

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- I. Mary Suffers Simeon's Announcement of the Suffering Destiny of Jesus.
- II. Mary Escapes into Egypt with Jesus and Joseph.
- III. Mary Seeks Jesus, Lost in Jerusalem.
- IV. Mary meets Jesus as He carries His cross to Calvary.
- V. Mary Stands Near the Cross of Her Son, Jesus.
- VI. Mary Receives into Her Arms, the Body of Jesus Taken Down from the Cross.
- VII. Mary Helps Place the Body of Jesus in the Tomb.

For Those Who Daily Recite Seven *Ave Marias* in Commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The Seven Promises for Graces Given by the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bridget of Sweden

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son for the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death. They will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained (This Grace) from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and sorrows, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

Additional Graces Promised by our Blessed Lord to St. Elizabeth of Hungary, as related by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

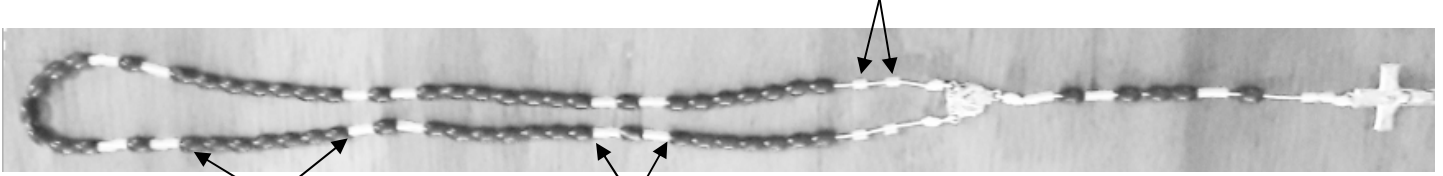
1. Those who before death invoke the Divine Mother in the name of her sorrows should obtain true repentance of all their sins.
2. Jesus would protect all who have this devotion in their tribulations, and that He would protect them especially at the hour of death.
3. Jesus would impress upon their minds the remembrance of His Passion, and that they should have their reward for it in heaven.
4. Jesus would commit such devout clients to the hands of Mary, with the power to dispose of them in whatever manner she might please, and to obtain for them all the graces she might desire.

Make Your Seven Sorrows Rosary

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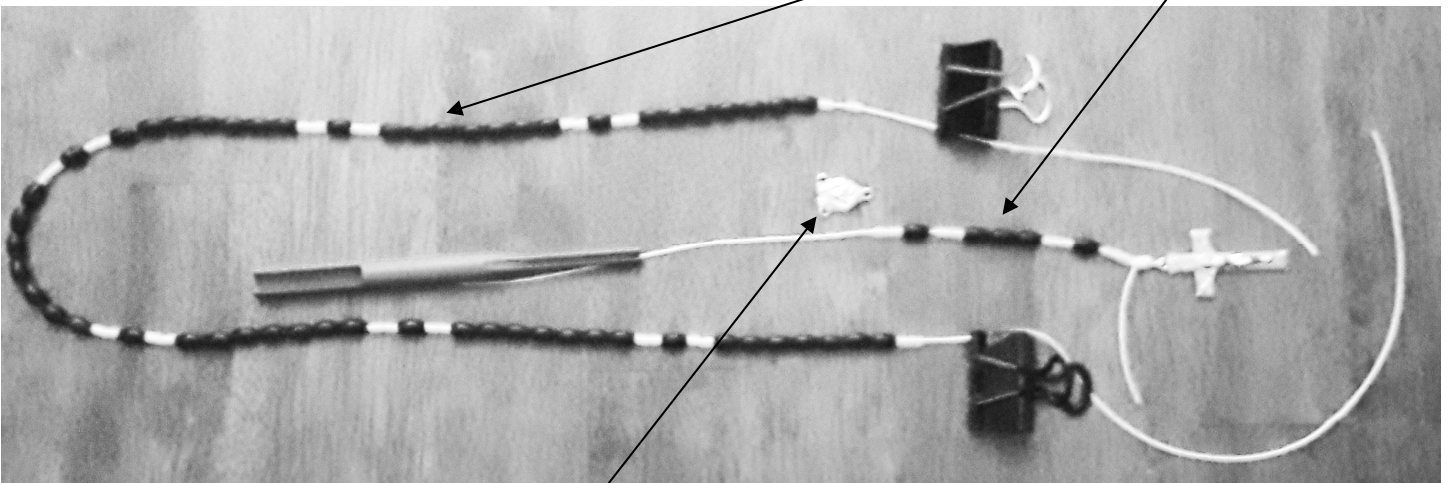
Please string rosary beads, for Mr. Keevers to tie and glue. These are the beads you are asked to work on.

