



# The Holy See

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***PRAYER OF JOHN PAUL II  
FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED DURING THE VISIT  
TO THE CRYPT OF ST PETER'S BASILICA***

*Solemnity of All Saints  
Friday, 1 November 2002*

In this crypt we entrust to the mercy of the Father above all the victims of the earthquake that struck the south of Italy and especially the many little children who lost their lives, their parents and their families.

We also pray for those who are buried here and await the resurrection of the flesh, particularly, the Supreme Pontiffs who have served as Pastors of the Universal Church so that they may share in the eternal liturgy of heaven.