



Order of Malta  
American Association  
*The Sorrowful Mysteries*





# Daily Prayer of the Order of Malta

Lord Jesus, thou hast seen fit to enlist me for thy service in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. I humbly entreat Thee, through the intercession of the most holy Virgin of Philermo, of St. John the Baptist, Blessed Gerard, and all the saints, to keep me faithful to the traditions of our Order:

Be it mine to practice and defend the Catholic, the Apostolic, the Roman faith against sacrilege. Be it mine to practice charity towards my neighbors, especially the poor and sick.

Give me the strength I need, to carry out this my resolve, forgetful of myself, learning ever from Thy Holy Gospel a spirit of deep and generous Christian devotion, striving ever to promote God's Glory, the world's peace, and all that may benefit the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Amen.



Lord, whether in our strength or frailty, our joy or anxiety, our confidence or fear, we come to you for support, encouragement, and direction, knowing full well we may rely on your sustenance and comfort.

Lord, we ask that you hear our petitions given with humble heart in this rosary, and may your words give us strength, as we hear you say, “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my right hand” (Isaiah 41:10). Amen



# Opening Prayers

**Sign of the Cross:** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Apostles' Creed:** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. \* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*



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**Hail Mary (Repeat 3 times):** *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. \* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. [Hail Mary...; Hail Mary...]*

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## The First Sorrowful Mystery

### *The Agony in the Garden*

**Jesus prays in the garden:** He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, then went down on his knees and prayed in these words: "Father, if it is your will, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:41-42)

**The angel comforts him:** An angel then appeared to Him from heaven to strengthen Him in His anguish. He prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. (Luke 22:43-44)

**A time of darkness:** "Sleep on now. Enjoy your rest! The hour is on us when the Son of Man is to be handed over to the power of evil men. Get up! Let us be on our way! See my betrayer is here." (Matt. 26:45-46)

I desire true repentance  
for my sins.

***"[Knights and Dames,]  
take this cloak so that...  
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## The Second Sorrowful Mystery

### *Scouring at the Pillar*

**Jesus tied to the pillar:** For I am very near to falling and my grief is with me always. Those who repay evil for good harass Me for pursuing good. (Psalm 38:18,21)

**Jesus stripped of his garments:** “Nothing deserving death has been committed by Him. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.” (Luke 23:16). And they stripped Him. (Matt. 27:28)

**The scourging of Jesus:** He was offered because it was His will, and He opened not His mouth. He shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter and shall be dumb as a lamb before his shearer. (Isaiah 53.7)

I desire a spirit of mortification.

*“[Knights and Dames], as of now be prepared to enter into the pain and annoyances that you will have to suffer in the service of our Religion...”*



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## The Third Sorrowful Mystery

### *The Crowning with Thorns*

**The crowning with thorns:** All who see Me scoff at Me. They mock me with parted lips. They wag their heads. (Psalm 21:8)

**The thorns are pressed on his head:** They also spat at Him. Afterward they took hold of the reed and kept striking Him on the head. (Matt. 27:30)

**ECCE [Eh-Ch-Eh] HOMO:** When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak, Pilate said “Behold the Man!” (John 19:5)

I desire moral courage.

*“As long as there exists on earth a Church oppressed by ignorance and error, widows and orphans, poor and sick to succor, the Knights and Dames will have a task to perform and will not be able to rest... It will be impossible for them to remain at peace as long as they know that within reach there is a soul or a body suffering...; as long as there is injustice or oppression.”*



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## The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

### *The Carrying of the Cross*

**Jesus receives the cross:** “O good cross, source of all good; cross so long desired, so passionately loved, so continually sought after, thou art at last granting my longed-for desire!” (St. Andrew)

**Jesus carries the cross:** And bearing the cross for Himself, He went forth to the place called Golgotha. (John 19:17). Justice shall walk before Him, and salvation along the way of His steps. (Psalm 84:14)

**Jesus meets his sorrowful mother:** Now there was following Him a great crowd of people and of women who, bewailing, lamented Him. (Luke 23:27)

**Jesus is stripped of his garments:** When our Savior arrived on Calvary He was cruelly despoiled of His garments. How painful this must have been, because they adhered to His torn and wounded body. (Tenth Station)

## I desire the virtue of patience

*“Such is the spirit of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem: a seeking for Christian perfection through struggle and pain in order to see God and bring about transforming union with him, a union which is to change the world.”*



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## The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

### *The Crucifixion*

**Jesus is nailed to the cross:** Jesus, after he had been stripped of His garments, was violently thrown upon the cross to which His hands and feet were nailed. (Eleventh Station)

**Death of Jesus:** Then Jesus cried in a loud voice and said “Father, into Your hands I commend my Spirit.” And having said this, he expired. (Luke 23:46)

**Darkness and earthquake:** The curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent, and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the Saints who had fallen asleep, arose. (Matt. 27:51-52)

## I desire the grace of Final Perseverance

*“[The Knight’s and Dame’s] obedience to the spirit of the Order will urge them to give every moment of their lives to those who have need of their help.... They who knew how to die on the battlefield will know how to live fighting endlessly against the spirit of error that is stifling society; against hatred for the Gospel of Jesus...”*



\* Intentions and Scripture verses derived from the “Rosary Album” by Michael C. Buccino, 9th Edition (2015), with quotes from “The Spiritual Heritage of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta” (by Msgr. Francois Ducaud-Bourget, Tipografia Poliglotta Vaticana, 1958)

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# Closing Prayers

**Hail, Holy Queen:** *Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. \* Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and, after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

*Pray for us O holy mother of God, \* that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

**Rosary Prayer:** *Let us pray. O God, whose only-begotten Son by his life, death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**Thank you for praying with us  
together this evening!**

**Please join us again!**