Fall Holiday's and the St. Gertrude's Prayer



As we have entered into the Fall season in Michigan, we are blessed with the colorful palette provided by our Lord and Savior. It is a season of transformation and change. We may each see this time of year a bit differently than one another. Some may find a spiritual connection with this season, while there are others who may reflect nostalgically over the memories of years gone by. Fall can be the perfect season because it has everything we want and need to end one season in our lives happily and prepare to begin again.

By months end, we will be celebrating several Christian holidays, along with Halloween. Centuries ago in the British Isles, Christians would come together dressed as either saints or evil spirits and act out the ever present earthly battle between good and evil. The word "Halloween" is a "direct derivation of All Saints Day" with "All Hallows" in Old English meaning "the feast of the saints." It has also been translated to "Eve of All Hallows," which was a holy day celebrating the day before All Saints Day. Catholic's have described this as "a celebration of the communion of saints", for those people we believe are in heaven, through good works and God's grace." All Saints' Day is celebrated the first day of November while All Souls' Day is celebrated November 2.

We should know that "All Saints' Day" is a day Catholics offer prayers to those in purgatory. This is a wonderful time to recite the Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great. She was a 13th century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with numerous heavenly visions. Tradition tells us that Our Lord told her that each time this prayer is recited, it would release 1,000 from the suffering of purgatory.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

"All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are related, but they are two separate celebrations. On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live. On All Souls' Day, we're talking about all souls and asking God's mercy for them. "We're talking about those people who have died before us, and their process of getting to heaven.

Be mindful that the Church dedicates the month of November for us to fervently pray for the Holy Souls. The St. Gertrude's prayer may be added to each decade of the Holy Rosary, or anytime we wish to remember any family and friends amongst the faithfully departed. In being mindful of those who have gone before us, we have added this prayer to those said at the end of our K of C 4th Degree Assembly meetings.

May God bless you all my Brothers in CHRIST
Faithful Navigator - SK Charles Loader

Join the 4th Degree Opportunity

The District II, Knights of Columbus, will be hosting an on-line Exemplification
For those wishing to become a member of the 4th Degree.
The ceremony will be held on November 24th, from 7PM-8:30PM.
We presently have 4 candidates who are scheduled to participate.
Any other 3rd Degree member would be welcomed to attend as well.
Contact me, the Faithful Navigator or our 4th Degree Comptroller, SK Steve Clark
by November 20th, and let him know of your desired intentions.
The $50 fee to participate will be waived for the first 5 candidates to contact us.
A K of C form 4 must be completed and submitted to Assembly #510 by that date.
We are looking into arrangements to have a single location
available for the hosting of this On-Line Exemplification.

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