

All Souls Day Prayer

Merciful Father,

On this day, we are called to remember those who have died,
particularly those who have died in the past year,
and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator.

As your Son taught us to call the stranger
neighbor, our fallen are many—
names we will never know,
voices we have never heard,
in lands we may never visit,
yet brothers and sisters all.

And so we pray.

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of
conflicts we could not quell,
for soldiers and civilians,
adults and children, we pray ...
grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those migrants who have died seeking a
haven where they hoped to find safety
and opportunity for themselves and for their families, we pray ...
grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of hunger, denied their share in the
bounty you have placed before us, we pray ...
grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of AIDS, Malaria, Ebola, and other infectious diseases,
who died before adequate care could reach them, we pray ...
grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those refugees seeking asylum from war,
who died in a land that was not their home, we pray ...
grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of emergencies and calamities everywhere,
who died amid chaos and confusion, we pray ...
grant eternal rest, O Lord.

Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen.
We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year.

You raised your Son from the dead
that all may share in his joyful resurrection.

In Jesus' name, we pray ...

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Requiescant in pace.

Amen