

ICC Youth Group Luminary Prayer Walk In Honor of All Souls



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STOP #1

Leader: Sophia C.

Welcome

We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church and to our High School Youth Group's Luminary Walk, in honor of All Souls. Before we enter this time together in prayer, we ask that you please silence your cell phones. *(short pause)*

We encourage you to follow along with us, using our online prayer pamphlet. At the welcome table, there is a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to access our pamphlet online.

[If event is outside...] We will do our best to walk slowly and speak loudly, but please be aware, that the output of our sound system is limited.

[If event is inside...] Since we have moved our prayer walk inside, we ask that you remain stationary (either in a pew or standing) as our Youth Group processes around the church. Once we have concluded, we invite you to walk around the church to view the luminaries and for personal prayer time.

I will be leading us in song, as we walk between each stop with the following refrain. I'll sing it once and then I invite you to sing it with me:

***LORD I NEED YOU, OH I NEED YOU.
EVERY HOUR, I NEED YOU.
MY ONE DEFENSE, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS,
OH GOD, HOW I NEED YOU.***

Let us begin our time together, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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STOP #2

Leader: Ryan C.

A History of All Souls' Day

Our commemoration of All Souls' Day is an affirmation of the Christian belief in life after death. But it is more than that, because on this day we pray for the dead, an activity that reveals death is not a passive state, but as an actual process in which we participate. Although All Souls' Day was added to the church calendar in the 11th century, the inclusion of prayer for the dead in the liturgy is longstanding.

The beauty of life is that long after we die, we continue to bear fruit. The legacy we leave for the people we have known finds its fullness after we are gone. Many times, we also affect the lives of people we have never met. Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). ***We remember our loved ones, not because they left us, but because they changed us.***

Let us pray for the following souls by name:

1. Bevilacqua Family
2. Weingart Family
3. Curcio Family
4. Kosko Family
5. Frank Curcio
6. Bernie Robbins
7. Greg Dzula
8. Carolyn Zappulla
9. Eileen Petrasek
10. Kenneth Davies
11. Joy-Ann Parry
12. Rita Marie Koehler
13. Barbara Gambale
14. Paul Reilley
15. Ernest & Gloria Trimmer

Leader: *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

All respond: ***And let perpetual light shine upon them.***

Leader: May they rest in peace.

Response: ***Amen.***

Leader: May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Response: ***Amen.***

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STOP #3

Leader: ___ Christian V. _____

All Souls' Prayer for Social Justice

Dear God,

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

Your son taught us to call the stranger our “neighbor,”
Our fallen are many, Lord—
Some are 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...

Our response will be... ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

For victims of war, and those caught in the crossfires of conflict, for soldiers and civilians, adults and children, 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 diseases and illness, who died before adequate care could reach them, we pray...

Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

Lord, you raised your son from the dead that all may share in his joyful resurrection.

We call on you on behalf of those who have passed this year, Amen.

And let us also pray for the souls of our loved ones by name:

1. John & Elizabeth Reilley
2. St. Elizabeth Tombler
3. Joseph Ocello
4. Nikolaos Ekimoglou
5. Ted Klein
6. Louise Bishop
7. Powers/Murray Family
8. Goyer Family

9. Rovelli Family
10. Janusz Zelazny
11. Helena Tworzyolo
12. Anthony Awoneois
13. Anna Domka
14. Michal Domka
15. John Woods
16. John Woods
17. Zack Woods
18. Jane Dorflinger
19. Infante/Letchford
20. Robert Kafarski

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STOP #4

Leader: ___Peter K._____

A Jesuit's Reflection for the Departed

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” [John 11:25-26]

These words from our Lord in John's Gospel are a powerful promise—a comforting reminder that despite the inevitability of death, new life in His name awaits. The passing of a loved one always comes with a sense of loss for us. We console ourselves in the promise that they are in the everlasting peace of Christ's presence, and we celebrate their lives by remembering with gratitude the joy we experienced during their time with us.

Henri Nouwen said that the spiritual truth that leads to freedom is the truth that we belong not to the world but to God. By living lives in which we keep returning to that truth in word and deed, we will gradually grow into our true freedom.

Let us pray for the souls of our loved ones by name:

1. Ann Engelhardt
2. Maryann Hernandez
3. Elsa Oliverra
4. Sonia Matos
5. William Bernard
6. William Bernard
7. Kristina Nicole
8. Doreen Butler
9. John & Amalia Altonji
10. Mr. & Mrs. Pomposello
11. Mr. & Mrs. Freytag
12. Mr. & Mrs. Musto
13. Deanna Dudzinski
14. For the Souls in Purgatory
15. Mr. James D. Smith, Jr.
16. La Mae Perez

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STOP #5

Leader: _____ Sophia _____

Let Us Look to Mary

From the beginning of the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, St. Teresa of Calcutta began to experience a “terrible darkness” in her soul “as if everything was dead.” She frequently found herself on the brink of despair. In 1961, she received a light in this darkness. After a conversation with a priest, she realized that her painful longing was actually a part in what she called, “the thirst for Jesus,” for she believed that it was a share in “a very, very small part of Jesus’ darkness and pain on earth.” Mother Teresa believed that this same suffering was experienced in the life of Our Lady & Patroness, Mary as she walked with her son to Calvary.