This rosary doesn't have 5 decades of 10 beads. It has 7 "septades" of 7 beads.



Between "septades" (7 Ave Marias), there are Pater Noster segments (2 spacers + 1 bead + 2 more spacers), except on the ends by the center piece. There are only 2 spacers there.

When you're finished stringing beads, you deliver to Mr. Keevers, a large string of beads and a small one with a Crucifix.



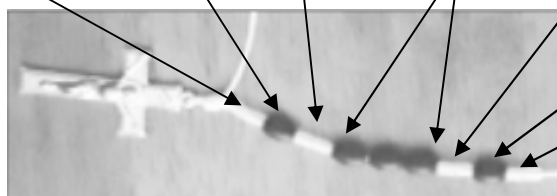
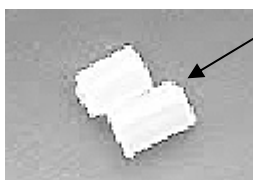
Mr. Keevers will tie the loose ends to the center piece.

Each string that you're given is carefully cut sharp to make stringing beads easy.

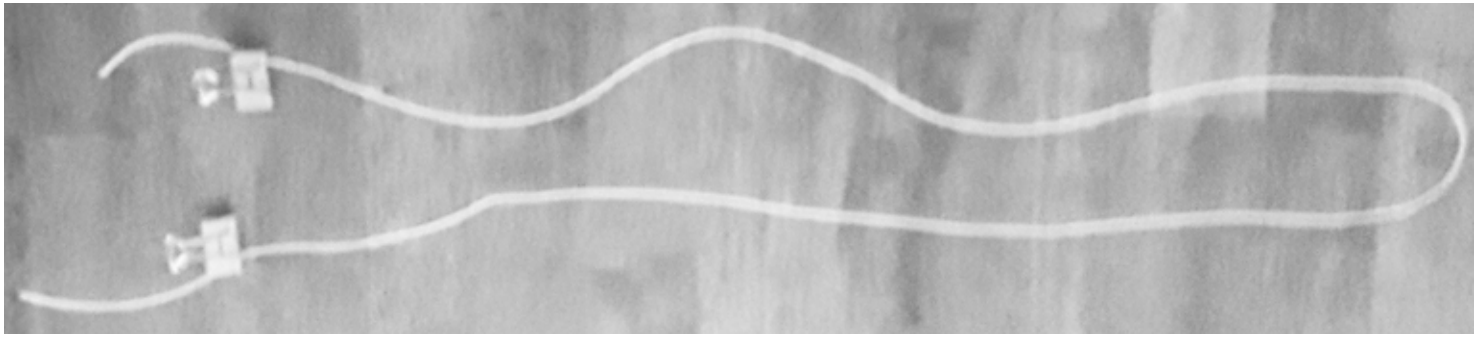
You receive an empty Crucifix segment; extra string isn't trimmed until glue is dry, to avoid knots unwinding.



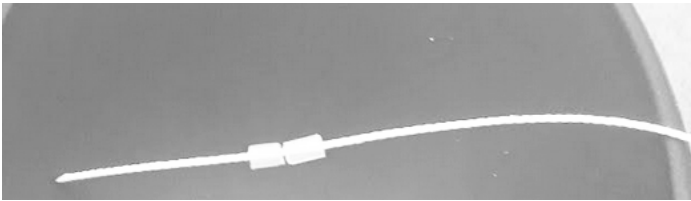
A Crucifix segment is strung with 2 spacers + 1 Pater Noster + 2 spacers + 3 Ave Marias + 2 spacers + 1 Gloria Patri + 2 spacers.



