

OUR LADY OF SORROWS NOVENA

O Mother of Sorrows, who beneath the Cross of Jesus was given to us as our Mother, look down with pity on us, thy children, who weep and mourn in this valley of tears. By that sword of sorrow which pierced thy Heart as thou beheld the Face of thy beloved Son, obtain for us that comfort we so sorely need in our sufferings.

Thou were given to us as our Mother in the hour of thy greatest grief that thou might be mindful of our frailty and the evils that press upon us. Without thy aid, O Sorrowful Mother, we cannot gain the victory in this struggle against the world and the flesh. Therefore, we implore thy help, O Queen of Sorrows, lest we fall prey to the wiles of the Enemy. We are orphans in need of thy guiding hand, O Mother, amid the dangers that threaten our eternal salvation. Thou whose grief was boundless as the sea, grant us by the memory of thy Sorrows the strength to be victorious.

Intercede for us, O Mother of Sorrows, and all who are near and dear to us, that we may ever do the Will of thy Son, and may direct all our actions to His honour, and to the spreading of this devotion to thy Seven Sorrows.

Amen.

Virgin Most Sorrowful, *pray for us*.

Pray one *Our Father*, one *Hail Mary* and one *Glory Be*.