



Partial Indulgences

- Every sin has consequences.
- Even if our sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of Confession, the consequences must be paid during the remainder of our life on Earth, or in Purgatory.
- A **partial indulgence** relieves part of this punishment for sin.
- A partial indulgence can be acquired **more than once a day**.
- Partial indulgences can always be applied to the dead.
- They are spiritual benefits accumulated through holy living.
- An indulgence cannot be bought.
- Additionally, any indulgence cannot be obtained by going through the motions without sincerity of heart.

Examples

- Partial indulgences can come from heartfelt service of those who are in need through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- One can also penitentially abstain from something permitted and pleasing in a spirit of sacrifice.

Examples

In the face of life's burdens, humbly and lovingly raise your mind to God with an invocation like one of the following:

- "My God, I love Thee."
- "All for Thee."
- "Jesus, Mary, I love you, save souls."
- "Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee."
- "Thy will be done."
- "Mary, save me."

What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.

An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead."

Catechism of the Catholic Church - Chapter 2, Part 10

