



**WHY PRAY FOR THE DEAD?**

*One might think they are beyond our reach. **BUT...** in fact, we reach out to them all the time in prayer and thought.*

*And, often, we feel their presence in our hearts.*

*Jesus and Mary have left this world and we, constantly, pray to and talk to them, don't we? So, the same is true of our continued love and 'conversation' with our deceased, loved ones!*

*We pray to them and we pray for them. Why?  
Because our love for them never dies.*

*And which is the best prayer ever prescribed?  
Of course, it's the Mass!*

*Why not call or stop in at the rectory on a Mon., Wed., or Fri. (SIJ-412-384-4406, 9am-4pm) and request a Mass to be celebrated for a loved one? (SFA-724-348-7145-weekdays.)*

*It's the best prayer possible!*

*The graces the priest enjoys for the honor of Celebrating for your **Intention** flows directly to your **Request**. Honor that person in a special way on an anniversary, birthday, or 'just because.'*

*Wouldn't we hope that others would do the same for us some day?*

*Pause and ponder.—fr. t.*