

Forward

All Catholics are called to enter with Mary into an Advent period of deeper prayer and renewal of our Christian life.

It is mainly a call to holiness, which is constantly revealed throughout the messages of the Old Testament, and reaffirmed by the messages of our Blessed Mother in her apparitions up to this present time. That our Father in Heaven is reaching and touching our hearts to allow Him to work in our lives that we may know Him more, love Him, serve Him and share His eternal presence forever.

How then must we respond to our Heavenly Father's call? The simplest and easiest one for us to do is to merely lift up our thoughts to Him, which is prayer in itself. The "ask" Him through the power of His Holy Spirit to transform us to His Image, with full Trust in his Holy Will.

As we renew ourselves and for our spiritual growth, it is important to nourish ourselves with Mass, Sacraments, Devotional prayers, Scripture readings, other Spiritual books and Pilgrimages as well.

Aside from the Holy Mass, Devotional prayers put in the proper perspective, (e.g. God above all whom we worship and adore, the Blessed Mother whom we honor as our Mother and Beloved Mother of Jesus and Mediatrix to Jesus, and the Angels and Saints whom we venerate ask intercessory prayers to our Lord), will nurture our spirits in following Jesus through His Mother, His Angels and Saints in a prayerful and Holy fashion.

In deep faith that the Blessed Virgin Mary will lead us to her son Jesus, our only way to salvation; likewise, in response to our Lord's message to Sister Lucy of the Fatima Apparition, that He wants us to Honor the Hearts of Jesus and Mary together, praying the Holy Rosary is the best devotional prayer we can offer the Blessed Mother as we glorify our Lord with His Life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is our response to her call, as we allow her to dwell within us and keep us always in the grace of God and grow in our Holiness and thus enjoy the precious gift of peace from our Lord.

The world today is filled with negative values because of the social, economic, and moral pressures that exist. These threaten the society as a whole, the very core of which is the family.

Catholics worldwide celebrated in the year 1991, the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's pioneering encyclical "Rerum Novarum". In its observance, it stressed the important role of marriage and family life in Catholic social teachings as well as the rampant threats to it. As a group the U.S. Bishops made a collective statement that "No community is more central than the family; it needs to be supported, not undermined..... What happens in the family is the basis of a truly social life". "A well regulated family life is essential to the well-being of any nation".

Thus, both parents have a major role and responsibility upon this issue. As even rooted in the Holy Scripture, (Genesis 1, 2) speaks of the enduring faithful love between husband and wife, the home and concern for children. Unless we live in ways that guard the home, enduring love, and little children, everything will go badly.

The family, especially parents, molds the child's sense of right and wrong and their attitude towards people. The child's behavioral patterns that shape his dreams and expectations are influenced mainly by his family. During the maturation stage, many of the values upheld by the family during the imprinting years, e. g. the first seven years of our lives, usually reappear. Thus, the persons are we today largely flow from our earliest experiences from our family.

Therefore, in response to Pope John Paul II's exhortations "Christe Fidelis Laite" (his calling upon the men and women for evangelization, especially the mothers, and those with the charismatic gift from the Holy Spirit to use them for service that must begin at home since the family is the nucleus of the society) and "Familiares Consortio" (whereby he describes the family relationship as a communion of the love and life), the praying of the Family Rosary is the best answer to this call that the parents must instill within their family and pass on to their relatives, friends, and the entire community.

Why the Family Rosary

The Church teaches that dialogue is the essence of communication between persons and is more than a conversation. Prayer is the sustaining force of that communication taking place between God and Men. With family prayer, it is more than a family "tradition" to be maintained because as Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered together in My name, there am I in their midst" (Matt 18:19-20). So, when family prays together, it invites Jesus into its home that He grants us the strength, the light and grace to lead good lives. "The family that prays together stays together", as Fr. Peyton stated, because that household, open in dialogue with God, is going to be open in return with each other.

Prayers, especially the Mass, Rosary, and Devotional Prayers are the basics that will sustain our spirits to keep our faith strong and alive. As hunger can be physical and spiritual, the Church proposed the seven corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any merciful work will not be enough without satisfying both. And as mankind becomes more materialistic, they find less time to satisfy the spiritual needs thus creating spiritual deficiency and susceptibility to evil.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

- I. Instruction on how to pray the Rosary.
- II. The Family Rosary Prayer.
 - A. Recite the Welcome Prayer upon arrival of the image of the Blessed Virgin to the home.
 - B. Each evening:
 1. Light the candles.
 2. Recite opening hymn and opening prayers.
 3. Recite the Rosary.
 - a. Use the daily meditations.
 - b. Only one decade is recommended for the younger children.
 - C. Recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 - D. Recite the Rosary Crusade Prayer.
 - E. Recite the concluding prayers and concluding hymn.
- III. Recite the Farewell Prayer upon departure of the image of the Blessed Virgin from the home.

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

1. Instructing the ignorant.
2. Counseling the doubtful.
3. Admonishing the sinner.
4. Bearing wrongs patiently.
5. Forgiving all injuries.
6. Comforting the sorrowful.
7. Praying for the living and the dead.

