

Shrine of

Saint Jude Thaddeus



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Dear Friend of St. Jude,

On November 2nd, the universal Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. This is the day on which all who have died in Christ are remembered in our prayers and Masses and their names lifted by their families and friends before the Blessed Trinity.

All Souls is an important feast as it joins the saints in heaven, the faithful on earth and those who have died in the communion of all the faithful. This feast clearly demonstrates the connection between all the faithful, both the living and the dead, and offers to those still in need of salvation a clear and vibrant image of the Communion of Saints.

St. Paul writes of this relationship of the members of the Church with great power and poetry in the First Letter to the Corinthians (15:51-57):

Now I am going to tell you a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed — in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

November is the month in which we pay homage to our deceased family members. Here at the Shrine we remember all the deceased members of the St. Jude Family, and we pray that they may rest eternally in the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a member of our family, it is my hope that this medieval prayer will enrich your spiritual life as you remember the lives of all those who have enriched yours.

“O Lord, may the end of my life be the best of it; may closing acts be my best acts, and may the best of my days be the day when I shall see Thee. Amen.”

Please use the enclosed slip and envelope to submit your petition for those loved ones you wish to remember. We will place their names on the St. Jude Altar and pray for them and for you during the month of November.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Jude,

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