

**Eucharistic Catholic Church
Prayer Circle for September 2020
Month of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady**



Our Lady of Sorrows

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

The Seven Sorrows (or Dolors) of the Blessed Virgin Mary are:

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows dates back to the Middle Ages, but it gained new popularity following the Marian apparitions in Kibeho (1981-89), which have been approved by the Roman Catholic Church. During Mary's apparitions to Marie-Claire Mukangango, she assigned the young visionary a mission to reintroduce this special rosary to the world. Before her untimely death, Marie Claire did just that, traveling widely to teach it to thousands of people, who then taught it to thousands of others. (Marie-Claire was killed in the genocide of over a million people in Rwanda, a tragedy that was foretold through visions of rivers of blood that the young people in Kibeho received several years before the killings.)

The Blessed Virgin promised that when prayed with an open and repentant heart, the Rosary would win us the Lord's forgiveness for our sins and free our souls from guilt and remorse. She also promised that over time, the Rosary would develop within us a deep understanding of why we sin, and that knowledge would give us the wisdom and strength to change or remove any internal flaws, weaknesses of character, or personality faults causing unhappiness and keeping us from enjoying the joyous life God intended for us.

In our parishes, missions, residences and hermitages

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

Please join us in praying for the following intentions:

Church Monthly Cycle:

- + For Friar Adrian Seán Madsen, O.F.A. and our St. Anthony Mission to the Lost Sheep in Port Perry, Ontario, Canada.

From Archbishop Roger, O.F.A.:

- + That this month devoted to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary may give us the graces of renewed or more fervent devotion to the Mother of God and our mother.
- + For all returning to school, college, university and regular activities during the continuing pandemic, that all may remain safe.
- + We pray in union with The Season of Creation, celebrated by tens of thousands of Christians around the world from 1 September to 4 October, which has a theme for 2020 of “Jubilee for the Earth”.
- + For healing from systemic racism.
- + For my sister Diane, for healing.
- + For Amelia, for a successful surgery and healing.
- + For Friar Adrian Seán, O.F.A. grieving the death of his guide dog Sammy.
- + For those on the frontlines of efforts to contain COVID-19, for those directly impacted, and for the repose of the souls of those who have died.
- + In thanksgiving for Msgr. Joseph, O.F.A.’s consecration as bishop of our Diocese of Cameroon last month.
- + For Mother Silvia, O.F.A., for healing from post-COVID syndrome.
- + For the homeless and the precariously housed.
- + For the unemployed and the underemployed.
- + For the safety and care of all refugees.
- + For 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 atonement of sins committed against Indigenous peoples, and for reconciliation.
- + For an end to violence against women.
- + For meaningful, collaborative relationships leading to increased unity among autocephalous Catholic Churches’ bishops, clergy, religious and members.
- + For all former members of our Church.
- + For all who are suffering or in pain.
- + For all persecuted Christians.

From Laurette M:

- + For Diane, who is still in rehab, for healing.
- + For all those suffering with COVID-19.
- + For our family, that we stay healthy.

From Denise B:

- + Please pray for all teachers, students and support staff who are returning to classrooms in these uncertain times.
- + Please continue to pray for Diane for continued recovery.

From Padre Humberto, O.F.A.:

- + Por la renovacion espiritual de la iglesia y el mundo.
- + Por el arzobispo Roger y todos los ministros de la ICE.
- + Por la recuperacion material de la iglesia en cuba.
- + Por la salud de todos los enfermos y el fin de la pandemia que azota el mundo.
- + Por nuevas vocaciones al sacerdocio y vida religiosa.

From Friar Pete, O.F.A.:

- + Special intentions for Dan, David, Karen, Doreen, Roger, Larry, Hiromi, Tai, Yumi, Turning Leaf staff and participants.
- + Prayers for the successful ordination of Friar Sean.
- + Prayers for the continued health and wellbeing of all of my church family here In Canada, the Americas, and Africa.

From Friar Adrian Seán, O.F.A.:

- + For my step-brother Eric, diagnosed with liver cancer.
- + 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 the repose of the soul of Steven M.
- + For my sponsored child, Marcos, in Paraguay and for his family.
- + For the ability to secure the resources to assist the blind people of Paraguay.
- + For lonely Catholics seeking a spiritual refuge where their essential equality in Christ will be valued, that they may find their way to the Eucharistic Catholic Church.
- + For global and national leaders and decision makers, that they may take the decisive steps required to avert climate change.