V. Let us pray. Let intercession be made for us, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death, before the throne of Thy mercy, by the blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Thy bitter passion. Through thee, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest world without end. R. Amen.

Novena Prayer

V. Most holy and afflicted Virgin,

R. Queen of Martyrs, * thou stood beneath the Cross, * witnessing the agony of thy dying Son. * O Mother of Mercy, * obtain the granting of our petition. * Thou hast drunk so deeply of the chalice of thy Son, * thou canst compassionate our sorrows. * Holy Mary, thy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrows * at the sight of the Passion of thy divine Son. * Intercede for us and obtain for us from Jesus:

(Mention Your Intentions)

V. If it be for His honor and glory * and for our good. R. Amen.

Invocations (Raccolta #375, 376, 377)

- V. Holy Mother, piece me through,
- R. In my heart each wound renew, * of my Savior crucified.
- V. Mary most sorrowful, Mother of Christians, R. Pray for us.
- V. Virgin most sorrowful, R. Pray for us.
- V. Queen of Martyrs and Mother of Mercy, R. Pray for us.
- V. In the Name of the Father... R. Amen.

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NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Recited from: September 8th through September 14th



Feast Day; September 15th

Novena

The word Novena derives it name from the Latin word "novem" meaning "nine." A novena can be either a private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces.

Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows

- V. In the Name of the Father... R. Amen.
- V. O God, come to my assistance. R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
- V. Glory be to the Father... R. As it was in the beginning...

Seven Sorrows of Our Lady (Raccolta #383)

- V. **The First Sorrow**. The Prophecy of Simeon. I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful,
- R. In the affliction of thy tender heart * at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. * Dear Mother, by thy heart so afflicted, * obtain for me the virtue of humility * and the gift of the holy fear of God.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...
- V. **The Second Sorrow**. The Flight into Egypt. I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful,
- R. In the anguish of thy most affectionate heart * during the flight into Egypt and thy sojourn there. * Dear Mother, by thy heart so troubled, * obtain for me the virtue of generosity * especially towards the poor, * and the gift of piety.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...
- V. **The Third Sorrow**. The Loss of the Child Jesus. I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful,
- R. In those anxieties which tried thy troubled heart * at the loss of thy dear Jesus * Dear Mother, by thy heart so full of anguish, * obtain for me the virtue of chastity * and the gift of knowledge.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...

- V. **The Fourth Sorrow**. Mary meets her Son on the Way to Calvary. I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, R. In the consternation of thy heart * at meeting Jesus as He carried His Cross. * Dear Mother, by thy heart so troubled, * obtain for me the virtue of patience * and the gift of fortitude. V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...
- V. **The Fifth Sorrow**. Our Lord dies on the Cross. [pause] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful,
- R. In the martyrdom which thy generous heart endured * in standing near Jesus (②) in His agony. * Dear Mother, by thy heart afflicted in such wise, * obtain for me the virtue of temperance * and the gift of counsel.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...
- V. The Sixth Sorrow. The Dead Body of Our Lord is placed in His Mother's Arms. I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, R. In the wounding of thy compassionate heart, * when the side of Jesus (2) was struck by the lance * and His Heart was pierced. * Dear Mother, by thy heart thus transfixed, * obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity * and the gift of understanding.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...
- V. **The Seventh Sorrow**. Our Lord is placed in the Tomb. I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful,
- R. For the pangs that wrenched thy most loving heart * at the burial of Jesus (②). * Dear Mother, * by thy heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, * obtain for me the virtue of diligence * and the gift of wisdom.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace ... R. Holy Mary, Mother of God ...
- V. Pray for us, O Virgin most sorrowful,
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.