



THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

As Christians, we are able to approach the topic of death in a way that does not make sense to unbelievers. In the book of Thessalonians, Saint Paul wrote: "We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) reminds us that "The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life." CCC 1020 This faith in the Resurrection of Jesus is central to a Christian's hope of life beyond this life. Christ has been raised, and because of that, we believe that we, as we live our lives in union with His, will be raised also. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, ..." *1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has extensive information on all aspects of this topic. For answers to specific questions, look in the index under death, beatific vision, heaven, hell, and purgatory.

What Did You Learn About The Feast of All Souls?

for younger saints

1. During the month of November, we spend some time especially praying for
 - a. our parents.
 - b. the dead.
 - c. school.
2. People in heaven are praying for us.
true false
3. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to remind us that one day we will be raised from the dead.
true false
4. Our prayers do help those who have already died.
true false
5. Name someone who has died that you will be praying for this month.
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Quiz Answers

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Answers will vary.

6. Recite your memory prayer. **The Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

What Did You Learn About The Feast of All Souls?

for older saints

1. Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
2. During what month do we especially focus on praying for the dead?
3. God made purgatory because He wants as many people to be with Him in heaven as possible.
true false
4. Every time Mass is said, we are praying for those in purgatory.
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5. Those who are already in heaven are too busy to pray for us.
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7. Recite your memory prayer. **The Memorare:** Remember, O most gracious

Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.