

THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY

In reparation for the sins of the world that caused Jesus to sweat blood.

The Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)

Let us consider in this mystery how

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to the, "My should is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done?" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Prayer: *Immaculate Heart of Mary, by the overwhelming anguish and grief Our Savior suffered in His Agony, I pray for the grace to respond to your request at Fatima: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

Recite: Hail Mary, once.

THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

In reparation for the sin of impurity

The Scourging at the Pillar. (Luke 23:1-22 and John 19:1)

Let us consider in this mystery how

Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Messiah, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here." On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, or did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. Again Pilate addressed them still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done! I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." They Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.

Prayer: *Immaculate Heart of Mary, Jesus suffered this inhumane punishment to atone for the sins of man. You revealed to Jacinta that many souls go hell because of sins of the flesh. Grant me the virtue of purity so I may never cause myself or my neighbor the loss of heaven. May the words of Jacinta become my own: "But I offer everything for sinners, and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary . . . Our Lord and our Lady greatly love those who suffer for the conversion of sinners."*

Recite: *Hail Mary*, once.

THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

In reparation for the sin of Pride.

The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27: 26-31)

Let us consider in this mystery how

Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorian and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

Prayer: *Immaculate Heart of Mary, at Tuy, Sister Lucia was blessed to see the Trinity, with Jesus Crucified above the altar. His Precious drops of Blood were spilling into His chalice. From His side, rivers of water spilled forth over the altar with the words 'Graces and Mercy.' Your Immaculate Heart was there, also. I pray, be with me as I approach the altar that I may receive worthily His grace and mercy, remembering the words of the Angel at Fatima: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God."*

Recite: *Hail Mary*, once.

THE FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

In reparation for ingratitude to Jesus for bearing our punishments.

The Carrying of the Cross (Mark 15:20-26)

Let us consider in this mystery how

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull). They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

Prayer: *Immaculate Heart of Mary, with compassion I recall how painful it must have been for you to see Jesus suffering for the sins of man. Inspire me with a keen sorrow for my sins. In moments of trial, may I remember your promise: "Are you suffering a great deal? Do not lose hope, I will not forsake you." Your words to the 3 little shepherds bring forth your maternal concern for me: "Do not offend the Lord anymore, because he is already so much offended." I desire never to offend God again.*

Recite: *Hail Mary*, once.

THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

In reparation for the ingratitude for the mercy that Jesus offers us.

The Crucifixion and Death. (Luke 23:33-46)

Let us consider in this mystery how

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Prayer: *Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the sake of the bitter anguish you suffered at the foot of the cross, help me to be charitable to all who offend me and to offer sacrifices in supplication for the conversion sinners. At Fatima, you showed the 3 shepherd children a vision of hell: "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go." Grant me the grace to overcome evil in moments of temptation, especially at my last hour. Your words to Sister Lucia sustain me: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes."*

Recite: *Hail Mary*, once.

Prayers from Fatima

The prayers taught at Fatima are simple in structure, profound in depth. To a world poor and needy in faith and charity these prayers stress ancient truths of our holy Catholic Church - especially concerning the Holy Eucharist and Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God.

Pardon Prayer

My god, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You. - Angel of Peace, Spring 1916

Sacrifice Prayer

(Our Lady requested that this prayer be said many times, especially whenever we make some sacrifice)

O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. - Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

Eucharistic Prayer

This prayer stresses the most beautiful truth - the all-powerful, all-loving God upon our very altars. *Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament. - Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917*

Angel's Prayer

With the Blessed Sacrament suspended in the air, the angel at Fatima prostrated himself, and recited this prayer: *O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners. - Angel of Peace, Fall 1916*

Prayer of Consecration

Vouchsafe to reign, O most loving Mother, over this family, that it may be your own, and over each one of us who is, and wishes to be, yours in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness and in life and in death. Reign over our wills, leading them in the path of virtue traced by you for us with your example, in a perfect submission to the will of God.

Reign in our hearts which desire nothing but to be consumed with love for you and Jesus. We want to be pure like you; we want to atone for so many crimes committed against you and against Jesus. Bring to our country and to the whole world the kingdom of peace in justice and charity.

Therefore, we now promise to imitate your virtues in the practice of a Christian life, and to offer you the wreath of our Rosary and the flowers of our sacrifices, in the spirit of Reparation and Penance.