

## September 11<sup>th</sup> and Our Lady of Sorrows



### Must Our Lady continue to weep over America? The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows!

**“I am indeed the Mother of Sorrows and it is my children who pierce my heart. Their lives are filled with vanity and selfishness. They love my Son with their lips but not in their heart. They refuse to follow me and my Son along the way of the Cross, because they have no love. Love gives, love does not count the cost. But for most souls, love asks too much. They are willing to receive, in abundance, but they will not give. A fullheart cannot receive love. It must first be emptied. It must give all, then it will receive all. Oh my children, give me your hearts, emptied of all self-seeking and sinful pleasures, and I will fill it with Divine Love. I will give you Jesus to hold in your hearts. He will fill it...”** (Letter, Sister Mildred Neuzil, April 25, 1957.)

**“My beloved daughter, what I am about to tell you concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them. ...My dear children, either you will do as I desire and reform your lives, or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishment. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace. If you will not prepare yourselves, God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy.”**

**“Behold, O my children, the tears of your Mother. Shall I weep in vain? ...I come to you, O children of America, as a last resort. I plead with you to listen to my voice....Be my army of chaste soldiers, ready to fight to the death to preserve the purity of your souls. I am the Immaculate One, Patroness of your land. Be my faithful children as I have been your faithful Mother.”**

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Tiffin, Ohio, Pages 21, 12.)

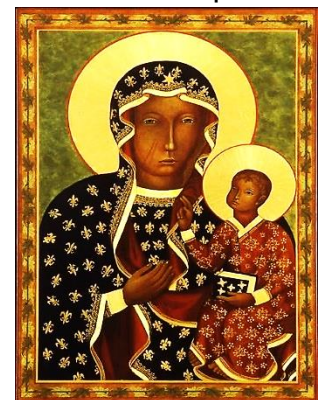
God has made a covenant with His people. He will be our God to care for and protect us if we will be His people and obey His Holy Will, His laws and His ways. Alas, we are a sinful people and have broken this covenant repeatedly throughout history. Yet, God is always faithful, constantly wooing us back to His loving arms and the safety of His house. He sends prophetic people to warn us of pending doom and to call us to repentance and conversion. While He longs for our return, He will always respect the great gift of free will He has given us so we might be **free to choose** to love Him and serve Him as His children. Only we can separate ourselves from Him by our own choice.

In the fullness of time, God sent His only Begotten Son, the Prophet of all prophets, to speak His saving Word to us and to sacrifice Himself to ransom us from the judgement of everlasting death. This unblemished Lamb was the perfect sacrifice of infinite worth

that redeemed all mankind, making us a new creation with more splendor than in the first. He established a New Ark and a New Covenant with a new people, the one true Church of Jesus Christ built on the foundation of the twelve apostles, against which the gates of hell shall never prevail. In the prophetic vision of St. John Bosco, the Church, under Satanic attack on all sides, would sail to the safe shores of God's kingdom through two great pillars, the Eucharist and Our Lady. We are that Church. We are on stormy seas today as in the past, but the darkness and waves of destruction are more fierce and vicious than ever, for the time granted to the evil one to test the just is increasingly limited. After Jesus, there is no prophetic voice more powerful, tender and efficacious, even miraculous, than the voice of His Mother, our Queen-Mother, for Jesus is King of the Universe, Lord of lords, Mighty God, Wonder-Counselor, and Prince of Peace. For centuries now, Our Lady has appeared around the world in various places with messages of love, asking us to consecrate ourselves and our countries to her Immaculate Heart for our own salvation and the salvation of the world. In the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Our Lady has come to America, the United States of America, with a special favor and a special plea for us to lead the world toward peace and spiritual renewal through union with the Indwelling Most Holy Trinity, that sanctifying grace and power that crushes the head of Satan who cannot enter into this dwelling place where God is present upon His rightful throne within each one of us. Nothing impure can enter the presence of God.

**“America, the United States in particular, is being given the tremendous, yet privileged, opportunity to lead all nations in a spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital.” [Diary, Page 25.] [Our Lady said... that the Forces of Evil are enveloping the world. Their hatred, however, is now particularly focused on the United States because of the Divine Mandate given to it to lead the world to peace. (Diary, Page 39, February 11, 1981.)**

Nothing speaks to these Forces of Evil more clearly than the terrorists' attacks upon the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. Why was September 11<sup>th</sup> chosen for this diabolical attack upon America? From the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the forces of evil personified in the Ottoman Empire and its Islamic conquest to take over Europe and destroy Christendom had waged for over 300 years. It reached its peak in 1683 as the Turks moved toward Vienna, Austria, against the forces of the Holy Roman Empire and the Holy League under the command of the Catholic Habsburg monarchy. They intended to capture Vienna and move into the Vatican, making it stables for their horses and St. Peter's Cathedral a mosque. After the Protestant Reformation the Christian armies of Europe were divided and were slow to respond to the call of Pope Innocent XI to aid Austria in defending the Church. The Turks waged war on the city of Vienna for nearly two months before Count Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg of Austria received reinforcements from the Polish King, Jan III Sobieski, who had entrusted his kingdom and his army to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Sobieski situated his army and cannon on Kahlenberg Mountain overlooking the battlefield. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Turks renewed their siege on Vienna, calling for surrender, renunciation of the Catholic faith, acceptance of Islam, and the payment of a tax laid upon conquered people. Knowing a neighboring town had



