**THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES** (during pandemic)

* So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you*. (1 Peter 5:6-7)*
* The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 4:5-7)*

# He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:4)

* Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. *(Romans 12, 12)*

(Together, we pray:) **Lord Jesus, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick, heal us from our fear, heal us from our pride. Lord, we ask Your protection on our children, grandchildren, family and friends.**

# In the name of the Father, and of the Son….

The Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  He** [**descended**](http://www.creeds.net/ancient/descendit.htm) **into hell.  The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

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The First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

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.”

We pray for those infected with the corona virus and all who are ill. Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

We pray for health care workers and those attending to the sick. Lord, we are humbled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns

The soldiers wove a crown out of thorns, placed it on His head, put a reed in His right hand, and clothed Him in a purple cloak, saying “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on Him, and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head.

We pray for first responders and essential workers. Lord, we pray for those who are willing to face danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross

When the soldiers had finished mocking Him, they led him away to be crucified. On the way they laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and made Him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus.

We pray for people of every nation and their leaders. Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray that the people of every nation and their leaders be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We pray that our government and industries will do everything possible to provide the protective gear needed for the safety of the people on the front lines of this virus. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

When they came to the place of 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.”

We pray for those who have died today. Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

After each decade:(Requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima): **O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.**

After the Rosary – (Together, we pray:)

**Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas,
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.**

**Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.**

**For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.**

**In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.**

**We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.**

**Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. R**. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

 **May we find blessings in the hardships caused by this pandemic;**

 **May the unfailing protection of the sacrifice we have received never leave us, O Lord,**

 **and may it always drive from us all that will do us harm.**

 **We pray that all of us who seek the grace of your protection may be free from every evil**

 **and serve you in peace of mind, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**