

# The Rosary

## 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, and on the third day arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

## Hail Mary

## Glory Be

## 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.

## The Joyful Mysteries

### 1. The Annunciation

The angel said to Mary, "You shall conceive and bear a Son, and give Him the name of Jesus. And He shall be called the Son of the Most High.

### 2. The Visitation

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled.

### 3. The Nativity

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, she gave birth to her first-born Son, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.

### 4. The Presentation

When the day came to purify them according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord.

### 5. Finding in the Temple

They came upon Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were amazed.

## The Luminous Mysteries

### 1. The Baptism of Jesus

When Jesus was baptized – the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending on Him like a dove, and alighting on Him, and lo, a voice from Heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### 2. The wedding at Cana

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

### 3. Proclaiming the Kingdom

"... And preach as you go saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay."

### 4. The Transfiguration

As He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered and His raiment became dazzling white. And a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is my Son, My chosen. Listen to Him."

### 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

### 1. The Agony in the Garden

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, "My Father, if it be possible let this cup pass me by. But not my will, but yours be done."

### 2. The Scourging at the Pillar

The people said, "Let His blood be on us and on our children." At that, Pilot released Barabbas to them. Jesus, however, he first had scourged.

### 3. The Crowning with Thorns

They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet cloak.. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they fixed it on His head and began to mock Him.

### 4. The Carrying of the Cross

Jesus was lead away, and carrying the cross by Himself, went out to what is called "The Place of the Skull". There they crucified Him.

### 5. The Crucifixion and Death

The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two, Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit." After this, He expired.

## The Glorious Mysteries

### 1. The Resurrection

The angel said, "Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus, the crucified, but He is not here. He has been raised, exactly as He promised."

### 2. The Ascension

Jesus led them out near Bethany, and with hands upraised, He blessed them. As He blessed, He left them, and was taken up to heaven.

### 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit

### 4. The Assumption of Mary

Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High Lord, above all the women on the Earth. And blessed be the Lord God, creator of Heaven and Earth.

### 5. The Coronation of Mary

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

## Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, 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 toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us, the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## Closing Prayer

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 on 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.

## Memorare

That all persons considering abortion may choose life, we pray:  
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by 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

For an end to persecution of Christians, we pray:  
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Renew My Church prayer

That we may renew our church, we pray:  
Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,  
as you spoke to holy men and women  
who have gone before us.  
In every age and in our own time,  
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.  
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and so enable us  
to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender our own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles,  
and all the saints.  
May their example and presence  
inspire us with patient confidence  
in the work of your grace.  
We ask this of you who live and reign  
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen

## The Seven Sorrows of Mary

### 1. Mary hears the prophesy of Simeon

*“And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.”*

Mother Mary, you kept all things in your heart. You heard the words of Simeon, yet you trusted in God’s promise to you. Please be with me whenever I worry about those I love, or am too anxious about myself. Help me hold fast to my faith and place my hope in Jesus. (Hail Mary)

### 2. Mary and Joseph flee with Jesus to Egypt

*“Rise, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt . . . Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”*

Mary, so often I am overwhelmed with sorrow, especially over the illnesses of family and friends. Give me the joy of your presence in my life, and let me know the healing hand of your loving Son. (Hail Mary)

### 3. Mary and Joseph are separated from Jesus

*“The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem but his parents did not know it.”*

Mary, there are so many things I find difficult to understand or impossible to accept. Help me over these hurdles and bring me home to a believing and peaceful way of life. (Hail Mary)

### 4. Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross

*“A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him.”*

Mary, your Son asks me to take up my cross daily and follow Him. Please be with me, as you were with Him, that I may do so in a spirit of penance, for I know that he is merciful toward me. (Hail Mary)

### 5. Mary stands beneath the cross of Jesus

*“Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother Mary. . .”*

Mother Mary, as I contemplate Jesus on the cross for our salvation, may I be privileged to stand together with you, and with John and Mary Magdalene, to join there in your own sorrow and love for my Saviour. (Hail Mary)

### 6. Mary receives the body of Her Son

*“They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with spices”*

Mary, may I be as tender and forgiving toward others, even those who have hurt me, as you and your Son were at that terrible moment on Calvary. (Hail Mary)

### 7. Mary grieves as Jesus is buried

*“In the place where He had been crucified there was a garden, in the garden a new tomb. . . so they laid Jesus there.”*

Mary, Mother of mercy, be with me at all the most difficult moments of my life, especially when I have the most doubts or fears. May I one day come to know the joys of eternal life with you and your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Hail Mary)

## The Prayer to St. Raymond

O God, You chose Saint Raymond to be a renowned minister of the sacrament of Penance, and miraculously brought him through the waves of the sea, grant that by His intercession we may produce good results from our penitence and reach the heaven of eternal salvation. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings You have given us throughout our lives. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## Intentions:

Before the First Decade:

For the Souls in Purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

After the First Decade:

For those persons who persecute Christians, that they may hear the Word of God and turn from their ways.

After the Second Decade:

For those persons who lead others into sinning.

After the Third Decade

For those Christians who have fallen away from the Church, that they may be inspired to return.

After the Fourth Decade:

For those persons who have despaired that their sins are too great to be forgiven.

After the Fifth Decade:

For those persons who refuse to recognize their sins.