THE MOTHER OF MERCY ROSARY



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BACKGROUND

In early 2003, Chris Courtis, a visionary who has experienced public apparitions and messages from God the Father, Jesus, and Mary since March of 2000, wanted more than the traditional 20 mysteries of the Rosary for meditation as he prayed the Rosary daily. He gathered 20 pieces of lined paper and a pencil and outlined 20 new Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries. He wrote the mysteries drawing inspiration from the writings of other visionaries such as the "Mystical City of God" by Mary of Agreida as well as Church legends and scenes shown to him by the Blessed Mother in her private apparitions to him. He also felt the promptings of the Holy Spirit in selecting these particular mysteries. He then illustrated each one, completing the task in 20 days. He titled this Rosary "The Madonna of Miracles."

Chris intended these mysteries to be for his own private use, but then, on April 25, 2006, our Mother of Mercy made this announcement in her first message through Chris at the prayer meeting:

"I am speaking to you, my little one and to everybody here. I desire publicly to announce that the Rosary that you made for me that I have now changed to Mother of Mercy, I desire it to be given out on May 25th. Do not worry about how this will happen. You have everything that you need. You have help, my dear one. It will be ready by May 25th, and I will explain more about it and how to pray it."

Because the illustrations were drawn in pencil and on lined paper, it was difficult to reproduce them clearly. The pencil drawings were reinforced with a black pen where possible, but most of the paper lines had to remain. The results were printed in response to Mother of Mercy's request to have them given out at the prayer meeting on May 25th, the Feast of the Mother of Mercy.

On May 25, 2006, our Mother of Mercy gave us the following message through Chris:

"My dear little children, praised be Jesus!

My dear children, today, on this great feast day of me as your Mother of Mercy, I bring not only the Child Jesus who I hold in my arms but the whole Heavenly Court. (*I see many, many people and angels. They're all around.*) Today, I desire to invite you back to more prayer. That is why I desire to call you to pray the Mother of Mercy Rosary. I desire to give you this new devotion alongside my chaplet so that you may know and that you may better understand the mysteries of God, which are laid within me. Therefore, dear children, I wish to give you this gift. The mysteries are inspired by the Holy Spirit, and they call you to a deeper faith, trust in me, your mother. There are many mysteries in this Rosary about me, your mother. Through this Rosary, you will come to understand my mysteries more and how I am not only the Mother of God but your Mother of Mercy.

"Yes, it is true, I changed the name of this Rosary. It was at one time called the Madonna of Miracles. I changed it to the Mother of Mercy because it was through each instance that when the miracle was proclaimed, it was through me interceding under the title of

Mother of Mercy. God granted these miracles and these graces through me who interceded on your behalf. That is why I changed the name to Mother of Mercy because every miracle that I helped to intercede for and obtain came forth from my loving mercy and from God's unceasing, divine mercy working through me.

"I desire to tell you how it should be prayed. For example, on Sunday, you shall start off with the Joyful Mysteries of the regular Rosary. Then on Monday, you shall say the Luminous Mysteries of the regular Rosary. Then, on Tuesday, you shall pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the regular Rosary, and then on Wednesday, you shall pray the Glorious Mysteries of the regular Rosary. Then on Thursday, you shall pray the Joyful Mysteries of me, your Mother of Mercy. And then on Friday, you shall pray the Luminous Mysteries of me, your Mother of Mercy. Then on Saturday, you shall pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of me, your Mother of Mercy. And on Sunday, you shall pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Mother of Mercy Rosary. Thus you shall pray, and it shall be for eight days, four devoted to the regular Rosary and four days devoted to my Rosary. Eight is the completion of God. It is perfect in its in form and in its symbol. It is complete and whole. Therefore, for eight days you shall pray, four devoted to the regular Rosary and again, four devoted to my Rosary. And that is it. You shall pray like this all the time. I desire you to draw closer to my Merciful Immaculate Heart, and this is one way that I am accomplishing it, through this Rosarv and the Chaplet of Mother of Mercy..... This message that I give is for the world, but it is also for those who wish to accept it, for anyone is invited to pray the Rosary, if they wish..."

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Of the Mother of Mercy Rosary

THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY



Mary Asks the Angels to Gather Up the Blood of Jesus

His veins are opened by the fall and by the blows he receives, for He cannot rise because His hands are chained and fastened behind His back. The prudent and tender mother commands the angels to gather up and preserve the drops of Precious Blood, that they might not be profaned and trampled underfoot. She also commands them to support their Creator when He is in danger of falling. But she does not give this order until she obtains the permission of the Lord. The Lord answers her prayer.

