

# Liturgy Alive of OUR LADY OF SORROWS

## Introduction

People who want to carry out their mission in life have often a high price to pay. Jesus continued his mission of love of doing the Father's will to save us and was nailed to the cross for it. Mary had been told by Simeon that she would suffer for and with her Son. When a child suffers, also the mother suffers. Yet she too was faithful to

her mission of giving Jesus to the world. The closer one is to the Lord, the closer one often is to his cross.

### Opening Prayer

Lord God,

we know that sorrow and pain  
are inescapable in this life  
for those who follow your crucified Son.  
Give us enough trust in you  
to remain faithful to you  
and to believe and hope in your love  
even in the depth of suffering.  
Give us the courage  
to face the hardships of life  
and to bear one another's crosses  
in union with Mary, our sorrowing Mother,

in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer over the Gifts

God of our happiness,

with our human wisdom  
we seek happiness without pain,  
glory without sacrifice.  
But in your divine wisdom,  
or foolishness as Paul calls it,  
give us here your Son Jesus Christ  
to teach us again the value of the cross.  
With Mary we want to serve him  
who is our Lord who died an agony again,

and our Savior for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

Our living and loving God,

in this holy meal we have celebrated  
the death and resurrection of Jesus, your Son  
and proclaimed suffering and death  
as a painful, but necessary way  
to lasting glory and happiness.  
Let this eucharist be our strength  
to carry the burdens of life  
and to learn from Mary  
to stand by the side of all  
in whom suffers your Son and hers,

Jesus Christ our Lord.