

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

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The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by meditating on her tears and dolours (sorrows). The *Hail Mary* is prayed seven times, after each meditation.

Here are the Seven Graces

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable Will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death; they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained (This Grace) from my divine Son, so that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all of their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their consolation and eternal joy.

The Seven Sorrows



1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke II, 34, 35)

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, having brought her only son to the Temple, the old saint Simeon says to her: "This Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed." By these words, he announced the Passion and the Death of Jesus-Christ Our Lord to her.

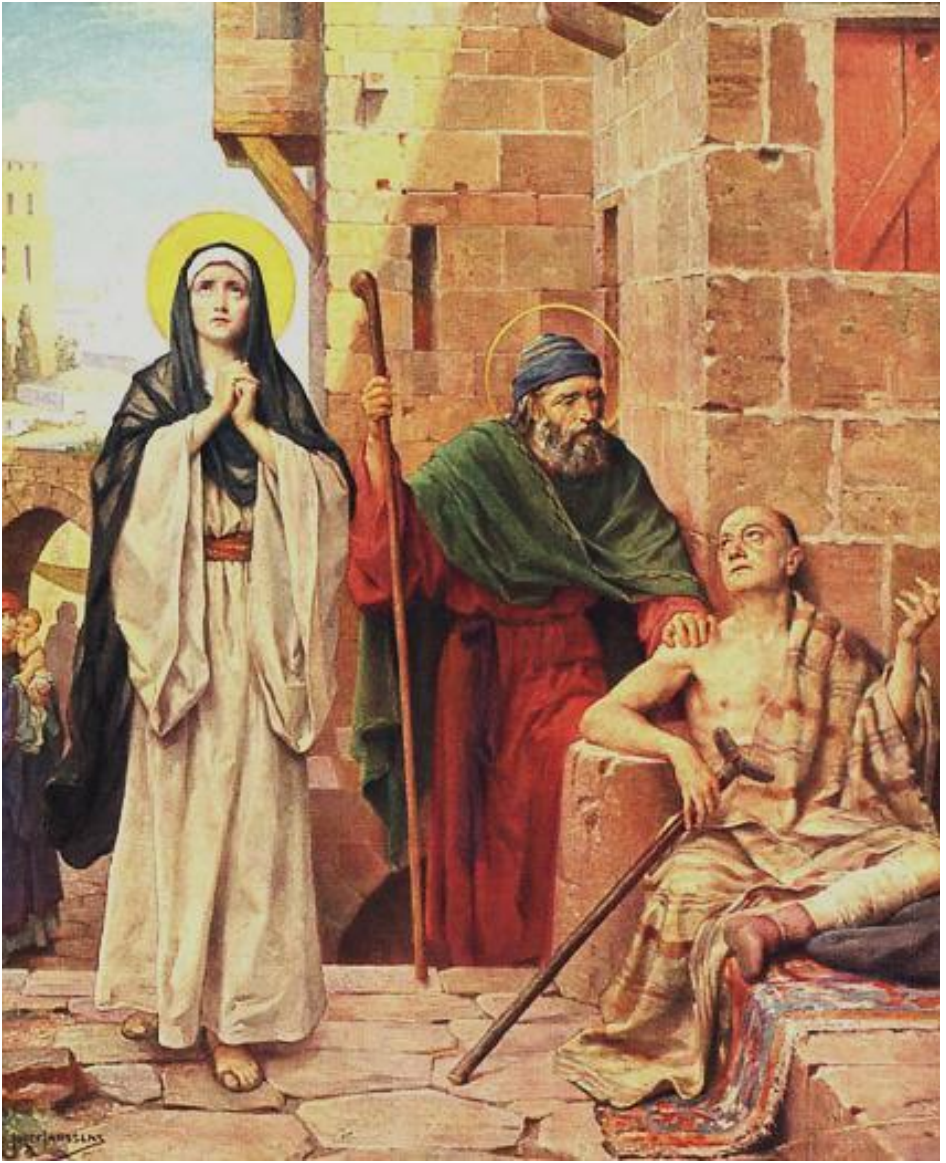
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2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew II, 13-14)

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary is obliged to flee to Egypt to withdraw Jesus child from the persecution of the cruel Herod, which seeks Him to put Him at death.

