

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Ancient worship. Affirming Faith. Genuine love.

THE ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



This devotion to Our Sorrowful Mother originated in the thirteenth century. It recalls the Sorrows the Mother of God endured in compassion for the suffering and death of her Son. The Seven Sorrows are taken from Scripture events and the devotion has a long history and developed gradually. Members of the Servite Order (The Servants of Mary) actively promoted the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows during the time of the Black Death (1347-1351).

AT THE MEDAL OR CROSS

O God (†), make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Except in Lent, Alleluia.

THE CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept, and all make an Examination of Conscience.

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you (us) absolution (†) and remission of all your (our) sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

In compassion for our sorrowful Mother's tears and to offer our tears in union with hers...

AT THE NEXT THREE BEADS, THREE HAIL MARYS ARE SAID
IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER'S SORROWFUL TEARS.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

AT THE FOURTH BEAD

My God, I offer this Rosary unto thee in honor of the seven principal Sorrows of Mary; for thy glory; for my conversion and that of all people through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ; for the St. Mary's parish family; for an end to the coronavirus pandemic; and for _____ [*insert your intentions here*].

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

AT EACH OF THE SEVEN MEDALS, THE SORROW IS ANNOUNCE, AND A BRIEF PRAYER IS PRAYED, AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER IS PRAYED.

THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against, and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart upon hearing Simeon's prophecy, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of Jesus, —a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to God's people Israel. (cf. Luke 2:32).

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

AT EACH OF THE SEVEN BEADS, A HAIL MARY IS PRAYED WHILE MEDITATING ON THE SORROW THAT WAS ANNOUNCED.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

AFTER THE SEVENTH BEAD IS PRAYED,

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

And an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my Son.” (Matthew 2:13–15).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart at the flight into Egypt by night, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of Jesus, born —to save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21).

One Our Father, and seven Hail Mary’s.

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

THE LOSS OF JESUS FOR THREE DAYS

And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” And he said to

them, “How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (Luke 2:48-49).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart when together with Saint Joseph you searched for Jesus for three days, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of Jesus, —full of grace and truth. (John 1:14).

One Our Father, and seven Hail Mary’s.

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

HER MEETING JESUS, CARRYING HIS CROSS

He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. . . . Yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:7, 12).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart when you encountered your Jesus bearing His cross, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of Jesus, —despised and rejected by men. (Isaiah 53:3)

One Our Father, and seven Hail Mary’s.

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

HER STANDING BENEATH THE CROSS ON CALVARY

But standing by the Cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home (John 19:25-27).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart when you saw your Child’s hands and feet nailed to the wood of the Cross and His side pierced by the soldier’s lance, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of Jesus Crucified, bowed in death.

One Our Father, and seven Hail Mary’s.

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

THE SACRED BODY OF JESUS, TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Sion? For vast as the sea is your ruin; who can restore you? Cry aloud to the Lord! O daughter of Sion! Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite! (Lamentations 2:13, 18).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart when you beheld the lifeless Body of Jesus taken down from the cross, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of ,—beautiful above the sons of men. (Psalm 44:3).

One Our Father, and seven Hail Mary's.

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

HER WITNESSING THE BURIAL OF THE SACRED BODY OF HER SON

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the Day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb, and how the body was laid; then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. (Luke 23:52-55).

Holy Mother of God, I remember the sorrow of your heart when you beheld the Body of Jesus wrapped in a linen shroud and laid in the tomb, and I desire to contemplate with you the Face of Jesus, covered with a veil in death.

One Our Father, and seven Hail Mary's.

Holy Mother, this impart, deeply print within my heart, all the wounds my Savior bore.

AT THE FIRST BEAD

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

AT THE NEXT THREE BEADS, THREE HAIL MARYS ARE SAID
IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER'S SORROWFUL TEARS.

AT THE FINAL BEAD, THE SEASONAL MARIAN ANTIPHON IS PRAYED.

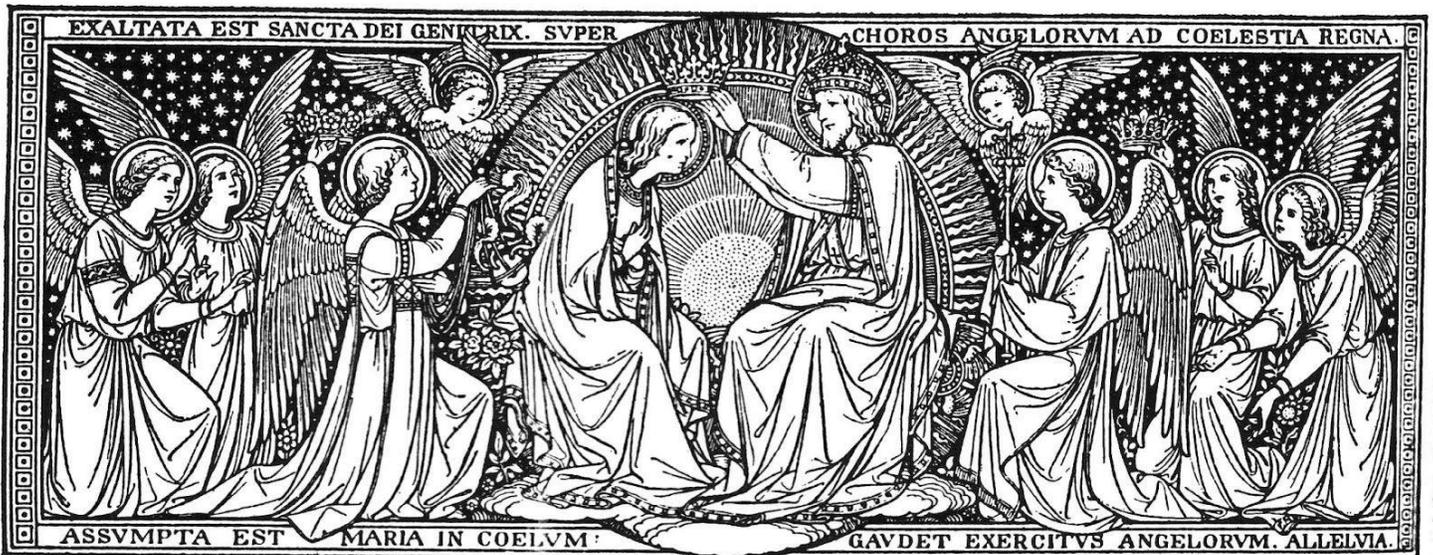
Hail, holy Queen,

Mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary to become a habitation meet for thy Son: Grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration, we may be delivered by her loving intercession from our present evils and from eternal death. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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