

Eucharistic Catholic Church
Prayer Circle for the Month of September 2018:
Month of the Seven Sorrows of the BVM



“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf.”
(Job 42: 8)

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of the BVM. The feast day on September 15th falls on the octave day of the feast of Mary’s nativity on September 8th.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows (Saint Bonaventure)

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender compassion for those sufferings, as well as a sincere abhorrence of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object: Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen.

The Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary’s spiritual martyrdom in her perfect union with the Passion of Christ as she stood resolutely at the foot of the Cross. These are the seven promises Our Lady made, through St. Bridget of Sweden, to those who are devoted to meditating on her Seven Sorrows: 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, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly

from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.” Additionally, as relayed by St. Alphonsus de Liguori in his classic work *The Glories of Mary*, Our Lord promised four graces to those devoted to the Sorrows of his Blessed Mother: 1. That those who before death invoke the divine Mother in the name of Her Sorrows will obtain true repentance of all their sins; 2. That He will protect all who have this devotion in their tribulations, and will protect them especially at the hour of death; 3. That He will impress on their minds the remembrance of His Passion; 4. That He will place such devout servants in Mother Mary’s hands to do with them as She wishes and to obtain for them all the graces She desires.

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

The petitions included in the Monthly Prayer Circle are placed on our Altars and included daily at Divine Office, Rosary and Mass throughout the month.

Please join us in praying for the following intentions:

Church Monthly Cycle:

- + We pray for the Church Universal, that in her many parts, she may be guided in the unity of God the Holy Spirit.

From Archbishop Roger, O.F.A.:

- + That our September devotions to our Lady of Sorrows and her Seven Sorrows deepen our capacity to bear our own sorrows in union with Mary and Jesus.
- + That we may become more intentional in our care of God’s creation.
- + For all students at all levels returning to studies, and for teachers, administrators, staff, parents and grandparents involved.
- + For continued generous benefactors to help with providing housing and care of our orphans under the attention of Msgr. Joseph.
- + For generous benefactors to help us make Msgr Joseph’s episcopal consecration happen.
- + For Padre Humberto and Sister Kirenia, and our mission in Cuba, for successful registration of our Church and continued growth.
- + For Mark’s 92-year-old grandma Louella who is convalescing.
- + For our Franciscan novices and our seminarians, for dedication in their studies and devotion in their spiritual lives.
- + For vocations to our Church and Franciscans of the Annunciation.
- + For generous benefactors to our Church.
- + For Mark, special intentions.
- + For a special intention for a friend.
- + For meaningful, collaborative relationships leading to increased unity among autocephalous Catholic Churches’ bishops, clergy, religious and members.

- + In thanksgiving for those who have attended Mass at Beloved Disciple in the past month.
- + For all former members of our Church.
- + For all who are suffering or in pain.
- + For all persecuted Christians.

From Mother Silvia, O.F.A:

- + In thanksgiving for my son's generosity and his wife's support.
- + In thanksgiving for a special relationship in my life.
- + In thanksgiving for all those who support me through prayers.
- + In thanksgiving for all those who support me through caring and encouragement.
- + In thanksgiving for Abp. Roger, Debbie and my medical care team.
- + In thanksgiving for Zulema, Yilsin, Karol and family.
- + In thanksgiving for Mabel and Paul and their generosity.
- + In thanksgiving for Skip and his ongoing prayers, spiritual and emotional support.
- + In thanksgiving for all who have supported me during a very difficult time in my life.
- + For my granddaughter, Kima, as she makes plans for her life.
- + For Kalia as she continues to develop her life plans.
- + For my Cuban friends and acquaintances.
- + For those working to make a Peace Sanctuary in the Arctic.
- + For Jorge who is experiencing multiple health issues in Cuba.
- + For John G and for faith for his wife Sylvia C, and children Gabriella, Sean and Garrett.
- + For those experiencing mental health issues especially PTSD, complex trauma, complex grief.
- + For my own health.
- + That I may find employment.
- + For Andre who needs a full-time job.
- + For Dean and his business plans.
- + For greater unity and community in our church.
- + For the abolition of human trafficking and child labour laws.
- + For all peacemaker teams in places of conflict, wars, oppression and violation of human rights.
- + For all orphans in Africa.
- + For our church family in Cameroon.
- + For Gene (age 19) awaiting trial for murder that God will have mercy on him
- + For Father Humberto and Sister Kirenia's church ministry in Cuba.
- + For Jackie's ongoing recuperation.

From Msgr. Joseph, O.F.A.:

- + Pour la paix au Cameroun.
- + Pour le Diocèse et ses grands projets au Cameroun.
- + Pour l'ordination épiscopale de Msgr Joseph METONGO EBA pour la bonne marche du Diocèse.
- + Pour l'achat d'un terrain pour nos Orphelins et notre sainte église.

- + Nous demandons vos prières pour le Parrainage de nos Orphelins pour, l'école, pour la santé, nourriture et bien d'autres.
- + Pour notre cher Primat Mgr Roger, la Mère Sylvia, les prêtres, les frères, nos fidèles chrétiens et nos bienfaiteurs à qui je dis un GRAND MERCI pour ce que vous donnez à nos Orphelins et la Mission.

From Padre Humberto, O.F.A.:

- + Por nuevas vocaciones a la Orden y al ministerio ordenado en Cuba.
- + Por la renovación de toda la Iglesia.
- + Por la paz y la reconciliación entre los seres humanos y vuelvan su rostro a Cristo el dador o Príncipe de Paz.
- + Por nuestro Primado Arzobispo Roger LaRade y la Madre Silvia.

From Father Tomás, O.F.A.:

- + For my family in Spain.

From Friar Pete, O.F.A.:

- + Special intentions for Roger, Karen, David, Dan.
- + Special intentions for my Aunt Lorraine who fell and broke her hip.
- + Special intentions for me as I look for new and stable employment.
- + For all religious, seminarians, and fellow Independent/Old Catholics.

From Friar Adrian Seán, O.F.A.:

- + For all animals, who are lonely, frightened or in pain.
- + For our seminarians, especially for myself and Peter.
- + For the most forgotten souls in Purgatory.
- + For those people, most abandoned and who have no one to care for them or pray for them.
- + For peace in the souls of all who have been wounded and injured by the institutional church, when it has taken its eyes off Jesus, specifically including but not limited to, women in general and those with vocations to ordained ministry, gay people, members of various racial groups and those living with disabilities.
- + For Sam and her family.
- + For the repose of the soul of Steven M., an estranged friend whose death three years ago, I only learned about recently.

From Friar Anthon, O.F.A.:

- + For people who are struggling with a black abyss of depression that eats time, kills motivation, that Our Lord help these people get rid of the harmful effects of this.
- + For the Japanese islands, Lord save this land from dangerous natural phenomena.