

# PLENARY INDULGNCES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Adapted by the Apostolic Penitentiary for the time of COVID-19*

## **Extension of the All Souls Day Plenary Indulgence**

**When:** Can now be transferred to any day in November selected by the individual

**Where:** Visit any church or oratory

**How:** Devoutly recite the Our Father and the Creed during the visit and fulfill the usual requirements

## **Extension of the November 1-8 Plenary Indulgences**

**When:** Can now be transferred to other days in November selected by the individual. Days may be separate from each other

**Where:** Visit any cemetery

**How:** Pray for the Deceased and fulfill the usual requirements

## **Additional Adaptations for COVID-19**

Those who are sick, elderly, or for another serious reason (such as COVID restrictions) unable to visit a cemetery, church, or oratory may obtain the plenary indulgences by spiritually uniting themselves with the faithful and before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, either praying devoutly pious prayers for the deceased (e.g. Marian Rosary, Office of the Dead, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc.), reading and reflecting on one of the Gospels passages prescribed for Masses of the Dead, or by performing a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrow and hardships of their own lives.

## **Usual Requirements for obtaining a plenary indulgence**

Detachment from all sin, including venial

Performance of the indulgenced work with the intention of obtaining an indulgence

Completion of the three usual conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion for each plenary indulgence
- Sacramental Confession (one confession can suffice for multiple plenary indulgences)
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father for each plenary indulgence

The usual norm is that these three conditions are to be completed within twenty days before or after the prescribed work for earning the plenary indulgence, but in this time of COVID, those who cannot fulfill them in the standard timeframe may fulfill them as soon as possible.