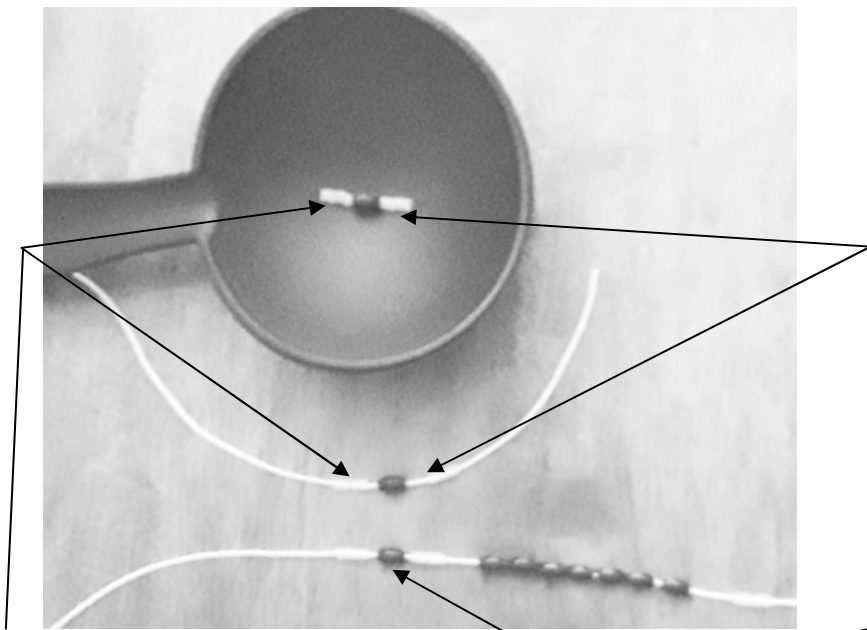
For the large string which lacks a crucifix (it will be tied to 2 loops in the center piece, after you finish stringing it), you receive an empty string with binder clips on each end.



You remove one of the binder clips. You start by stringing 2 spacers. You then count out 7 beads, and string them against the spacers.

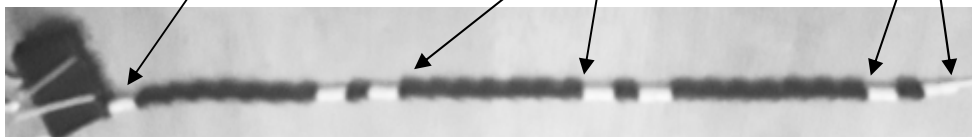


7 Ave Marias 2 spacers

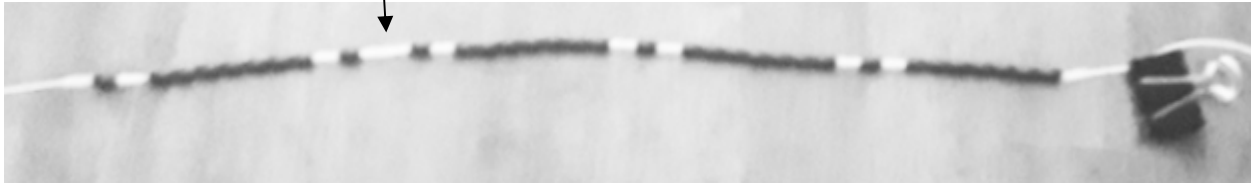


A Pater Noster segment = 2 spacers + 1 Pater Noster + 2 spacers.

There's no Pater Noster by the binder clip, but all the rest of the septades are separated by Pater Noster segments.



This stringing has an error — there are 2 sets of Pater Noster segments together, not separated by a septade of Ave Marias.



At the arrow is the center bead (4th in the 4th septade). You see 3 beads on each side in the center septade, 7 beads in each set, and the even arrays of Pater Noster segments on each side. You can instantly check that your rosary has just the right count of beads by folding it double and visually scanning, to check for incorrect stringing.



This main rosary assembly has an error, an 8th bead on the upper right. This is easy to correct. But if the error were in the middle of the beads, it would be a lot of work to correct it. It's better to check for sets of 7 beads as you go along.



Mr. Keevers ties and glues the final rosaries. The excess string cannot be trimmed until the knots are glued with clear nail polish and have set overnight. Otherwise, the knots will come un-done, because the string is nylon. After knotting, gluing, drying and setting overnight, you will need to trim your rosary of excess string after 1 day, at home, using a sharp, pointed set of scissors like those used for embroidery.

The excess string can then be trimmed very close to the knot, without any unsightly, excess strands of string remaining, because the glued knot will hold and will not come undone. Because, every time we pray this prayer, we will have the very rare privilege of actually giving consolation to our Blessed Lady in her Seven Sorrows, we want our Seven Sorrows rosaries to be beautifully made and well-formed.