From the Gospel of John, it says, “When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

Jesus gives us his mother to turn to in our grief. She knows our longing for our loved ones. She has experienced the same darkness of death and can lead us to the promise of new life through Jesus. We can lean on Mary as a friend and mother, who shows us a light in the dark. Let us ask Mary to intercede for us tonight, as we pray:

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Let us pray for the souls of our loved ones by name:

1. Edith Shepard
2. Ray Shepard
3. Mary Kramer
4. Jim Snee
5. Joseph Bannon
6. Andrea Hoffman
7. James Wilcox, Sr.
8. Geanine Wilcox
9. Diane David
10. Gwen Tibay
11. Gwen Tibay
12. Andrew Lin
13. Pablo Madarang
14. Elisa Sipin
15. Jean Swope
16. Enid Smith
17. Forlini/Badalamenti

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STOP #6

Leader: ___ Ryan _____

A Prayer for the Souls that have Helped Us

Holy Spirit...help us call to mind those who have assisted us on our journey in life. Be with us as we remember with love, the people that have been the face of God to us and a source of blessing.

During this prayer, you are invited to silently pray for loved ones in your own life that have died. Our response will be: ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

Recall a person who has cared for you... [PAUSE FOR A MOMENT] For this special care giver, let us pray to the Lord... ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

Remember one of your mentors or teachers who imparted wisdom with patience and joy, [PAUSE FOR A MOMENT]. For this special teacher, let us pray to the Lord... ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

Recall a person who believed in you and urged you to take risks. [PAUSE FOR A MOMENT] For this person, let us pray to the Lord... ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

Remember someone who extended friendship to you when you needed it most. [PAUSE FOR A MOMENT] For a blessing for this friend, we pray to the Lord... ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

For someone who was taken from you all too soon. [PAUSE FOR A MOMENT] For this person, let us pray to the Lord... ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

For a person dear to your heart that you miss today. [PAUSE FOR A MOMENT] For this special person, let us pray to the Lord... ***We entrust them to your abiding love.***

Let us pray for the souls of our loved ones by name:

1. Frances Zinna
2. Mike Zinna
3. Albert Stolarick
4. Marie Stolarick
5. Analya Carino
6. Marie McDonald
7. Thomas McDonald
8. Jack Dean
9. Marie Dean
10. William O'Toole
11. Antonio Monteroyo
12. Estaneslao Manuel
13. Eduardo Manuel
14. Stephen Young
15. Frances Young
16. Maria Giardella
17. Doffre Lima
18. Marina Aralar
19. Alice Warren
20. Maria Cruz

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Leader: _____ Christian V. _____

A Reflection on Light

In the Gospel of John it says, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5) Fire and light are used in scripture to symbolize God, hope, and eternal life. We light these candles tonight in remembrance of our loved ones that have died, in hope that they will live forever with the resurrected Christ.

Lord, you are the light of the world. Shed that light on us as we pray for our loved ones to enjoy eternal light and happiness with you.

Let us pray for the souls of our loved ones by name:

1. Joseph Pelletieri
2. Doug Dusch
3. Maria Dusch
4. Teresa Burke
5. William Burke
6. Michele Parmese
7. Robert Giannotti
8. Sabatino Family & Lambert Family
9. Lisa Lamperti Mims, Lamperti Mims Family
10. Richard Lamperti Mims, Lamperti Family
11. Kudla Family
12. Horvath/Soley Family
13. Anita Ang
14. Helen Omilian
15. Frank Omilian
16. Fred Hoffman
17. Doris Hoffman
18. Ida Palka
19. Frank Omilian, Sr.
20. Mom & Dad Dolan
21. Deceased Members of Collins Family & D’Ermilio Family
22. Umberto Peloso
23. Mr. & Mr. Bravo

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STOP #8

Leader: ___ Ryan C. _____

Our Closing Prayer

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down
in green pastures.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil.

For you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4

We turn to you, Comforter and Sustainer of Hope. We remember the presence of those we knew. Once more, we entrust them to your abiding love, praying for their peace and for ours.

Let us pray for the souls of our loved ones by name:

1. Marilyn Uccardi
2. Louis B. Marino
3. Gordon Whiteley
4. Nancy Monaco
5. Robert Monaco

6. Robert Reed
7. Raymond Lee
8. Kenneth Brindley
9. Maureen O'Brien
10. James O'Brien
11. Daniel O'Brien
12. Thomas Baklarz
13. Marie Kolano
14. Howard Chandler
15. Brian McFeeley
16. Eileen Gronwald
17. Edie Hustuedt
18. Betty Johnson
19. Brad Scott
20. Doug Van Bruggen
21. Micky Wagner
22. Chmura Family
23. Ielpi Family
24. Arnold Horvath

(read any additional names that didn't make it into this program)

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We gather strength from friendship and prayer tonight with those in our parish family, whose hearts also ache with the absence of their loved ones. God, grant us freedom from our grief. With your grace, we will surrender as best as we can to the mystery of death and what lies beyond it. In you God, we place our trust as we say...

Our Father, who art in heaven...

...Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit...

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

This concludes our prayer walk. Thank you so much for coming out in the cold to support our Luminary Prayer Walk, hosted by the ICC High School Youth Group. We invite you to remain, enjoy the luminaries and spend some time in personal prayer. Youth Group wishes you all good health and peace in these coming months. Good night.