

Unity Rosary

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, in the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All

PRAYER TO MARY IMMACULATE

Virgin most holy and immaculate,
to you, the honor of our people
do we turn with loving trust..

You are all beautiful O Mary!

In you there is no sin.

Awaken in all of us a renewed desire for holiness:

May the splendor of truth shine forth in our words,
the song of charity resound in our works,
purity and chastity abide in our hearts and bodies,
and the full beauty of the Gospel be evident in our lives.

You are all beautiful, O Mary!

In you the Word of God became flesh.

Help us always to heed the Lord's voice:

May we never be indifferent to the cry of the poor,
or untouched by the sufferings of the sick and those in need;
may we be sensitive to the loneliness of the elderly and the vulnerability of children,
and always love and cherish the life of every human being.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

In you is the fullness of joy born of life with God.

Help us never to forget the meaning of our earthly journey:

May the kindly light of faith illumine our days,
the comforting power of hope direct our steps,
the contagious warmth of love stir our hearts;
and may our gaze be fixed on God, in whom true joy is found.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

Hear our prayer, graciously hear our plea:

As we contemplate these mysteries,
may the beauty of God's merciful love in Jesus abide in our hearts,
and may this divine beauty save us. Amen.

Leader

APOSTLES' CREED*All*

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 arose 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*All*

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THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love. By contemplating Christ's union with the Father even at the height of his suffering on the cross, Christians learn to share in the same gaze of Jesus...To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light.

(Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, nos 56-57)

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✧ The Second Decade ✧

THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

The Son of God offers himself to us, he puts his Body and his Blood into our hands, so as to be with us always, to dwell among us. And in the Garden of Olives, and likewise in the trial before Pilate, he puts up no resistance, he gives himself; he is the suffering Servant, foretold by Isaiah, who empties himself, even unto death. Jesus does not experience this love that leads to his sacrifice passively or as a fatal destiny. He does not of course conceal his deep human distress as he faces a violent death, but with absolute trust commands himself to the Father. Jesus gave himself up to death voluntarily in order to reciprocate the love for us. On the Cross Jesus “loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20). Each one of us can say: “he loved me and gave himself for me.” Each one can say this “for me.”

(Pope Francis, General Audience, March 27, 2013)

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THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

Jesus does not enter the Holy City to receive the honors reserved to earthly kings, to the powerful, to rulers; he enters to be scourged, insulted and abused... He enters to receive a crown of thorns, a staff, a purple robe; his kingship became an object of derision. He enters to climb Calvary, carrying his burden of wood... Jesus enters Jerusalem in order to die on the Cross. And it is precisely here that his kingship shines forth in godly fashion; his royal throne is the wood of the Cross! (...) The King whom we follow and who accompanies us is very special: he is a King who loves even to the Cross, and who teaches us to serve and to love. *(Pope Francis, Homily, March 24, 2013)*

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THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves... in order to go to meet others, to go toward the outskirts of existence, to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten,

those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help... Living Holy Week means entering ever more deeply in the logic of God, into the logic of the Cross, which is not primarily that of suffering and death, but rather that of love and of the gift of self which brings life. *(Pope Francis, General Audience, March 27, 2013)*

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THE CRUCIFIXION

The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness. It is also a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self, because God never condemns, he only loves and saves...Let us walk together along the Way of the Cross and let us do so carrying in our hearts this word of love and forgiveness. Let us go forward waiting for the Resurrection of Jesus, who loves us so much. He is all love!

(Pope Francis, Way of the Cross at the Colosseum, March 29, 2013)

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN

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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, 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.

L Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER AFTER THE ROSARY

All

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.

CLOSING PRAYERS

ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT TO MARY

Leader

Blessed Virgin Mary,
with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence
we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed.

We celebrate in you the great works of God,
who never tires of lowering himself in mercy over humanity,
afflicted by evil and wounded by sin,
to heal and to save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother
this act of entrustment that we make in faith today,
before this your image, beloved to us.

We are certain that each one of us is precious in your eyes
and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you.

May that we allow your sweet gaze
to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile.

Guard our life with your embrace:
bless and strengthen every desire for good;
give new life and nourishment to faith;
sustain and enlighten hope;
awaken and animate charity;
guide us all on the path to holiness.

Teach us your own special love for the little and the poor,
for the excluded and the suffering,

for sinners and the wounded of heart:
gather all people under you protection
and give us all to your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus.

Amen.

FINAL BLESSING