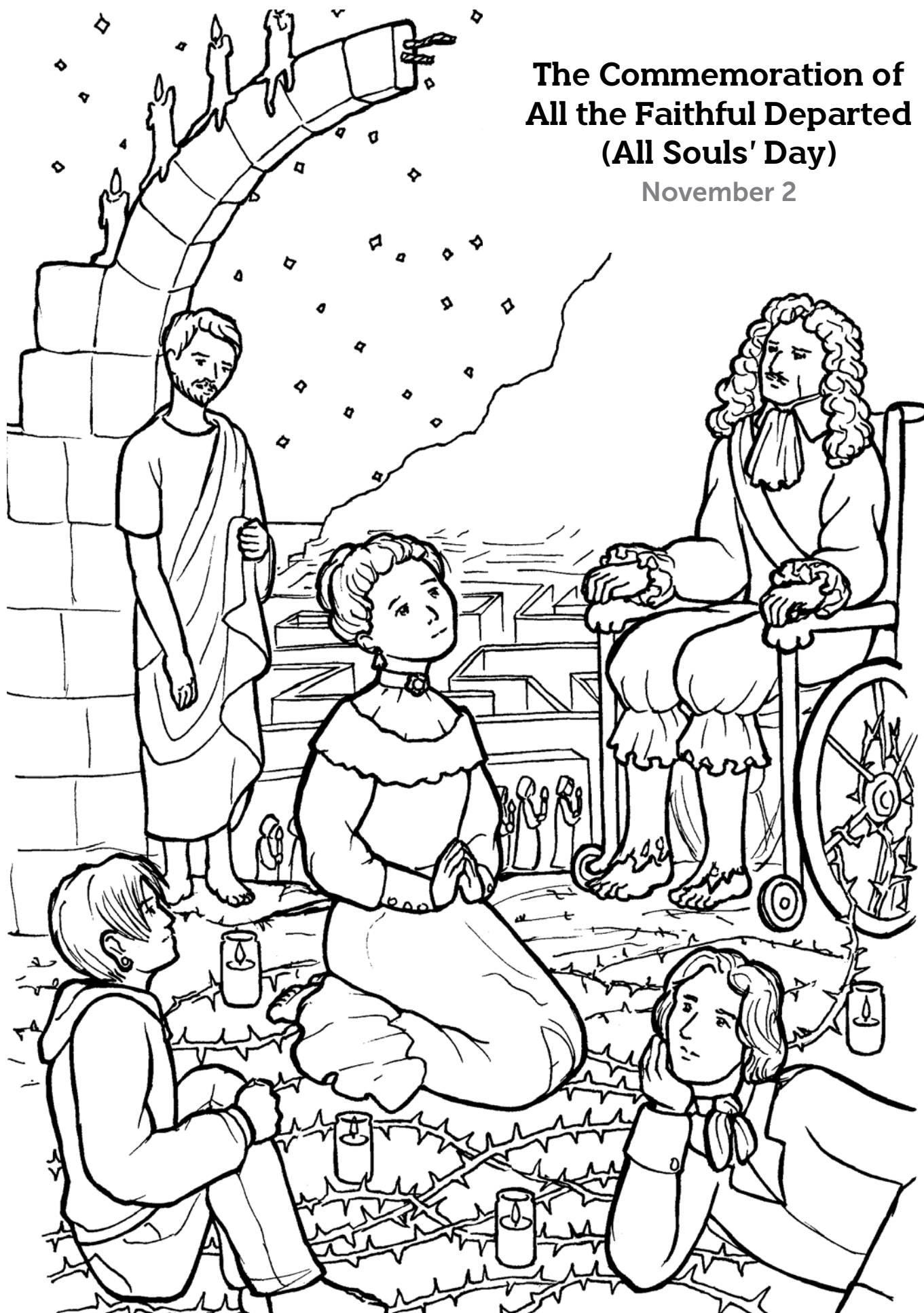


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Feast Day of the Church

Today, we pray in a special way for all those who have died. The souls of the faithful departed have special need of prayers to help them get to heaven. We can ask God to be merciful on the departed souls and give them the life of His grace.

Did someone you know pass away this year? Say a special prayer for him or her.

Pray for all those in your family who have died.

Pray, also, for those who have no one else to pray for them and who are forgotten by those on earth. In purgatory, souls from every time and place are being purified so that they can be holy enough to enter heaven. These souls will especially be thankful for your prayers.

There is a special blessing given to departed souls in purgatory if you visit a Catholic cemetery today, or during the rest of the week, and pray for them. You can earn for these souls an indulgence, which means that they will spend less time suffering in purgatory!

You can pray this prayer for the dead:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Remember, if you pray for the souls in purgatory then they will pray for you too!

Dear Lord, grant the souls of the faithful departed eternal rest in peace!