

# DOLOROSO DOMAIN

Choosing the Doloroso Domain involves joining the *Order of the Broken Ones* as swordsages – the order is aligned with *The Triad* and offers help, relief and support to the needy, endure for the sake of others, carries their burdens, or take their place, as well as punishing all cruelty, which may take many forms:

- a cult to an evil god like Loviatar
- a plague of undeath
- an invasion by a monstrous war band
- less overt threats, like a tyrant who refuses to bow to their glorious cause.

## THE TRIAD

the alliance of three good-aligned deities

- Tyr, the maimed god - god of Justice
- Ilmater, the broken god – god of the suffering, oppressed, and persecuted
- Torm the True - god of duty

## OATH OF HOLY VENGEANCE

Members of the order swear to punish cruelty and righten wrongdoings without concerns about suffering. They adorn their clothes and armor with the Symbol of Ilmater to show their alignment, to warn the wicked and promise of justice. Their reputation as Holy Avengers precede them wherever they travel, as well as their willingness to suffer when helping other people.

## THE TRIAD



The deities of the Triad, with Ilmater leaning on Tyr and Torm leading the way.

## TENETS OF THE ORDER

Though the nature of any particular cruelty varies by incident, the tenets serve as self-perpetuating, self-enforcing guidelines to annihilate the foes. Paladins who uphold these tenets are often zealous and unattached.

- *Scorch the Earth*: If I see any opportunity to punish cruelty and remove evil, it is my duty to do so. I never allow a vanquished enemy to threaten me again.
- *Seek Out Cruelty*: To protect the weak, all possible agents of cruelty must be punished. I know that not all threats are apparent, and that nobody should fear me unless they too are a threat.
- *Foster Justice*: I am as the doctor who cleanse and sew the wound. When I am not on the front lines, it is my duty to serve the poor, weak, oppressed, fearing, suffering, and diseased, without regards to my own safety or health.

## ORDER OF THE BROKEN ONES

If you chose to join the Order of the Broken Ones, you received:

- Emblem of the Order & Battle Robe of the order (ac 12/13 lb)
- Worn greatsword (6 lb), Worn spear (3 lb) & worn shortsword (2 lb)
- worn shield (6 lb)

## STRICT SUBCLASS

As you have joined a strict order, you have limited choice on regarding learned spells and gained feats, until you reach level 20. After that, you can seek any feat and spell allowed by the PHB, at your GM's discretion, usually through questing.

## FEATS

You receive a feat at the following levels:

- 1: Theologian or Historian
- 3: Savage Attacker
- 7: Holy Strike
- 9: Mounted Combatant or Skulker
- 13: Athletics, Durable or Tough
- 15: Prodigy or Skilled
- 18: Blade Mastery or Fell Hand
- 20: Alert, Keen Mind or Observant

## DOMAIN SPELLS

- 1st: Shield of Faith, Burning hands
- 3: Blindness/Deafness, Magical Weapon
- 5: Crusader's Mantle, Mass Healing Word
- 7: Guardian of Faith, Banishment
- 9: Holy Weapon, Cloudkill

## ADDITIONAL SPELLS

You gain spells at the cleric levels listed:

- 2: Thunderwave
- 3: Earth Tremor
- 5: Prayer of Healing
- 6: Call Lightning
- 9: Create Food and Water
- 11: Sunbeam
- 13: Divine Word
- 15: Earthquake
- 17: Power Word Heal
- 18: Power Word Kill
- 19: Heal
- 20: Finger of Death

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## CHANNEL DIVINITY (USE ONCE/REST)

- Divine Favor: Your prayer empowers you with divine radiance. Your weapon attacks deal an extra 1d4 radiant damage on a hit (lasts 1 minute).
- Divine rage: As a bonus action, you enter a berserk rage. You gain a damage bonus equal to your Charisma modifier on Strength-based melee attacks and advantage on saving throws against enchantment effects. Divine rage lasts for 1 minute, or until you end it prematurely as a bonus action or are knocked unconscious (lasts 1 minute).
- Divine Retribution: Starting at 2nd level, you can make others feel your pain. When a creature damages you with an attack and deals X damage you can use your reaction to cause the creature to make a Wisdom saving throw. The creature takes damage equal to X + your Cleric level on a failed saving throw, and half as much damage on a successful one (lasts 1 minute).
- Divine Health: Starting at 6th level, the divine rage in you stops even the most grievous wounds. While raging, all non-magical damage is reduced by your Charisma modifier.
- Divine Strike: At 8th level, you gain the ability to infuse your weapon strikes with divine energy. Once on each of your turns when you hit a creature with a weapon attack, you can cause the attack to deal an extra 2d8 thunder damage to the target (lasts 1 minute).

• Holy Avenger: At 17th level, as an action, you can assimilate the properties of your own holy light and get empowered, turning into an Avatar of your God. As one, you are surrounded by a powerful light that imbues you and your weapon with energy. Using an action, you undergo a transformation. For 1 minute, you gain the following benefits:

- The dice you roll for your Divine Smite are 1d12 instead of 1d8, and half of the damage dealt as Divine Smite's bonuses is converted in a healing pool that is immediately transferred to any creature inside of your aura. Choose any creatures within 30 feet of you, and divide those hit points among them. You can't use this feature on an undead or a construct
- You become immune to effects that forces or hinders your movement

(lasts 1 minute, use once/long rest)

## ADDITIONAL CONTENT

The Dolorosa Domain, is intended for use with the *Northlander* subrace, and the *Ilmatari Orphan* background, and the *Swordsage* class. How it works with other backgrounds, classes and subclasses, has not been tested. Please refer to the [5e Cross-Class Archetypes Variant Rule](#)



# APPENDIX

## ALPHA DRAFT V0.0.9

This a rough draft. It hasn't been played or reviewed.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN BETA DRAFT V.0.1.0

A reviewed draft based on playing experience and review.

### BUGS, ISSUES, SUGGESTIONS?

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### CREDIT

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