

## THE ROSARY

- The word *rosary* comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the [Virgin Mary](#). If you were to ask what object is most emblematic of Catholics, people would probably say, “The rosary, of course.”
- The rosary is a devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary. It consists of a set number of specific prayers. First are the introductory prayers: one Apostles’ Creed (*Credo*), one Our Father (the *Pater Noster* or the Lord’s Prayer), three Hail Mary’s (*Ave*’s), one Glory Be (*Gloria Patri*).
- Catholics often refer to the rosary as “our rosary beads”. They are beads but it’s interesting to know that the word “bead” is actually an Old English word that originally meant prayer.

## Q & A

- **Why should my family pray the rosary?**

*Our Blessed Mother gave 15 promises to those who pray the rosary. They are amazing – look them up!*

*Our Lady of Fatima told the three children she appeared to that praying the rosary would obtain world peace. How awesome to think you could be a part of making that happen.*

*We learn about the life of Jesus as we pray each of the different mysteries.*

*Our Blessed Mother will bring abundant blessings to every home where the rosary is prayed. The family that prays together, stays together!*

- If the rosary is unfamiliar to you, take a look at the “How to Pray the Rosary” attachment and pray the rosary with your family this week.

