

Today is the Feast of
the Seven Sorrows of
B.V.M. Visit the Grotto
tonight before retiring.

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Confessions: Every night
in Sorin and B-P Chapels
in Basement Chapel and
Cavanaugh 6:30 P.M.

What Are You Doing?

Two minutes of private prayer each day is not going to bring peace to the world. Two minutes of daily prayer is not even sufficient conversation with God for the saving of one's own soul.

There is a war in Europe and in the Pacific. Thousands of combatants and innocent civilians are being killed every day. Cities are being levelled to the ground. We wonder what Naples is like this morning. The American Fifth Army is now in Italy fighting stiff resistance. In a few weeks you will see the casualty list, and some of your own pals will be on it, maybe a relative.

In our own backyard matters are just as bad. There are 30,000,000 American children who were educated during the past twelve years and they did not learn the fundamentals of religion or moral principles; and they failed to hear about "eternal life". If you go to Africa, you will find pagans who are ignorant of the things of God, of Christ, about the Catholic Church and God's plan of salvation. In America there are 70,000,000 of our countrymen who are unbaptised and just as uninformed about religion as the dark man in Africa. On the home front there are 10,000,000 remarried divorcees.

There are people around you, almost under your very roof, who are heading straight for hell, and there are Catholics among them. They refuse to respect God-given authority, they seek their pleasure in liquor and impurity. With their filthy talk and unremittant flow of profanity they are making the air infectuous, tempting and killing souls around them. And don't forget to lock up your money bag.

What are you doing to bring the Peace of Christ to the world and to souls, to your own soul?

Guns will not win a lasting peace. Bullets are not going to change the souls of sinners.

Prayer will do all things, daily prayer.

Two minutes for night prayer is not enough contact with God to keep so much as one's own soul healthy let alone convert the soul of society, nor will two minutes more for morning prayer.

There must be EXTRA PRAYER on the part of all -- every day, something more than morning and night prayer, and prayer in time of temptation. What EXTRA praying does Our Lord want you to do? Some suggestions: daily Mass and Holy Communion, visits to the chapel before and after class and especially before evening study, daily visit to the Grotto, the rosary, a short meditation before the Blessed Sacrament.

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." This country needs a taste of a few block busters to bring men back to God and to prayer.

Your extra prayer will save the world for Christ.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Capt. Timothy Moynihan '29, USMC; cousin of Dick Digan, killed in Sicily; grandmother of Leo Renner (Sorin); father of Jack Coleman (Wal), 4th Anniv; mother of Bob Kopf, ex '43; Sister M. Mercia, C.S.C.; Doris Goetzinger; Mrs. Geo. Schreiner; Margaret Casey. (Ill) Father Aloysius Jarka.
Two Special Intentions.