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Vincent Capodanno was the tenth child of Italian immigrants. During World War II, three of his brothers served in the military. This instilled in him a love of country and faithful service. In 1959 he was ordained and joined the Maryknolls, serving in Taiwan and Hong Kong. At the outbreak of the Vietnam War, he joined the Navy. Father Capodanno, battalion chaplain, died while on the battlefield assisting his fellow Marines. Like the Virgin, who held the lifeless body of her Son on the Centurion's battlefield, so Father Capodanno served the spiritual needs of the Marines in their final hour. For his valor, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the military's highest honor.

## THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

### THE CRUCIFIXION

At noon darkness came. ... [A]t three o'clock Jesus cried out. ... My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ... I am a worm, hardly human, / scorned by everyone, despised by the people. *Mk 15:33-34, Ps 22:7*

*Our Father...*

Deliver me from the sword. ... When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." *Ps 22:21, Jn 19:26*

*Hail Mary...*

[T]he chief priest with the scribes and elders mocked him. ... All who see me mock me; / they curl their lips and jeer. ... They open their mouths against me. *Mt 27:41, Ps 22:8,14*

*Hail Mary...*

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. ... Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." ... For kingship belongs to the LORD. *Mt 27:37, Jn 19:22, Ps 22:29*

*Hail Mary...*

Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. ... They stare at me and gloat. ... The people stood by and watched; the rulers ... sneered at him. ... "[L]et him save himself ... the Messiah of God." ... Even the soldiers jeered at him. *Mk 15:32, Ps 22:18, Lk 23:35-36*

*Hail Mary...*

Do not stay far from me, / for trouble is near. ... The centurion and the men with him ... feared greatly when they saw the earthquake. ... [T]hey said “Truly, this was the Son of God!” ... “This man was innocent beyond doubt.” *Ps 22:12, Mt 27:54, Lk 23:47*

*Hail Mary...*

[O]ne of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus. ... The other [said] ... “we have been condemned justly.” ... “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ... To you they cried out and they escaped; / in you they trusted and were not disappointed. *Lk 23:39-42, Ps 22:6*

*Hail Mary...*

Jesus ... said to [Nicodemus], ... “[J]ust as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.” ... After they crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots. ... [T]hey divide my garments among them; / for my clothing they cast lots. *Jn 3:10,14 Mt 27:35, Ps 22:19*

*Hail Mary...*

When [the soldiers] came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ... [A] pack of evildoers closes in on me. / So wasted are my hands and feet / that I can count all my bones. *Jn 19:33, Ps 22:17-18*

*Hail Mary...*

[O]ne soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. ... [I]t is the blood, as the seat of life, that makes atonement. ... Like water my life drains away; / ... My heart becomes like wax. ... Pilate ... summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. *Jn 19:34, Lv 17:11, Ps 22:15, Mk 15:44*

*Hail Mary...*

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes. ... Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb. ... The generation to come will be told of the Lord, / ... the deliverance you have brought. *Jn 19:39, Mt 27:59-60, Ps 22:32*

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

*Hail Holy Queen...*

