

# Prayers of the Rosary

**Sign of the Cross:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell, on the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and Life Everlasting. Amen.

**Our Father:** Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory be to the Father:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer:** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

**Hail, Holy Queen:** Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

**Let us pray:** O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of Eternal Life, grant we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these Mysteries, of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

# Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us.	Virgin most Merciful, <i>pray for us.</i>
Christ, have mercy on us.	Virgin most Faithful,
Lord, have mercy on us.	Mirror of Justice,
Christ, hear us.	Seat of Wisdom,
<i>Christ, graciously hear us.</i>	Cause of our Joy,
God the Father of Heaven,	Spiritual Vessel,
<i>have mercy on us.</i>	Vessel of Honour,
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,	Singular Vessel of Devotion,
<i>have mercy on us.</i>	Mystical Rose,
God the Holy Spirit,	Tower of David,
<i>have mercy on us.</i>	Tower of Ivory,
Holy Trinity, One God,	House of Gold,
<i>have mercy on us.</i>	Ark of the Covenant,
Holy Mary,	Gate of Heaven,
<i>pray for us.</i>	Morning Star,
Holy Mother of God,	Health of the Sick,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,	Refuge of Sinners,
Mother of Christ,	Solace of Migrants,
Mother of the Church,	Comforter of the Afflicted,
Mother of Mercy,	Help of Christians,
Mother of Divine Grace,	Queen of Angels,
Mother of Hope,	Queen of Patriarchs,
Mother most Pure,	Queen of Prophets,
Mother most Chaste,	Queen of Apostles,
Mother Inviolable,	Queen of Martyrs,
Mother undefiled,	Queen of Confessors,
Mother most Amiable,	Queen of Virgins,
Mother most Admirable,	Queen of all Saints,
Mother of good Counsel,	Queen Conceived without -
Mother of Our Creator,	Original Sin,
Mother of Our Saviour,	Queen Assumed into Heaven,
Virgin most Prudent,	Queen of the most Holy Rosary,
Virgin most Venerable,	Queen of Families,
Virgin most Renowned,	Queen of Peace,
Virgin most Powerful,	

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.* V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*  
**Let us pray:** Grant, we beg You O Lord God, that we Your servants, may enjoy lasting health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enter into the joy of Eternal happiness, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Memorare:** Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

**Prayer to St. Michael:** Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# About the Rosary

The Rosary is the story of the New Testament and each decade is recited in honour of a Mystery in Our Lord's Life and the life of His Mother. Our Lady asked for the Rosary to be prayed every day, as a powerful weapon against evil. With our prayers made in union with Our Heavenly Mother, we can obtain the great gift of conversion for many hearts and peace throughout the world.

**The Luminous Mysteries - (Mysteries of Light)**  
 In October 2002 Pope St. John Paul II added the "Mysteries of Light" to the Holy Rosary, calling us to pray the Rosary daily, for our families and for world peace.

## How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the "Sign of the Cross" and pray the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Pray the "Our Father."
3. Pray three "Hail Marys."
4. Pray the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery, then pray the "Our Father."
6. Pray ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Pray the "Glory be to the Father."
8. After each decade pray the "Fatima Prayer" on the last page, requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima.
9. Announce the Second Mystery, then pray the "Our Father." Repeat 6, 7 and 8 and continue with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
10. Pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" after the five decades are completed and conclude with the "Sign of the Cross."



As a general rule, depending on the season, the Joyful Mysteries are prayed on Monday and Saturday and optional on Sundays during (Advent and the Christmas Season). The Sorrowful Mysteries are prayed on Tuesday and Friday and optional on (Sundays during lent). The Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday and the Luminous Mysteries prayed on Thursday.

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# The Holy Rosary

## The Joyful Mysteries

prayed on Mon & Sat

### 1st Joyful Mystery

#### The Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary

Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son and you shall call His Name, Jesus.

Luke 1: 30 - 31

Fruit of the Mystery: **Humility**

### 2nd Joyful Mystery

#### The Visitation of Mary to Her Cousin Elizabeth

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the Mother of my Lord, should come to me?

