

6 November

The Commemoration of All the Departed of the Society of Jesus

In the Constitutions, Jesuits are asked to pray in a special way for their departed companions. When a member of the Society dies, usually all the priests of that particular community celebrate Mass for his soul, while the others offer a special prayer for him. Further, a “notice that the same should be done, ought to be sent to the other places of the Society which the superior thinks proper, so that charity toward the departed no less than toward the living may be shown in our Lord” (Cons. [601]). In this spirit of fraternal charity, the Society wishes to commemorate each year and to pray for the eternal repose of all her members who have gone to meet Jesus, “the Alpha and the Omega”.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Th 4: 14

Just as Jesus died and rose again,
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep.

Collect

**O God, who made human weakness
not that it should end in death
but that in it your Son might be glorified,
stretch out your hand over our brothers who have died,
so that they who were born from you
may in you receive life in its fullness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Prayer over the Offerings

**Take, Lord, receive the sacrifice we offer you
for our brothers who have died,
so that, conformed to the death of your Son,
they may also know the power of his resurrection.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

Preface: The work of Salvation of Jesus Christ

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.**

**For he has filled us with patience and fortitude,
with living faith, hope,
and love of those eternal goods
that he merited and acquired for us
by the altogether incomparable sufferings
of his life on earth and his death.**

**Through him the host of Angels
adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

Communion Antiphon (RM)

Phil 3: 20-21

**We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ
who will change our mortal bodies,
to conform with his glorified body.**

Prayer after Communion

**Father, to whom no one can come unless drawn by your Son,
by the power of this sacrament
raise up our brothers on the last day,
so that those who under the banner of the cross
patiently shared in the sufferings of Christ
may be with you in glory.
Through Christ our Lord.**