

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!” You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Hymn
Period of Prayer and Personal Reflection
Benediction
The Divine Praises
Reposition & Final Hymn

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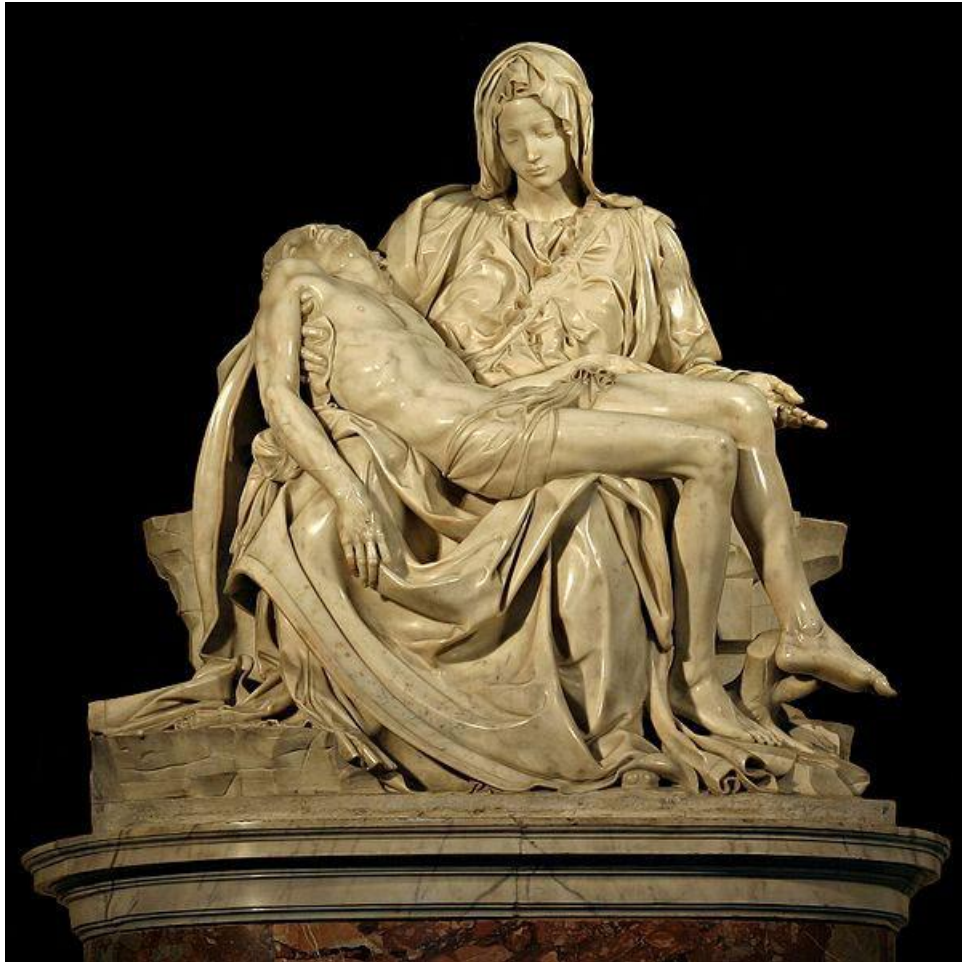


“Mary, Mother of Mercy” – 2

The Immaculate Conception

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Tuesday 8 December 2015



Michelangelo Buonarroti, *Pietà* (1498-99), St Peter's Basilica



Maia Morgenstern, *The Deposition* (*The Passion of the Christ*)

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Lk 2:34-35).
2. The flight into Egypt (Matt 2:13-14).
3. The loss of Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:43-45).
4. Mary meets Jesus on his Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (Jn 19:25-27).
6. The taking down of the body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.

Mary as: New Testament warrior

Daughter of Zion, representing Jerusalem/Israel
 Refuge of Sinners and Protector (Virgin of Mercy)