

PLENARY INDULGENCES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

What are they and how are they obtained?



What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is the remission before God of all temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. It can be applicable to oneself or the dead (but not to other living people)

How can I receive the indulgence?

Under these circumstances, there are many ways to receive the indulgence, for example:

- Pray the Holy Rosary
- Pray the Way of the Cross
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Read Holy Scripture for 30 mins
- Offer a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament



What if someone is on the point of death?

It is enough to desire the indulgence and to have prayed a few prayers throughout one's life.

Who can receive a plenary indulgence during the current situation?

Coronavirus patients, their caregivers, and all the faithful who pray for the end of the epidemic and the people affected by it.



What else is needed to receive it?

1. Reject sin internally.
2. Pray for the Pope's intentions.
3. Have the will to confess and receive Holy Communion the moment it is possible again.

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