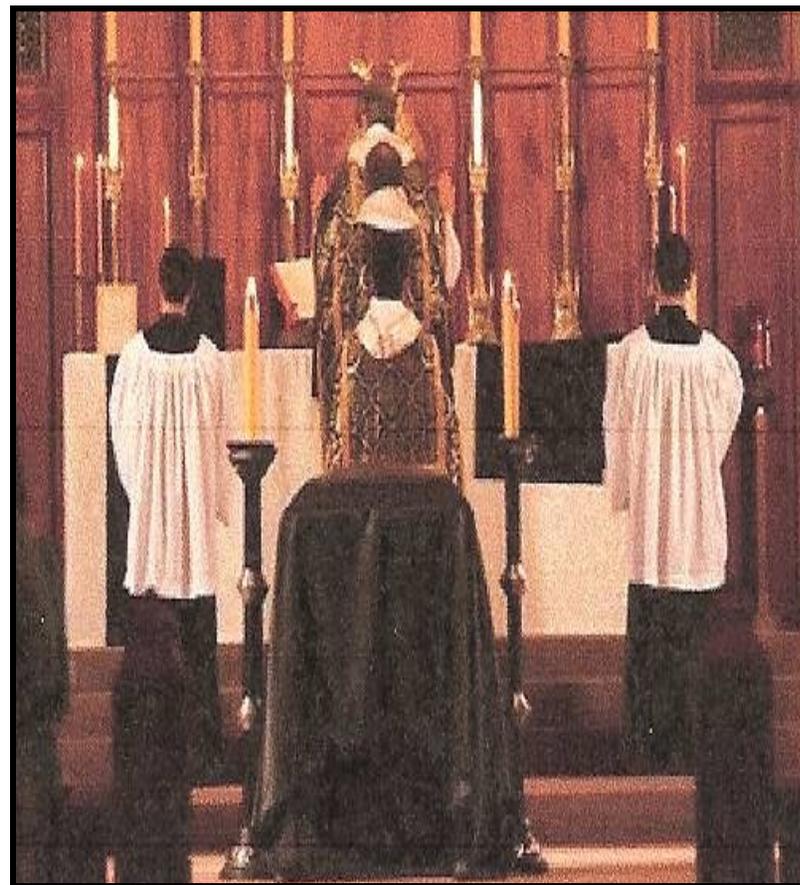
*(excerpted from the Curé d' Ars prayer group)*

A holy soul in Purgatory said the following:

*“You the living, can do everything for us, and we can do everything for you, it is an exchange of prayers.”*

*(offered to Medjugorje USA by author Susan Tassone)*

## MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DEPARTED PRIESTS



**O** ETERNAL FATHER,  
WE OFFER THEE THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,  
IN SATISFACTION FOR OUR SINS,  
AND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE SOUL OF THE PRIEST MOST  
NEGLECTED IN PURGATORY.

**AMEN**

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**\*** Eucharistic Adoration is one of the most powerful forms of prayer in assisting the holy souls reach Heaven. Eucharistic Adoration is “intercessory prayer.” The adorer assumes the office of mediator on behalf of mankind by their unceasing prayers, offering up supplications, day and night to God’s throne of mercy on behalf of the Church Suffering. From the Sacred Host, streams of alleviating grace flow into the expiatory realms of Purgatory, bringing unspeakable relief to those imprisoned there.



And in a very special way remember our deceased priests and bishops who have brought us the Eucharist year in and year out each day of our life! We tend to “canonize” our clergy and loved ones immediately after their death. Father Faber tells us, ***“We are apt to leave off too soon praying for our priests and loved ones with an unenlightened esteem for the holiness of their lives, that they are freed from Purgatory much sooner than they really are.”*** Let us offer a great part of our prayers and sacrifices for the souls of priests, bishops and consecrated religious during Eucharistic Adoration. \*(offered to Medjugorje USA by author Susan Tassone).

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### SPECIAL PRAYER

**\*\*My** God, poor, weak and miserable as I am,  
I have come to spend this hour alone with You,  
in reparation for the priests  
who have forgotten that they are Your chosen souls.

Especially, dear God, do I offer this holy hour for the  
priests who at this moment need it most.

In praying for consecrated souls, help me to remember  
my own utter weakness, misery and nothingness.

*Were* it not for Your grace,  
I would be far worse than those for whom I pray.

*O* My God, help those priests who are faithful  
to remain faithful.

To those who are falling, stretch forth Your Divine Hand  
that they may grasp it as their support.

And for those poor unfortunate souls who have fallen,  
lift them up in the great ocean of Your Mercy,  
that being engulfed therein, they may receive the grace  
to return to Your Great Loving Heart. *Amen*

\*\*Nihil Obstat: M.J., Grupa, cens libr...Imprimature: Edward Cardinal Mooney Feb. 23, 1951 Detroit

## Prayer for Priests in Purgatory

**\*My** Jesus,  
*By the sorrows Thou didst suffer in  
Thine Agony in the Garden,  
in Thy Scourging and Crowning with thorns,  
in the Way to Calvary, in Thy Crucifixion and Death,  
have mercy on the souls of priests in Purgatory,  
especially those most forgotten and  
who have no one else to pray for them.  
I wish to remember all those priests who ministered to me,  
the priests my heart has never forgotten,  
and for those that I no longer recall.*

*Do Thou deliver them from the dire torments  
they endure; call them and admit them  
to Thy most sweet embrace in Paradise.*

One Our Father and one Hail Mary, then:

*Eternal + rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them!*

*Pope St. Pius X and Ven. Pope Pius XII,  
pray for us and especially for our priests.*

*Amen.*  
\*(excerpted from The Curé d' Ars prayer group)

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**\*\*O** God, Thou didst raise Thy servant, [NAME],  
to the sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ,  
according to the Order of Melchisedech,  
giving him the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice,  
to bring the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ  
down upon the altar, and to  
absolve the sins of men in Thine own Holy Name.

We beseech Thee to reward his faithfulness and to forget his faults,  
admitting him speedily into Thy Holy Presence,  
there to enjoy forever the recompense of his labors.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen*

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*“We do not sufficiently remember our dear departed;  
their memory seems to perish with the sound of the funeral bells.”*

St. Francis de Sales