



CLEANSING TEARS

Mary Magdalene's tears of repentance and sorrow washed Jesus' feet from the dirt and grime of the streets. The passion and sufferings of Jesus Christ wash away our sins through the gift of His forgiveness and Divine Mercy.

THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

In the beginning, ... God created man in his image; / in the divine image he created him. ... If anyone sheds the blood of man, / by man shall his blood be shed; / For in the image of God / has man been made. ... Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime." ... According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. *Gn 1:1,27, Gn 9:6, Lk 23:22, Heb 9:22*

Our Father...

The testimony of two or three witnesses is required for putting a person to death. ... At the execution, the witnesses are to be the first to raise their hands against him. *Dt 17:6-7*

Hail Mary...

"You shall not kill." ... "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." *Ex 20:13,16*

Hail Mary...

In rendering judgment, do not consider who a person is; give ear to the lowly and to the great alike, fearing no man, for judgment is God's. *Dt 1:17*

Hail Mary...

[W]hen you come to serve the LORD, / prepare yourself for trials. / Be sincere of heart and steadfast, / undisturbed in time of adversity. *Sir 2:1-2*

Hail Mary...

"How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the Israelites against me." *Nm 14:27*

Hail Mary...

With revilement and torture let us put him to the test / that we may have proof of his gentleness / and try his patience. *Wis 2:19*

Hail Mary...

Seek not from the LORD authority, / nor from the king a place of honor. / Parade not your justice before the LORD, / and before the king flaunt not your wisdom. ... Be swift to hear, / but slow to answer. *Sir 7:4-5, Sir 5:13*

Hail Mary...

[T]hey stripped him of the long tunic he had on ... [and] dipped the tunic in its blood. ... [F]alse charges in public, trial before all the people, / and lying testimony are harder to bear than death. *Gn 37:23,31, Sir 26:5*

Hail Mary...

A faithful God, without deceit, / how just and upright he is! / Yet basely has he been treated by his degenerate children, / a perverse and crooked race! *Dt 32:4-5*

Hail Mary...

"I am who am." ... Even to the death fight for truth, / and the LORD your God will battle for you. *Ex 3:14, Sir 4:28*

Hail Mary... Glory Be... O My Jesus...