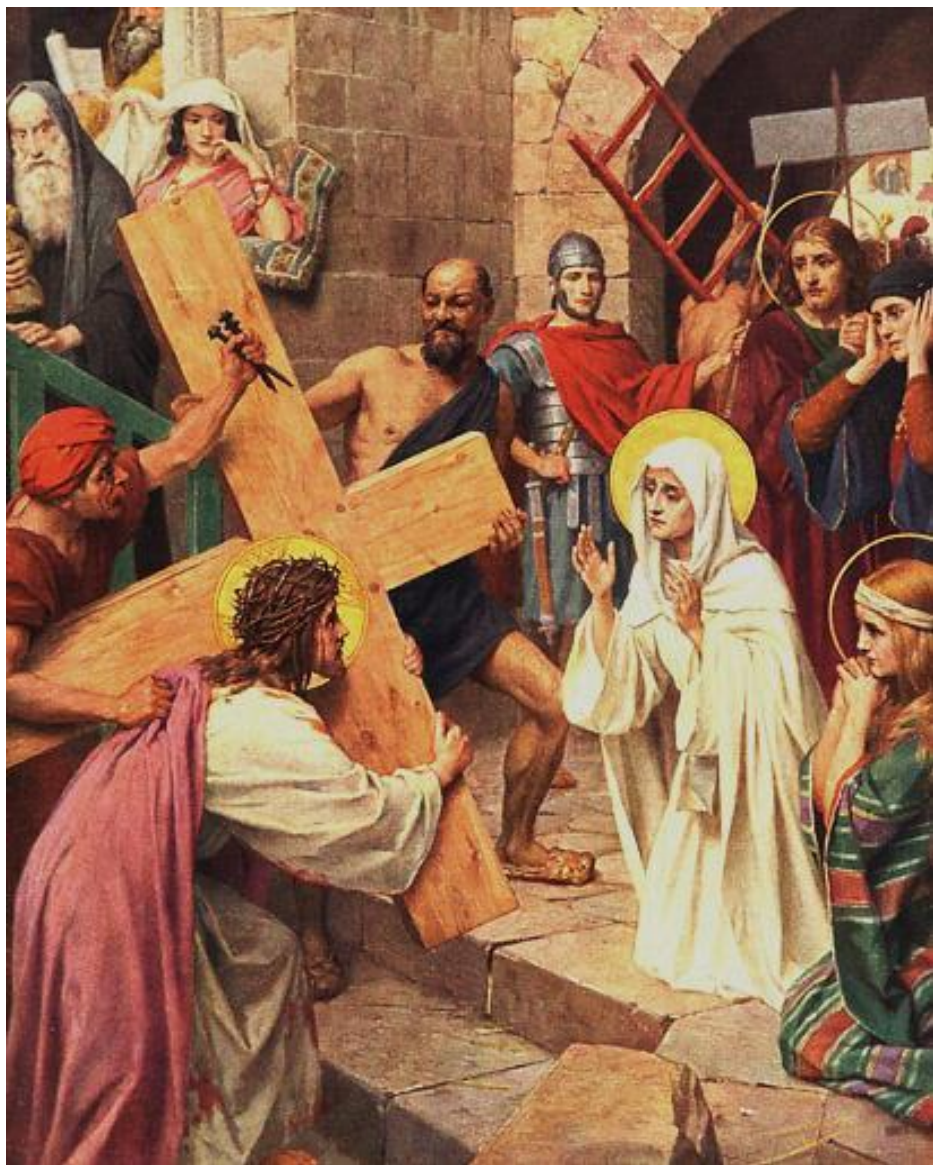
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3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple. (St. Luke II, 43-45)

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, upon return from the Passover, Misses her child Jesus, and for three whole days seeks Him, together with Saint Joseph, in great sorrow.

