

The Office of the Dead, Psalms and Sequence

Psalm 129, De Profundis (Raccolta #585)

A prayer of a sinner, trusting in the mercies of God. The sixth penitential psalm.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice. Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it. For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: And by reason of Thy Law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on His word: My soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy: And with Him plentiful redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (Say, Our Father, Hail Mary and Eternal Rest.)

(The faithful who devoutly recite the 129th Psalm, De Profundis or who say the Our Father, Hail Mary and the versicle Eternal Rest, in supplication for the faithful departed, may gain: An indulgence of 3 years; and indulgence of 5 years every day in November, a Plenary Indulgence on the usual conditions, if this pious practice is repeated daily for a month (Apostolic Brief, Aug. 11, 1736: S. P. Ap., May 29, 1933 and Nov. 20, 1940).

Eternal Rest (Raccolta #582)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. *(An indulgence of 300 days, applicable only to the holy souls (S. C. Ind., Feb 13, 1908: S. P. Ap., May 17, 1927))*

50th Psalm, Miserere (Raccolta #586)

Psalm 50:1-21: Miserere: Unto the end, a psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had sinned with Bethsabee.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy. And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me. To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee: that Thou mayst be justified in thy words and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me. For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels. Cast me not away from Thy face; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways; and the wicked shall be converted to Thee. Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation and my tongue shall extol Thy justice. O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips; and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings Thou wilt not be delighted. A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Office of the Dead (Raccolta #584)

The faithful who recite with devotion:

- A) Matins and Lauds may gain: An indulgence of 7 years:
- B) Only one Nocturn, with Lauds: An indulgence of 5 years:
- C) Vespers: An indulgence of 5 years
- D) Matins, or at least one Nocturn, with Lauds daily for a month:

A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions. The same indulgences may be gained by those who devoutly assist at the Office of the Dead and follow the singing of the Psalms and lessons, either by reading them devoutly or with pious meditations and prayers (Apostolic Brief, April 2, 1921; S. P. Ap., June 15, 1936).

Merciful Lord (Raccolta #583)

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them everlasting rest. *(An indulgence of 300 days, applicable only to the holy souls (S. C. of the Holy Office, March 18, 1909)).*