# SEVEN SORROW ROSARY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR PRIESTS

## Begin with the **Act of Contrition**

Oh my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
Behold me kneeling before Thy Divine Presence all in confusion at the thought of the many grievous injuries I have done You. Now I ask pardon of them, repenting of them purely for love of Thee and ready to loose my life rather than offend Thee again. Do thou most tender Mother of Mercy and Refuge of Sinners obtain for me the pardon of all my sins by virtue of Thy bitter pains and help me to so pray as to gain all the graces attached to this your Holy Rosary. Amen

MEDITATIONS \* The following intentions were written for the *Apostolate of Mary Mother of Sorrows* group in Cleveland, Ohio. After each meditations pray one <u>Our Father and Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, pray for us.</u>

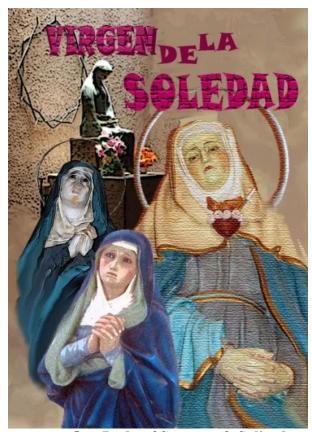
### 1. The Prophecy of Simeon

"This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple and offered the sacrifice of the poor. Simeon's prophecy did not discourage Mary.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, be with all who are responding to the call of the Spirit to serve the Church as ordained ministers. Support them especially even when family and friends discourage their response.

Guide and strengthen seminarians to have the courage to follow the Spirit's prompting. May those priests on leave of absence be given discerning hearts. May the same Spirit renew within them all the seven-fold gifts. Our Father and Seven Hail Marys, Glory Be. Mary Mother of Sorrows pray for us.



Our Lady of Sorrows & Solitude

Picture from Missionaries of Holy Spirit in Jesus Maria,
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#### 2. The Flight into Egypt

"Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise."

Leaving the comfort of homeland, obedient Joseph takes Mary and the child Jesus to a new land. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, encourage the priests who are tired or lonely as they lead the people entrusted to them to the Kingdom.

Pray that your priest sons will be drawn ever closer into intimate union with your Divine Son.
Convict with the truth, those priests who are unfaithful and take flight of the Gospel and their promises. Pray for the strength of tepid priests so that their "yes" may be modeled after yours.

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#### 3. Jesus is Lost in the Temple

"Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him."

Mary and Joseph searched long and hard for their Son. They came to understand His mission.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons that they will be given the insight and the compassion to welcome lost members of the Church. Replace discouragement about ministry with renewed hope.

Pray, Mother of Sorrows, for those who labor in mission areas. May they find a home in your Son's heart and know the support of the entire Church community.

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## 4. Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross

"Tradition holds that Jesus met his Mother on the way to Golgotha."

Meeting her Son Jesus on the road to Calvary was a joy and a pain for Mary. She was able to express her love while sharing in His pain. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons as they minister to others in suffering and pain. May they welcome the opportunity to bring healing to the sick and those experiencing hardship.

Care for them in their own sufferings while they reach out to others.

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#### 5. The Crucifixion

"He bowed his head and delivered over His Spirit."

Mary faithfully stood by her Son as He died Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priests sons as they celebrate the paschal mystery of your Son, Jesus. May they model their lives in union with the Crucified and Risen Lord. Inspire priests to be fervent in offering humble service.

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# 6. The Taking Down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross

"Then having brought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down."

Mary, you cradled the broken body of your Son. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for your priest sons who are sick and suffering in any way. Cradle them when they are broken. Be a source of refuge for the sick and the dying.

Assure your priest sons that they are never alone or abandoned in their hour of need.

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#### 7. Burial of Jesus.

"They took Jesus' body, and in accordance with Jewish burial custom bound it up in wrappings of cloth with perfumed oils. In the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been buried. Because of the Jewish Preparation Day, they buried Jesus there, for the tomb was close at hand."

Mary, you watched as the body of your Son was buried. Though others were present, you stood in solitude.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, intercede for priests who have died. After having labored for the Kingdom, ask your Son to share with them the victory of His Cross and joys of everlasting life. May those in purgatory be freed right away through the offering of the merits of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection so as to share in the fullness of life.

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#### **Conclusion: 3 Hail Marys for the Tears of Mary**

Hail Mary......
Virgin Most Sorrowful, pray for us!
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#### Closing Prayer of the Seven Sorrow Rosary:

Thank you dear Mother of Sorrows for your intercession. We love you! By the power of the Holy Spirit and through you, Mary, we offer everything to God the Father through, with and in Jesus the Priest and Victim for the multiplication and sanctification of priests. We pray for the spiritual reaction of priests transformed into Christ. Amen

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