surrendered and 30,000 Catholic captives were massacred, Count Starhemberg refused. When the Turks made what they thought would be their final victory attack on September 12, the other Catholic nations were now waiting for them with their armies and cannon on the mountain top. By 5PM the Polish King Sobieski sent 18,000 horsemen called the "Winged Hussars" charging down the hill into the Ottoman camp. At that moment, a cloud caused the crescent moon, symbol of Islam, to fall from view. Surprised by the reinforcements, tired from previous battle, and being superstitious, the Ottomans saw this as an omen of defeat and began to retreat, giving victory to the Christian forces. September 12, 1683, marked the last attempt of the Ottomans to expand their power into Europe. The Battle of Vienna is considered one of the most decisive battles in world history. King Sobieski gave all the glory to God and the intercession of the Virgin Mary. The Ottoman Sultan, however, blamed the commander of his forces for their defeat and had him executed on Christmas Day. Pope Innocent XI attributed the Christian victory to the Virgin Mary and extended the feast of her Holy Name to the universal Church. He gave the title "Defender of the Faith" to Sobieski and the Austrians built a church on the Kahlenberg mountain. Later, Pope Pius X moved the feast of Our Lady's Holy Name to September 12<sup>th</sup> to forever commemorate this victory of Christianity over Islam. Some believe Al-Qaeda chose the September 11<sup>th</sup> date to attack America as revenge for their defeat in Vienna and to reassert their power, but the 11<sup>th</sup> is the day they lost, and September 12<sup>th</sup> is the day Christendom won. Since the 12<sup>th</sup> now honors Our Lady who brought victory to the armies of Christendom, it will forever be a testimony to the power of Our Lady's intercession over the forces of evil. Surely that is the message Our Lady of America wants us to understand with respect to the Forces of Evil enveloping the world which are now focused on America. Reference: <https://www.agapebiblestudy.com/documents/Sept%2011%20and%20the%20Battle%20of%20Vienna.htm>

If the 20th century is called the most evil in human history, it must also be called the century of Mary and the "counter revolution of grace," the promise of "the triumph of her Immaculate Heart" given at Fatima in 1917. When Our Lady came to America on September 25-26, 1956, she not only favored us with her presence but called on us to put a statue of her as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin, in Her Shrine, our patronal church, as a safeguard for our country. There has never been a request from Our Lady for any other shrine or pilgrimage site. Father/Bishop/Archbishop Paul F. Leibold made sure that Sister made no mention of any location of Our Lady's appearances or locutions in her Diary so nothing would distract from the centrality of this devotion on the national level and in our Patronal Church where Our Lady herself put it. Nothing must divide or contradict Our Lady's wishes. Division comes from the evil one.

**"My daughter, will my children in America listen to my pleadings and console my Immaculate Heart? Will my loyal sons carry out my desires and thus help me bring the peace of Christ once again to mankind?"** (Diary, Pg. 15, spoken in January of 1957.)

On the eve of February 11, 1958, Our Lady renewed her promise of the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart in these words to Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil.

**"My Immaculate Heart will win in the end, and the Spirit of Christ will dwell in the hearts of men. Those in whom this Spirit is not found will be condemned to eternal hellfire."** (Diary, Page 23.)

**This is the mandate heaven has given to America. Will we accept it?**

**“Beloved daughter, the United States is a small one among nations, yet has it not been said that “a little child shall lead them”? It is the United States that is to lead the world to peace, the peace of Christ, the peace that He brought with Him from heaven in His birth as man in the little town of Bethlehem. The Savior did not come to enter this world in a big city but a small town, again, a little one among many. Dear child, unless the United States accepts and carries out faithfully the mandate given to it by heaven to lead the world to peace, there will come upon it and all nations a great havoc of war and incredible suffering. If, however, the United States is faithful to this mandate from heaven and yet fails in the pursuit of peace because the rest of the world will not accept or co-operate then the United States will not be burdened with the punishment about to fall.” (Diary, Page 38, November 22, 1980.)**

**“Dear child, the danger is imminent, there is no time to lose. Tell my faithful ones who are working so diligently for my cause that I am most grateful but urge them to do all in their power to continue even in the midst of sacrifice and suffering. They will not be alone in their struggle. Myself, with the holy angels, will be always with them to help, fight and encourage. Get this message to them quickly as the time is shorter than ever.” (Diary, Page 39, January 23, 1981.) There is no time to lose!**

***Let us pray the 7 Sorrows Rosary as often as possible during September!***

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## 7 Sorrows Rosary

**“Pray for us, O Virgin most sorrowful, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.”**

### THE PRAYER

Repeat at each mystery: 1 Our Father + 7 Hail Marys + Most Merciful Mother

### BEGIN

Sign of the Cross, 3 Hail Marys, Most Merciful Mother

**The First Sword of Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)**

**The Second Sword of Sorrow: The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-14)**

**The Third Sword of Sorrow: The Loss of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:43-45)**

**The Fourth Sword of Sorrow: Mary Meets Jesus on His Way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-29)**

**The Fifth Sword of Sorrow: Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross (John 19:25-27)**

**The Sixth Sword of Sorrow: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross (John 19:32-34)**

**The Seventh Sword of Sorrow: The Burial of Jesus (John 19:41-42)**

### CLOSING

Mary, who was conceived without sin and who suffered for us, pray for us. (Pray 3x)

Sign of the Cross

