



Rosary of the **SEVEN SORROWS** OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE ROSARY DEVOTED to the Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother differs from the standard Rosary in that it consists of sets of *seven* Hail Mary prayers between meditations on each of the Seven Sorrows. The Sorrows are listed in order below.

THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON

And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. (Luke ii. 34-35)

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

And after they (the wise men) were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His mother and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the child and His mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and He was there until the death of Herod. (Matthew ii. 13-14)

THE LOSS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem seeking Him. (Luke ii. 43-45)

THE MEETING OF JESUS AND MARY ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS

And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him. (Luke xxiii. 27)

THE CRUCIFIXION

They crucified Him. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His Mother. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, He saith to His Mother: Woman: behold thy son. After that He saith to the disciple: Behold thy Mother. (John xix. 18, 25-27)

THE TAKING DOWN OF THE BODY OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

Joseph of Arimathea, a noble counselor, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And Joseph buying fine linen, and taking Him down, wrapped Him up in the fine linen. (Mark xv. 43-46)

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the parasceve of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulcher was nigh at hand. (John xix. 41-42)