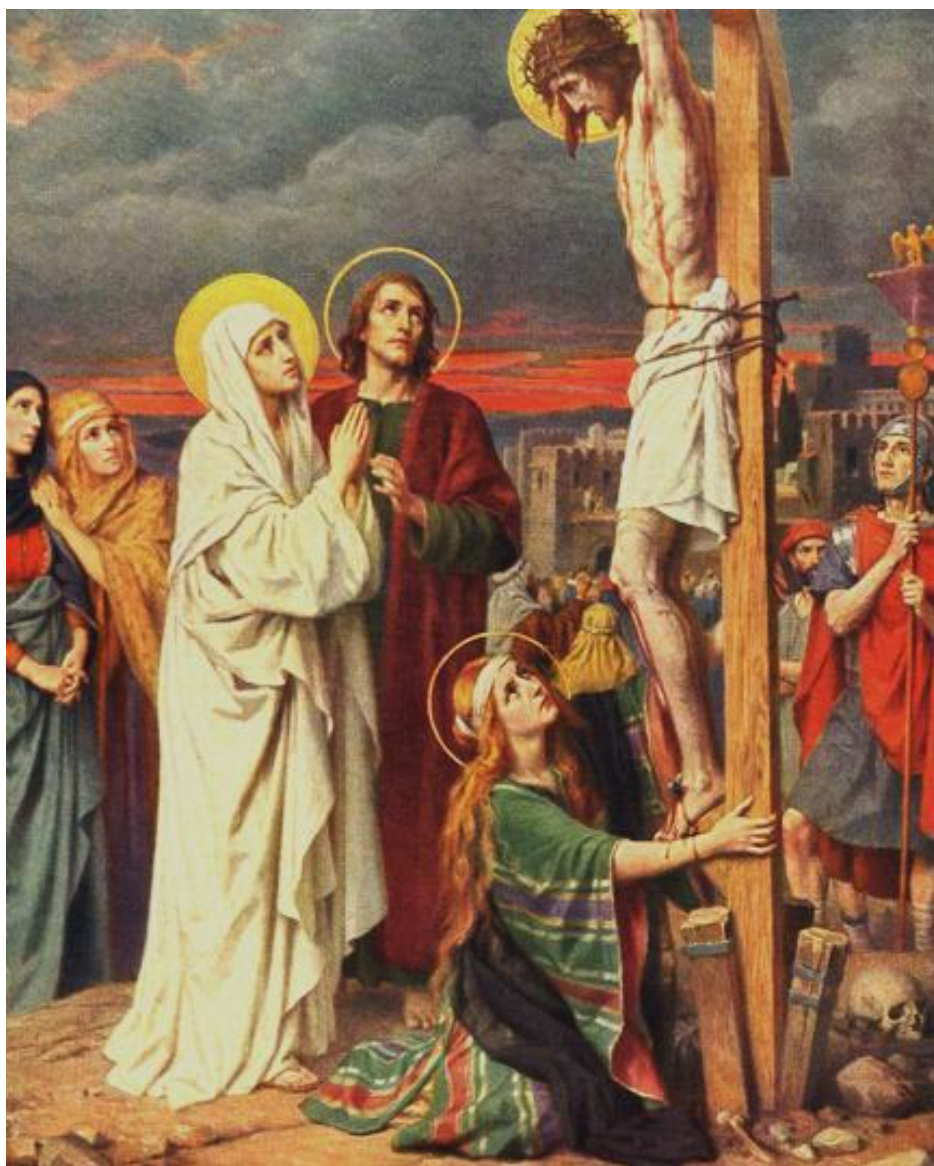
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4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary meets Jesus on the way of the Calvary and sees Him bearing on His wounded shoulders the heavy cross to which He will be nailed for our salvation.

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5. The Crucifixion.

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary sees Jesus nailed to the cross, shedding His blood from all the wounds covering His body and finally dying after three hours of cruel sufferings.

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6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, after having seen the Heart of her divine Son transpierced of the sword, receives his dead body on her knees.

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7. The burial of Jesus.

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary accompanies to the tomb the very holy body of her Son, and sees the heavy rolled stone at the entry of the sepulcher.

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History

The Rosary of the 7 Sorrows owes its origin to the Order of the Servites of Mary, founded in Florence in 1233, by 7 friends who were mostly rich merchants, who at the request of Mary left everything to consecrate themselves to the service of Jesus and the Church, under the patronage of Our Lady of the 7 Sorrows. In 1724, the Order of the Servites of Mary received from Benedict XIII the approval for the Chaplet of the 7 Sorrows. The devotion also comes from St. Bridget.

Our Lord once said to the Blessed Veronica of Binasco: "My daughter, the tears which you shed in compassion for My sufferings are pleasing to Me, but bear in mind that on account of My infinite love for My Mother, the tears you shed in compassion for her sufferings are still more precious."