



# The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

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## *Intention:*

*As we contemplate the passion and death of Jesus, we are very aware of the pain and suffering the coronavirus has brought, and is bringing, to our world. As it was for Jesus in his suffering, isolation, darkness and death, so it is in our world today. Let us not forget that life, love, forgiveness, surrender, courage and awareness of the compassionate mystery of God's presence are also evident. We pray that the spirit of love, and everyday kindness may bring peace, hope and healing to our suffering world.*

## The Agony in the Garden – Unity

*'Remain here, stay awake with me'. Matthew 26:38*

Jesus sought the comfort and support of his friends in his fear and distress. As the reality of the coronavirus crisis holds our attention, we pray with friends, our sisters, the nation and the world that this epidemic may pass. Jesus' prayer to his Father, Abba, is a wonderful pattern for our own prayer. (Mark 14:36)

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## The Scourging at the Pillar – Service

*Bring what you have ...*

No one tended the wounds of Jesus. We pray for all those who put themselves at the service of those whose lives are impacted by the coronavirus: the doctors, nurses, health care professionals; those who keep essential services operating. With Jesus we pray: 'Father protect them in your name.' (John 17:11)

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## Jesus is Crowed with Thorns - Vulnerability

*Do not let your heart be troubled and do not let them be afraid” John 14:27*

Our heads may spin and our hearts may shrink in fear, as we face the bombardment of conflicting and sometimes frightening media reports about the consequences of the coronavirus. We pray for our political leaders and all those who are faced with the task of making wise and difficult decisions for the wellbeing of the community.

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## Jesus Carries his Cross – Burden

*At sundown they brought to him all who were sick ... and the whole city (world) was gathered. Mark 1:32-34*

As we ponder Jesus struggling under the weight of his cross, we are aware of all those who are weighed down by fear, anxiety, uncertainty and for some, coronavirus infection. We bring each person and lay them tenderly in the compassionate heart of Jesus.

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## The Crucifixion – Surrender

*‘Father into your hands ...’ Luke 23:46*

We place ourselves, those we love, those who are isolated or homeless, those who have lost their jobs, those who are sick, or dying and all who have died, into the loving heart of our good God. We ask for the courage to stand in solidarity with all those who are suffering as Mary stood by her Son on the cross.

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