

A Guide to gaining the New Year's Plenary Indulgence

1. What is a Plenary Indulgence? A **Plenary Indulgence** is the full remission of temporal punishment due for sins which have already been forgiven. The indulgence is granted by the Catholic Church after the sinner has confessed and received absolution. Indulgences draw on the Treasury of Merit accumulated by Christ's superabundantly meritorious sacrifice on the cross and the virtues and penances of the saints. They are granted for specific good works and prayers.

2. Who Can Gain A Plenary Indulgence? To be capable of gaining an indulgence for oneself, it is required that one be baptized, not excommunicated, in the state of grace at least at the completion of the prescribed works, and a subject of the one granting the indulgence.

3. Who Can I get a Plenary Indulgence for? You can gain a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or for a deceased person. But not for another living person, they have to get it for themselves.

4. A New Years Plenary Indulgence Check List:



THE WORK: Two different plenary Indulgences are available at New Years: one at the close of the year on December 31, and a second at the beginning of the year on January 1. It is possible to gain both. You might gain one for yourself and one for a deceased loved one. The work will be satisfied during the prayer of the faithful at all Masses this weekend.

DECEMBER 31 - TE DEUM: Publicly recite the prayer “Te Deum” in thanksgiving At all New Years Eve Masses, we will recite the Te Deum, all you have to do is fulfill the usual conditions.

OR:

JANUARY 1 - VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS: Publicly recite the hymn “Veni Creator Spiritus” At all New Years Day Masses, we will recite the Veni Creator Spiritus, all you have to do is fulfill the usual conditions.

THE USUAL CONDITIONS:

Receive Holy Communion on the Day

Go to Confession (within 20 Days before or after of the day)

Have no attachment to sin.

Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father (1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary is sufficient).

December 31

Te Deum

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim
you: Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

Priest: Save your people, Lord, and bless your
inheritance.

ALL: Govern and uphold them now and always.

Priest: Day by day we bless you.

ALL: We praise your name for ever.

Priest: Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

ALL: for we put our trust in you.

Priest: In you, Lord, is our hope:

ALL: and we shall never hope in vain.

A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who recite the hymn, Te Deum, as an act of thanksgiving. The indulgence will be a plenary one if this hymn is publicly recited on the last day of the year.

Priest: Let us Pray for the Intentions of our Holy
Father, Pope Francis:

All: Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . .

January 1

Veni Creator Spiritus

**Come, Creator Spirit
O Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Life rises vibrant out of death;
Come to create, renew, inspire;
Come, kindle in our hearts your fire.**

**You are the seeker's sure resource,
Of burning love the living source,
Protector in the midst of strife,
The giver and the Lord of life.**

**In you God's energy is shown,
To us your varied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;
Yours is the tongue and yours the ear.**

**Flood our dull senses with your light;
In mutual love our hearts unite.
Your power the whole creation fills;
Confirm our weak, uncertain wills.**

**From inner strife grant us release;
Turn nations to the ways of peace.
To fuller life your people bring
That as one body we may sing:**

**Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
And to the Spirit: God the Lord,
To whom all honor, glory be
Both now and for eternity. Amen.**

A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the hymn, Veni, Creator Spiritus. The indulgence will be a plenary one when this hymn is recited publicly on the first day of January and on the solemnity of Pentecost.

Priest: Let us Pray for the Intentions of our Holy
Father, Pope Francis:

All: Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . .

