



THE CHAPLET OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus is made up of seven mysteries in which we meditate on the seven principal times that Jesus shed His Most Precious Blood. To pray the chaplet, we meditate on each mystery while praying five Our Fathers. At the end of the Chaplet, we pray it three more times, totaling thirty-three times in honor of the thirty-three years of Our Lord's life on earth.

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be ...

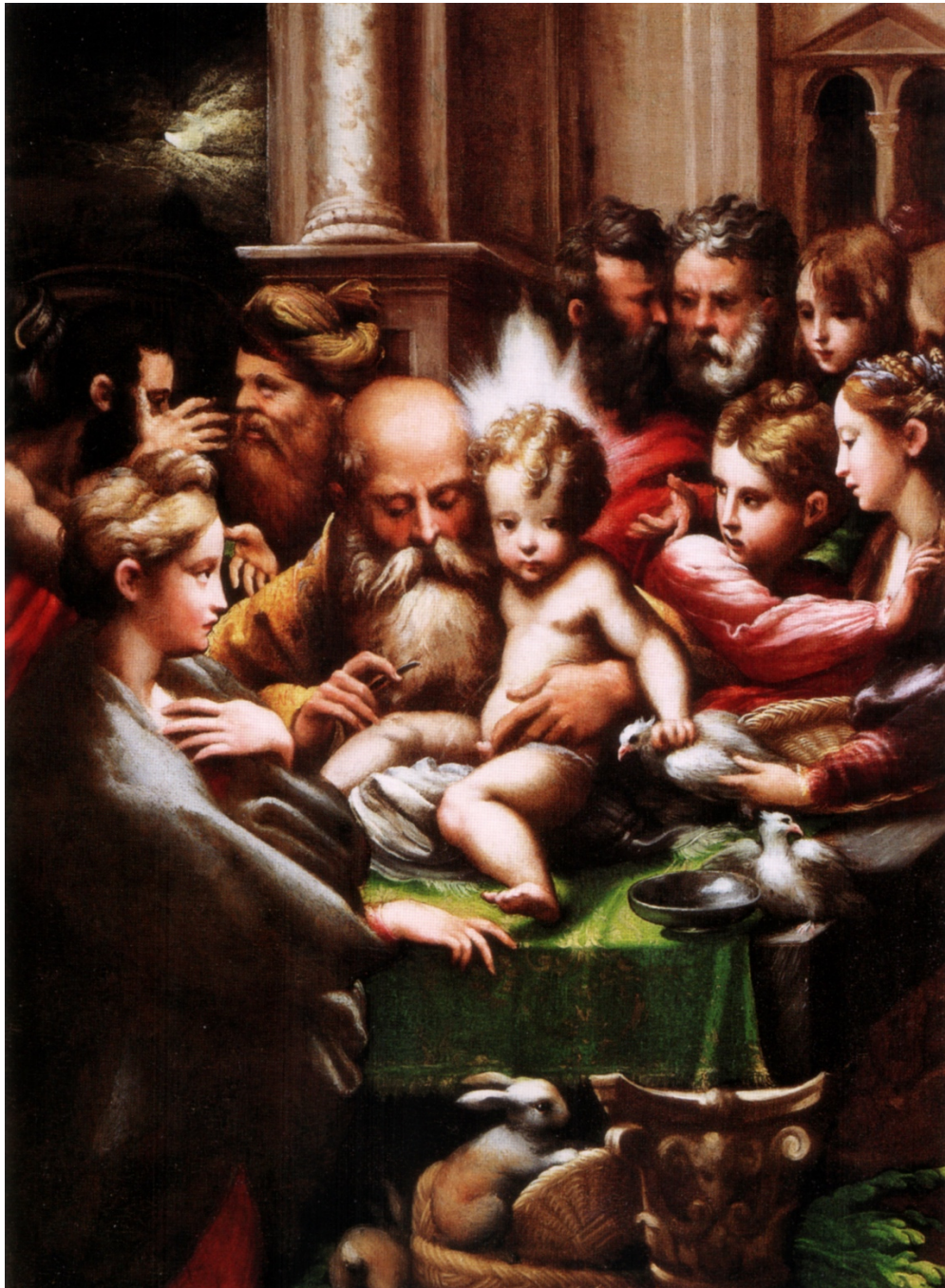
FIRST MYSTERY: JESUS IS CIRCUMCISED

"When the eighth day arrived for his circumcision, the name Jesus was given the child." (Lk. 2:21)

Five Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

We beseech you, therefore, help your servants, whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.



