

The feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows** commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospels and through Tradition. The Blessed Virgin Mary is portrayed in a sorrowful mood with seven daggers piercing her heart.



First Reading: (*Heb 5:7-9*) In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Ps 30:2-6, 15-16, 20

R./ Save me, O Lord, in your love.

Gospel: (*Jn 19:25-27*) Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Reflection: Most of us might have heard the experience shared by people about being at the deathbed of someone they loved. They were attuned to the expressions on the face of the loved one and tried to understand those words which were not very clear. It meant a lot to those who are closely related to the departed. They make all possible effort to fulfil the last wish or request of their loved one. Here is a golden test for our love for Jesus and to live His last words in our life? **Do we take Mary into the home of our hearts? Mary is a point of reference for all kinds of suffering in our lives.**