

The Crucifixion with the Virgin, Saint John, Saint Jerome, and Saint Mary Magdalene (middle panel)

Pietro Perugino, 1482/1485, oil on panel transferred to canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.



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Prayerfully look at the above picture and quietly reflect and answer questions together. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

Let's pray together:

Dear God, as we look at this beautiful work of art, help us to see how much you love us.

Let's look carefully at this painting. (Pause.)

Do you see that this is the Crucifixion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is on the Cross? (Pause.)

Notice that Mary and John are standing at the foot of the Cross; they are very sad that Jesus died on the Cross. (Pause.)

But because Jesus gave up his life and rose from the dead, we have hope for Heaven—that is the Good News! As we look closely at Jesus, think about how much love Jesus has for each of us.

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the Cross so that we can be with you in Heaven one day. Amen.