

PRAYER ANTHOLOGY #75

FOCUS POINT: On September 15th, we celebrate the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. We pray the Rosary and walk with Mary as she encounters Jesus on his way to Calvary. Their eyes meet and Simeon's prophecy of Mary's heart being pierced by a sword comes true as she witnesses her Son's crucifixion. And finally, she holds His lifeless body in her arms as she prepares for his burial. We can never imagine such pain. How do we handle our own sorrows? Is it even possible to navigate them with Mary's humble heart, grace and trust in God's will? The statue of the Pieta depicts this moment. In our own Parish, many have noticed that the the Pieta has been moved into it's own room. Perhaps during life's sorrows, we can come to our own solace by visiting this room and praying for Mary's intercession to help us have her exemplary faith and trust in God's will.

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Dear Lord, Please help me to remember that during Your Passion, Your blessed Mother suffered along with you. Through this prayer for her intercession, I ask that I am blessed with her grace, faith and trust in God's will so that I may encounter my own trials with strength. I pray that life does not harden my heart, rather keep it full of love for You and others. I know that during difficult times I can fall down knowing You are always there to help me up. Please put it in my heart that I let my own sorrows serve to show others that only Your love can bring the peace and comfort we need. And I pray to always reach out to others in need and show them the example the blessed Mother has set for all of us to find true peace. Amen.