

September Prayers

Our Lady of Sorrows

Virgin most sorrowful, pray for us.

Due to her feast day on September 15th, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honour Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."



INVOCATIONS

Mary most sorrowful, Mother of Christians, pray for us.

Virgin most sorrowful, pray for us.



TO THE QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Mary, most holy Virgin and Queen of Martyrs, accept the sincere homage of my filial affection.
Into thy heart, pierced by so many swords, do thou welcome my poor soul.
receive it as the companion of thy sorrows at the foot of the Cross,
on which Jesus died for the redemption of the world.

With thee, O sorrowful Virgin,
I will gladly suffer all the trials, contradictions, and infirmities, which it shall please our Lord to send me.

I offer them all to thee in memory of thy sorrows,
so that every thought of my mind, and every beat of my heart may be
an act of compassion and of love for thee.

And do thou, sweet Mother, have pity on me, reconcile me to thy divine Son Jesus,
keep me in His grace, and assist me in my last agony,
so that I may be able to meet thee in heaven and sing thy glories.

Amen.

TO THE MOTHER OF SORROWS

Most holy Virgin. and Mother, whose soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the Passion of thy divine Son,
and who in His glorious Resurrection wast filled with never-ending joy at His triumph;
obtain for us who call upon thee,
so to be partakers in the adversities of Holy Church and the sorrows of the Sovereign Pontiff,
as to be found worthy to rejoice with them in the consolations for which we pray,
in the charity and peace of the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN HONOR OF THE SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O most holy and afflicted Virgin! Queen of Martyrs!
thou who didst stand motionless beneath the Cross, witnessing the agony of thy expiring Son—
through the unceasing sufferings of thy life of sorrow,

and the bliss which now more than amply repays thee for thy past trials,
look down with a mother's tenderness and pity on me, who kneel before thee to venerate thy dolours,
and place my requests, with filial confidence, in the sanctuary of thy wounded heart;
present them, I beseech thee, on my behalf, to Jesus Christ,
through the merits of His own most sacred death and passion,
together with thy sufferings at the foot of the cross,
and through the united efficacy of both obtain the grant of my present petition.

To whom shall I resort in my wants and miseries if not to thee,
O Mother of Mercy, who, having so deeply drunk of the chalice of thy Son,
canst compassionate the woes of those who still sigh in the land of exile?
Offer for me to my Saviour one drop of the Blood which flowed from His sacred veins,
one of the tears which trickled from His divine eyes,
one of the sighs which rent His adorable Heart.

O refuge of the universe and hope of the whole world,
do not reject my humble prayer, but graciously obtain the grant of my petition.



TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS (Saint Bonaventure)

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ:
by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom,
the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son,
look upon me with eyes of compassion,
and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings,
as well as a sincere detestation of my sins,
in order that, being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth,

I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem,
and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions
may be directed towards this one most desirable object.

Honour, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God.

Amen.

