

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Festina, Iowa

Promises of Our Lady

*Our Lady told St. Bridget of Sweden that she would grant **seven graces** to those who honor her daily by 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 protect them against 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 dolors, 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.

Our Lady also told Marie Claire, one of the three Kibeho visionaries, that with the recitation of her Seven Sorrows Rosary:

- ❖ The hardest hearts will change.
- ❖ They shall be freed from obsessions and addictions.
- ❖ They will find the strength to repent and convert their hearts.
- ❖ They will obtain an understanding of the weaknesses that lead them to sin.
- ❖ Praying it from the heart, they will obtain whatever they ask.

Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The Prophecy of Simeon.
2. The flight into Egypt.
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple.
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 recalls the most significant sorrows Our Lady endured in her life. Praying this Rosary, while meditating on her grief and pain, will lead us to Jesus. The purpose of this Rosary is to promote union with Jesus through union with the sorrows that she endured because she was His Mother.

Oh God, at whose Passion, according to the prophecy of Simeon, a sword of sorrow did pierce through the most sweet soul of the glorious Virgin and Mother Mary; grant that we who commemorate and reverence Her sorrows, may experience the blessed effect of Thy Passion, who livest and reignest world without end, Amen.

Celebration of Our Lady of Seven Dolors 175th Anniversary will be on

Our Lady's Feast Day September 15, 2018.