

Novena of Maria Bambina - 2020

Mary, seat of wisdom pray for us



FOURTH DAY: 2/9 Wednesday

MARY in the mystery of Christ: Behold your Mother

Mary's motherhood emerges from the definitive accomplishment of the Redeemer's Paschal Mystery. The Mother of Christ, who stands at the very center of this mystery -a mystery which embraces each individual and all humanity-, is given as mother to every single individual and all mankind. The man at the foot of the Cross is John, "the disciple whom he loved." But it is not he alone. Following the tradition, the Council does not hesitate to call Mary "the Mother of Christ and mother of mankind": since she "belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all human beings.... Indeed she is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ...since she cooperated out of love so that there might be born in the Church the faithful.'" And so this "new motherhood of Mary," generated by faith, is the fruit of the "new" love which came to definitive maturity in her at the foot of the Cross, through her sharing in the redemptive love of her Son [RM n 23].

Meditating the sorrowful mysteries

Let us pray for SUFFERING HUMANITY

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1st mystery: JESUS IN GETSEMANE

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ... "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want" (Mt 26: 36-39).

Holy Mary, Virgin of the night, we beg you to stay close to us when pain is looming, and trial breaks, and the wind of despair hisses, or the cold of disappointments dominate over us. Extend your hand over us and lighten the suffering of the sick with a mother's caress (*Tonino Bello*).

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. ***Maria Bambina, our Mother, pray for suffering humanity.***

2nd mystery: JESUS IS SCOURGED

"Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged" (Jn 19:1)

Mother, woman of the last hour, when the great evening comes for us, be close to us so that we can face the night. Be present under our cross and watch over us in the hour of darkness (*idem*).

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Gloria

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3rd mystery: JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Mt 27: 27-29).

Mary, woman of our day, help us to feel you close to us in our problems. Be at our side and listen to us as we confide in you the daily anxieties that trouble our lives (idem).

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

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4th mystery: JESUS GOES TO CALVARY

"So they took Jesus and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him" (Jn 19: 17-18).

Mary, you who know suffering well, help us understand that pain is not man's last option. In the moment of trial, save us from desperate tears. You who have experienced the ridiculous and violent death of your son, renew for us the tenderness that you used with Jesus (idem).

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5th mystery: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said, "It is finished". Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit (cf. Jn 19: 28-30).

Mary, welcoming woman, monsterness of the body of Jesus taken down from the cross, welcome us into your embrace when we to commend our spirit. Give to our death the rest of peace of the one who rests his head on his mother's shoulder and falls asleep peacefully. Keep us for a while on your lap, just as you have kept us in your heart all through your life (idem).

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Salve Regina...

***Canto: Alzate O Maria dalla vostra culla,
alzate la tenera vostra manina,
e a tutti impartite la santa benedizione (2)***