SECOND MYSTERY: JESUS' AGONY IN THE GARDEN

"In his anguish he prayed with all the greater intensity, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground." (Lk. 22:44)

Five Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

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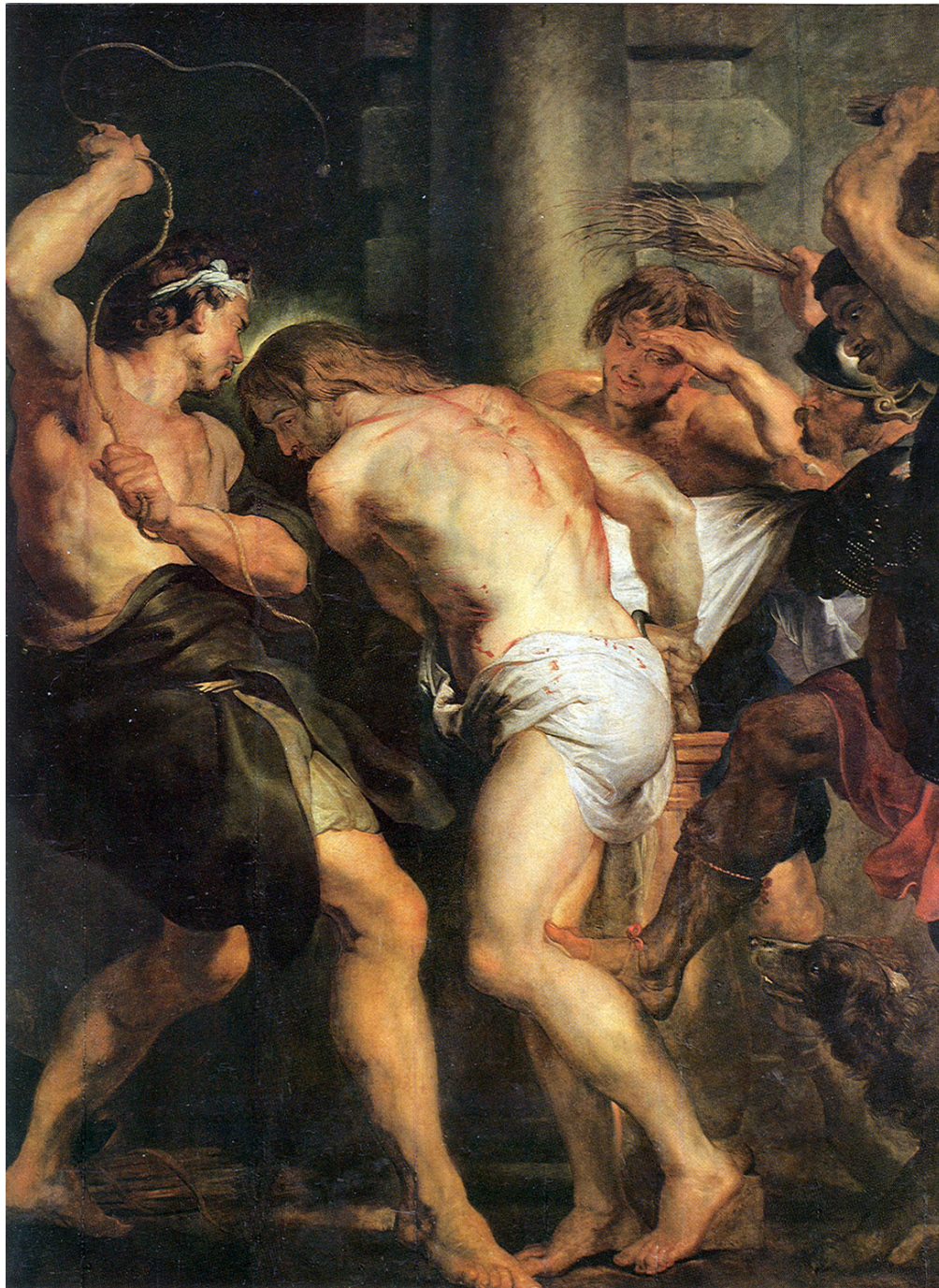
THIRD MYSTERY: JESUS IS SCOURGED AT THE PILLAR

*"At that, he released Barabbas to them. Jesus, however, he first had scourged."
(Mt. 27:26)*

Five Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

We beseech you, therefore, help your servants, whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.



FOURTH MYSTERY: JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS

"They stripped off his clothes and wrapped him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed it on his head." (Mt. 27:28-29)

Five Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

We beseech you, therefore, help your servants, whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.



FIFTH MYSTERY: JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

"In the end, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. Jesus was led away, and carrying the cross by himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull." (Jn. 19:16-17)

Five Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

We beseech you, therefore, help your servants, whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.



SIXTH MYSTERY: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED AND DIES ON CALVARY

"When they came to Skull Place, as it was called, they crucified him there ... Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.'" (Lk. 23:33-34)

Five Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

We beseech you, therefore, help your servants, whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.



SEVENTH MYSTERY: JESUS' SACRED SIDE IS PIERCED

"One of the soldiers thrust a lance into his side and immediately blood and water flowed out." (Jn. 19:34)

Three Our Fathers ...

Glory be ...

We beseech you, therefore, help your servants, whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.



Almighty and Eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant, we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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