

# Death Survey

Please answer the following questions as honestly as you can. The survey is *anonymous*. The purpose is to understand different beliefs about life after death as compared to Catholic beliefs. The more people who answer it, from different backgrounds and beliefs, the better, so please pass it on to as many others as you can. The online survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYQGXD2> or via the ITD website or Facebook page. Please return the printed version to ITD, 12 Vincent Road, Morwell Vic 3840.

## 1. What do you believe happens after we die? (tick all that apply)

- Our bodies decay and there is no more life - end of story
- We all go to Heaven, regardless of what we believed or how we lived
- We all face judgment for how we lived, and our souls go to either Heaven or Hell
- We all face judgment for how we lived, and our souls go to Heaven, or Hell, or to be purified in Purgatory before entering Heaven
- We live on somewhere else, in body
- We live on somewhere else, in spirit
- We all become angels
- We all go to "a better place" (no matter how we lived or what we believed)
- We become a spirit who stays on earth to assist those we loved
- We become a spirit who stays on earth to haunt those we didn't like
- We go to the best golf course/fishing spot/shopping centre/...
- We join all our loved ones who have gone before us, no matter where they are
- We are all at peace, with no suffering (no matter how we lived or what we believed)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Do you believe that after you die, you will again be with: (tick all that apply)

- Those you love (no matter how they lived or what they believed)
- Those who have loved you (no matter how they lived or what they believed)
- Your pets
- Those who have harmed you or hated you
- Those whom you have harmed or hated
- All souls who end up in the same place as you do, be it Heaven or Hell
- All souls who end up in the same place as you do, be it Heaven, Hell or Purgatory
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Do you believe in Heaven?

- No, I don't
- Yes, I do and I believe it can be anything anyone wants it to be
- Yes, I do. I believe it is the perfect communion of life and love with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with the Virgin Mary, and all the angels and all the blessed
- Yes, I do, but I believe it's something else (please explain below)
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. How do souls get to Heaven? (tick all that apply)

- It's automatic, we all do
- By living according to God's plan, and dying in a state of grace
- Through the prayers of the living, for the souls of the dead in Purgatory
- Through the mercy of God
- I don't believe in God, so I don't believe in Heaven
- I don't believe we have a soul
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. "I don't have to do anything to get to Heaven - God loves me as I am."**

- I agree, but it only applies to me and to those I love
- I agree, and it applies to everyone else too, even those I don't love and those I think are evil
- Even though He loves me as I am, I have to live according to God's law to receive his reward of Heaven
- I don't believe in God or Heaven
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you believe in Hell?**

- Yes, everyone who has hurt me or betrayed me (or others) will go there
- Yes, if I don't live according to God's plan I could end up there
- Yes, to die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means I remain separated from God forever by my own free choice
- No, I don't believe in God so I don't believe in Hell
- No, I don't believe in Heaven so I don't believe in Hell
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. If there is a different place for "good" and "bad" people, who decides?**

- I make up my own rules and live by them
- God has made the rules and I can choose whether or not to live by them
- Others make up the rules and I can choose whether or not to live by them
- I don't believe there's a different place for "good" and "bad" people
- I don't believe in "good" and "bad"
- I decide who is "good" and who is "bad", and who should go to Heaven and who should go to Hell
- Everyone lives according to their truth and so everyone is "good" and so everyone goes to Heaven
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Do we need to pray for those who have died?**

- Yes, we pray for those who die in God's friendship but are still imperfectly purified, that they will achieve the holiness necessary to enter Heaven
- No, there's no point, they're dead
- No, there's no point, they're already in Heaven
- Yes, to make ourselves feel better, to comfort ourselves and one another
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Do you believe in angels?**

- Yes, angels are what we all become when we die (you, me, mass murderers and everyone else)
- Yes, angels are what innocent people become when they die (e.g. newborn babies)
- Yes, angels are spiritual beings of a different nature to human beings
- No, I don't believe in angels
- Angels are like the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy - they don't really exist but it's nice to pretend
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Are you Catholic?**

- Yes I am
- Yes, I am but I don't go to Sunday Mass anymore
- Yes, I am but I don't believe all the Church teaches and believes
- No, I'm a Christian of another denomination (please state below)
- No, I'm a non-Christian believer (please state below)
- I have no religious beliefs
- I don't believe in God
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_