## The Glorious Mysteries - April 2021

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5-7)

Make know to me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my savior. (Psalm 25:4-5)

Tonight we pray:

(Special prayer requests mentioned)

- For our families, especially our children and grandchildren; (pause to mention out loud, if you choose to)
- For those dealing with health issues: physical, mental or spiritual;
- For our leaders as they seek to help manage the challenges we face;
- For all the special intentions we hold in our hearts.

#### The 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. 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 shall 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.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be....

#### 1st Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection

Jesus, help raise us up, deliver us from sin, from evil, from our current crisis; give us Your light; give us Your joy. Ignite within us love, faith, hopefulness, and the gift of prayer. Mary, we ask for the gift of unshakeable faith.

Our Father.... Hail Mary .... Glory Be ....

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Glorious Mystery – The Ascension**

Jesus, You have not deserted Your apostles in anguish, but have given them the joy of knowing Jesus "glorified" over 40 days. After Your Ascension, You granted to all those who seek You the gift of receiving You in the Eucharist. Jesus, please come into our hearts and unite us wholly to You in spiritual communion. Mary, help us to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Our Father.... Hail Mary .... Glory Be ....

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious Mystery – the Descent of the Holy Spirit

Jesus, enlighten us with the light of Your Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love. Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, into our hearts and souls. Mary, give us the gift of hope.

Our Father.... Hail Mary .... Glory Be ....

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

### 4th Glorious Mystery – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

Mary, help us to grow in the virtues of faith, hope and love. We pray for patience and perseverance; for calm in the midst of fear; for the grace to overcome adversity; for generosity of spirit; for hope in times of despair; for light in the darkness.

Our Father.... Hail Mary .... Glory Be ....

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

## 5th Glorious Mystery - The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

Mary, our Mother in Heaven, we pray that we always turn to you with full faith and hopefulness. Mother of Divine Love, we ask you to hear our prayers as we come before you. Inspire us to acts of solidarity and generosity and give us hope of a brighter future. We pray that we always will be joined to your Heart, and therefore to the Heart of Jesus.

Our Father.... Hail Mary .... Glory Be ....

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your 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.

O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech You, that while 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.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Ever present God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray for an end to the pandemic, social injustice and unrest, and we pray for the grace to be aware of Your presence as You walk with us through the chaos of our world. Please free us from fear, give us patience and hope, and bring harmony, peace and wellness to our world.

(We will choose one of the following St. Joseph prayers to say at the end of the rosary. -Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church, beginning Dec. 8, 2020, concluding Dec. 8, 2021.

Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers.")

#### Pope Francis' prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.



#### Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary--USCCB

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,

we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend us and our brothers and sisters in Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;

shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen



# Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, God, the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, One God, Holy Mary, St. Joseph, Renowned offspring of David,

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. pray for us. pray for us.

Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster father of the Son of God, Diligent protector of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent,

Joseph most strong,

Joseph most obedient,

Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,

Model of artisans,

Glory of home life,

Guardian of virgins,

Pillar of families, Solace of the wretched,

Hope of the sick,

Patron of the dying,

Protector of Holy Church,

Terror of demons,

pray for us. pray for us. pray for us.

pray for us. pray for us.



Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world. He made him the lord of his household. spare us, O Lord. graciously hear us, O Lord. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray, - O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.