Fruit of the mystery: The Blood of Jesus Christ is our life and our joy!

THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY



Mary Sees Jesus Humiliated Before the People

Pilate says to the crowd, "Behold the man! What cause have you to fear that He will make Himself king since He no longer resembles a man and nothing can be found in Him deserving of death?" But the infuriated mob cries out, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" At this sorrowful spectacle, the Blessed Mary, our agonizing queen, prostrates herself upon the ground and acknowledges Jesus to be true God and true Man. In this act, she is joined by St. John, the holy women, and the angels. The Jews, seeing that Pilate is anxious to deliver Jesus, raise a great tumult and threaten Pilate if he does not put Jesus to death.

Fruit of the mystery: To acknowledge that Jesus Christ is true God and true Man!

THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

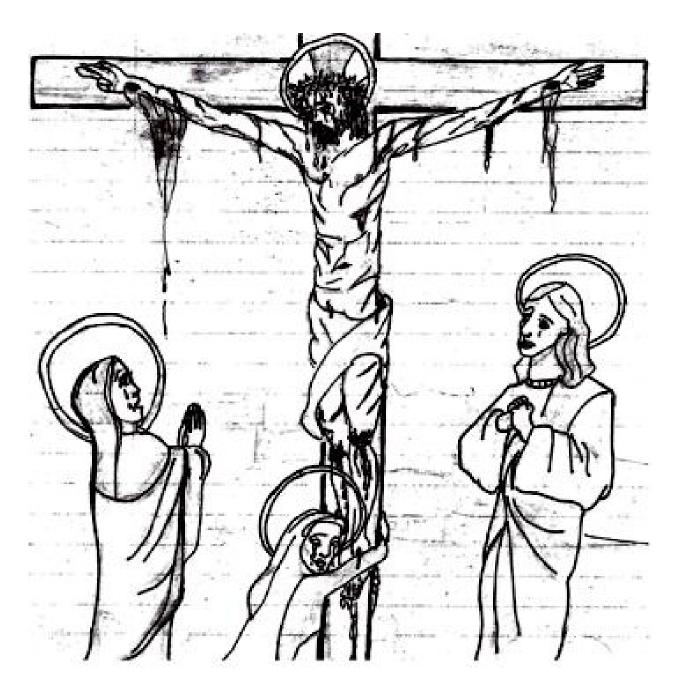


Mary Meets Jesus and Cries Tears of Blood

As Jesus ascends to Calvary, He is met by His Blessed Mother Mary. Jesus sees Mary and Mary sees Jesus. No pain and no sorrow is hidden from each of their eyes. They share each others' martyrdom. At this point Mary begins to cry tears of blood. What sorrow of that Son, to behold His mother in an agony like that of death! However, the crowd of people is so big and their attention is so focused on Jesus that no one but Jesus sees His mother cry tears of blood. Mary's sorrow is so great that she would die of grief if she were not supported by God.

Fruit of the mystery: Mary suffers in great silence!

THE FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY



At The Crucifixion, Mary Becomes Our Mother

After the conversion of the good thief, Jesus casts a look of inexpressible love upon His mother and utters the words, "Woman, behold thy son," thus giving her to St. John, to whom He said, "Behold thy mother." It is nearly three o'clock when He addresses to His Eternal Father the words, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" The next words are, "I thirst. It is consummated." When Mary first hears these words she knows in her heart that Jesus is dying. She looks at him so lovingly, and with tears in her eyes she hears him speak his last words, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit. After He says this, he expires.

<u>Fruit of the mystery</u>: It is through the Cross of Jesus that Mary becomes our mother.

THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY



Mary Holds the Body of Her Son Jesus in Her Arms

Joseph of Arimathea begs Mary to depart, but she replies, "As I have had the consolation of being present at my son's death upon the Cross, permit me to have that of seeing Him removed from there, for this act of great piety will give me more relief than pain and suffering. They begin to remove the mangled body of Jesus. To receive the Sacred Body, the Holy Virgin kneels down and stretches out her arms. St. John supports His head and Magdalene the feet. Mary cries tears. They lay the Divine Body on the bosom of the dolorous mother. She cradles the body of her dead Son in her arms. Her sorrow is very great.

Fruit of the mystery: Those who love Jesus will suffer.