Luke 1: 42 - 43

Fruit of the Mystery: **Love of Neighbour**

### 3rd Joyful Mystery

#### The Birth of Baby Jesus in a Stable in Bethlehem

Mary gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 7

Fruit of the Mystery: **Poverty**

### 4th Joyful Mystery

#### The Presentation of Jesus to His Heavenly Father in Jerusalem

And when the days of her purification were fulfilled, according to the Law of Moses, they took Him up to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord...

Luke 2: 22 - 23

Fruit of the Mystery: **Obedience**

### 5th Joyful Mystery

#### The Finding of the Child Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem

And it came to pass, that after three days, they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2: 46

Fruit of the Mystery: **Joy in Finding Jesus**

## The Luminous Mysteries

prayed on Thursday

### 1st Luminous Mystery

#### The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist

The Spirit descended like a dove on Him and a voice came from Heaven, "You are My Son, the Beloved and with You, I am well pleased."

Mark 1: 10

Fruit of the Mystery: **Openness to the Holy Spirit**

### 2nd Luminous Mystery

#### The First Miracle of Jesus at the request of His Mother Mary during the Wedding Feast in Cana

Jesus changed water into wine, the first of His signs and revealed His Glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

John 2: 11

Fruit of the Mystery: **To Jesus Through Mary**

### 3rd Luminous Mystery

#### The Proclamation of Jesus about the Kingdom of God and His Call to Conversion

He said, "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news."

Mark 1: 15

Fruit of the Mystery: **Repentance and Trust in God**

### 4th Luminous Mystery

#### The Transfiguration of Jesus into Light on Mount Tabor

He was transfigured before them, His Face shone like the sun, His clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared with Him.

Matthew 17: 2

Fruit of the Mystery: **Desire for Holiness**

### 5th Luminous Mystery

#### The Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper

He took bread and gave thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of Me."

Luke 22: 19

Fruit of the Mystery: **Adoration**

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

prayed on Tue & Fri

### 1st Sorrowful Mystery

#### The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

And His sweat became as drops of Blood, running down upon the ground. And rising from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping.

Luke 22: 44 - 45

Fruit of the Mystery: **Sorrow for Sin**

### 2nd Sorrowful Mystery

#### The Cruel Scourging of the Body of Jesus at the Pillar

Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

Mark 15: 15

Fruit of the Mystery: **Purity**

### 3rd Sorrowful Mystery

#### The Crown of Sharp Thorns is Placed on the Head of Jesus

And they stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet cloak and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on His Head and a reed into His right Hand.

Matthew 27: 28 - 29

Fruit of the Mystery: **Courage**

### 4th Sorrowful Mystery

#### The Heavy Cross is Carried by Jesus to Mount Calvary

And they took Jesus and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

John 19: 17

Fruit of the Mystery: **Patience**

### 5th Sorrowful Mystery

#### The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus on the Cross

Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your Hands I commit My Spirit!" And having said this, He breathed His Last.

Luke 23: 46

Fruit of the Mystery: **Perseverance**

## The Glorious Mysteries

prayed on Wed & Sun

### 1st Glorious Mystery

#### The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead on the Third Day

Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here, for He has truly Risen, as He had said.

Matthew 28: 5 - 6

Fruit of the Mystery: **Faith**

### 2nd Glorious Mystery

#### The Ascension of Jesus Rising up to Heaven

And so then the Lord, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into Heaven, where He sits at the right Hand of God.

Mark 16: 19

Fruit of the Mystery: **Hope**

### 3rd Glorious Mystery

#### The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak.

Acts 2: 4

Fruit of the Mystery: **Love of God**

### 4th Glorious Mystery

#### The Assumption of Mary Taken up to Heaven

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again. So through Jesus, God will bring with Him, those who have died... and we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4: 14 - 17

Fruit of the Mystery: **Grace of a Happy Death**

### 5th Glorious Mystery

#### The Coronation of Mary Crowned Queen in Heaven

A great sign appeared in Heaven. A woman clothed with the sun and with the moon under her feet and on her head, a crown of twelve stars.

Revelation 12: 1

Fruit of the Mystery: **Trust in Mary's Intercession**