

## **Meditations and Responses at the beginning of each hour of the Rosary Crusade**

### **6-7 pm Sorrow 1 - THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON. Rosary for All Life.**

(Please stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray. Spouse of God the Holy Spirit, you presented your Divine Child in the Temple and heard from the aged Simeon that a sword of grief should pierce your heart. We know that when a life is taken out of malice, conceit, or convenience it continues to pierce this loving Heart of yours.

O Jesus! hear our petition for all of mankind to respect all life from the unborn, to the terminally ill, to the handicapped, to the elderly. Aid us in reaching a holy and natural death.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

(Kneel or sit if you wish as we pray the Rosary) Leader: Apostles Creed, Our Father, Three Hail Marys, Glory Be, Angel of Fatima Prayer. Families/Groups begin leading the Rosary according to schedule

### **7-8 pm Sorrow 2 - THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT. Rosary for Families and the Sacrament of Marriage.**

(Please stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray. Mother of God the Son, in order to escape the cruelty of King Herod you were forced to flee into Egypt with St. Joseph and your beloved Child Jesus. In our journeys, we too must flee the dangers of evil and those of temptations.

O Jesus! Hear our petition to help us grow together in love for each other, especially within our own families. Please direct us to see our relationships as we see ours with You.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

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### **8-9 pm Sorrow 3 - THE LOSS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE. Rosary for Innocence/All Children and Grandchildren.**

(Please stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray. Temple of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we know on returning from Jerusalem, you and Your husband had lost your Dear Child Jesus for three days. It separated the Holy Family for a moment, which certainly seemed a lifetime. It is within our families that we too experience separations, physically and emotionally.

O Jesus! Hear our petition to protect us from the empty promises of satan. Keep our children and grandchildren pure in thoughts and actions and out of harm's way.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

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### **9-10pm Sorrow 4 - THE MEETING OF JESUS AND MARY ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS. Rosary for our Church, for vocations, for all religious life and for our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI.**

(Please Stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray. Heavenly Rose and Love of God, you met your divine Son who was barely recognizable, as He was beaten while carrying His cross to Calvary. You still witness this beating, which continues today as many deny the True existence of Christ's body found in the tabernacle.

O Jesus! Hear our petition to send us Holy Priests and Religious in order to continue bearing the Truth to all nations. We ask for Your continued guidance of the Holy Father and to keep all his intentions in Your loving Heart.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

(Kneel or sit if you wish as we pray the Rosary). Leader: Apostles Creed, Our Father, Three Hail Marys, Glory Be, Angel of Fatima Prayer. Families/Groups begin leading the Rosary according to schedule

**10-11pm Sorrow 5 - THE CRUCIFIXION. Rosary for the protection of our Guardian Angels and for World Peace.**

(Please Stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray. Most Sorrowful and Immaculate Mary, your Divine Son was lifted up on the cross as you witnessed the blood flowing from His Sacred Wounds. It was at this moment that the skies began to rumble and no one could console your grief.

O Jesus! Hear our petition when we are in need of protection from grief and physical harm. Send down Your angels to keep us safe. We ask in a special way that you protect those who protect and defend Our Country.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

(Kneel or sit if you wish as we pray the Rosary) Leader: Apostles Creed, Our Father, Three Hail Marys, Glory Be, Angel of Fatima Prayer. Families/Groups begin leading the Rosary according to schedule

**11-12am Sorrow 6 - THE TAKING DOWN OF THE BODY OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS. Rosary for the Reparation of ALL sinners and for the souls in Purgatory.**

(Please stand)

**Leader:** Let us pray. Virgin Most Pure and Humble, your divine Son was taken down from the cross, lifeless, and placed in your loving arms. Time stood still as all of Heaven cried out in sorrow.

O Jesus! Hear our petition, we too are lifeless and appear dead in our sins. It is only through Your grace and the grace of the Heavenly Father that our sins are forgiven. We ask for Your pardon on all sinners and of those souls in Purgatory.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

(Kneel or sit if you wish as we pray the Rosary) Leader: Apostles Creed, Our Father, Three Hail Marys, Glory Be, Angel of Fatima Prayer. Families/Groups begin leading the Rosary according to schedule

**12-1am Sorrow 7 -THE BURIAL OF JESUS. Rosary in Thanksgiving for all God has given us.**

(Please stand)

**Leader:** Victorious Queen of Heaven and Earth, you watched as they placed the Sacred Body of Jesus to rest in the tomb. But do not despair, O Blessed Mother, for in three days He shall rise again in all His Glory.

O Jesus! Hear our petition, it is one of humble gratitude and that of thanksgiving for all the times we overlook Your Glory in our everyday life.

**Response:** For the sake of the tears of Your most Holy Mother, graciously hear us as we pray. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified.

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