One of the most effective and powerful prayers a family can use is the Rosary; that is a daily Family Rosary Prayer. Lighting a candle before the statue of the Blessed Mother or the Holy Family can also be a comforting and pleasant experience for family members to lift their minds and hearts to God and uniting themselves and others whom they intercede for us as they recite the Holy Rosary and meditate on the life of Christ and the virtues each mystery exemplifies. This therefore puts the family under the special protection of Our Lady, as devotion is established to the Immaculate Heart of Mary who will lead us to her son, Jesus, the only way, the Truth, and the Light towards our Eternal life and happiness.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is the most popular of all the Marian devotions. It was revealed to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother and began in the 15th century by Alan de Rupe, a Dominican preacher. "The devotion of the rosary contributes greatly to the destruction of sin, the recovery of grace, and the promotion of the glory of God." (Gregory XVI)

The Rosary is a form of vocal and mental prayer on the Mysteries of our Redemption, divided into 15 decades. The Mysteries consist of 3 groups, which may be said and meditated on different days. The leader may read the meditation after announcing the mystery; then proceed to the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary's" etc.

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

(1) While holding the crucifix in the hand, recite the Apostles' Creed:

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 arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

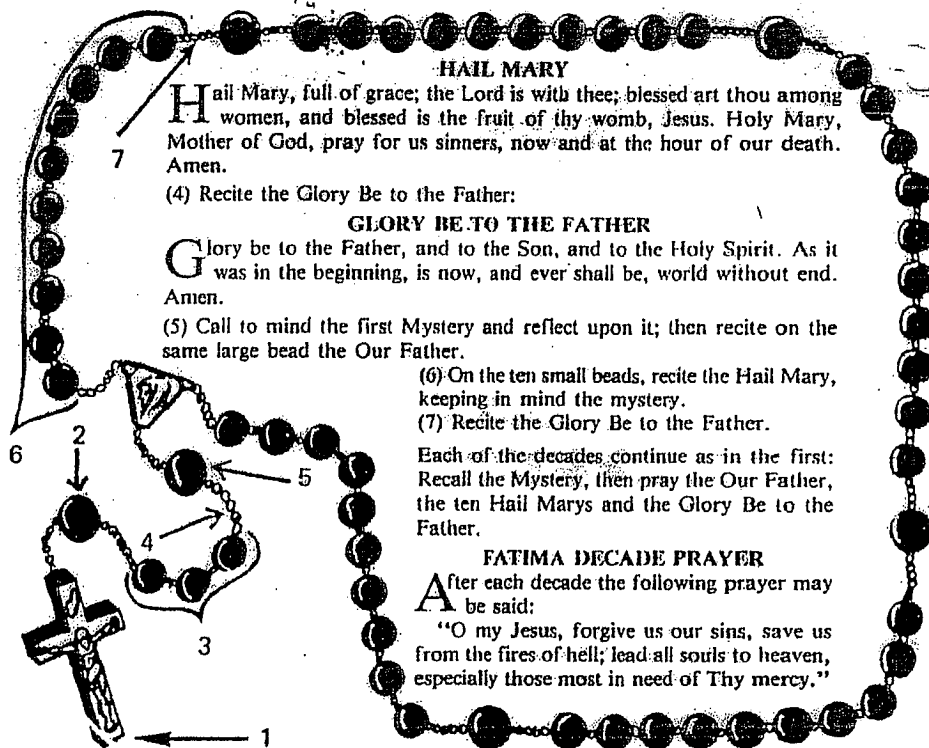
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

(2) On the first large bead, recite the Our Father:

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.

(3) On the three small beads, recite the Hail Mary for an increase of faith, hope and charity.



THE FAMILY ROSARY

OPENING HYMN

IMMACULATE MOTHER

Immaculate Mother
We come at thy call
And low at thy altar
Before thee we fall

We pray for our country
The land of our birth
We pray for all nations
That peace be on earth

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

OPENING PRAYERS

INVOCATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your divine love.

All: Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And thou shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant we beseech you to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His Consolation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Petitioner (s): (Mention any particular intention and offering for the day). Let us Pray to the Lord!

All: Lord, hear our prayer!

All: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Leader: Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee.

All: Blessed art Thou amongst 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!

Leader: Thou O Lord wilt open my lips.

All: And my tongue shall announce Thy praise.

Leader: Incline to my aid, O God.

All: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all, because I have offended Thee my God, who art all good and deserving all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life, Amen!

THE APOSTLE'S 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 arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence 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 dead, and life everlasting. Amen!

Leader: (Recite one Our Father, three Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

EJACULATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, take all souls to heaven and help especially those most in need of your mercy.

RECITE THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries (Monday)

1. The Annunciation: (Fruit of the Mystery: Humility)

At God's appointed time, the angel Gabriel entered Mary's house in Galilee and announced to her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and She would become the Mother of God. "Rejoice, highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." (Luke 1:28)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and an Ejaculation)

2. The Visitation: (Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor)

Having learned from the angel that Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, would bear a son, Mary hurried off to visit her. As soon as they met, Elizabeth saluted her with the words "Blessed are you among women and Blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:42-43)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and an Ejaculation)

3. The Birth of Jesus: (Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty)

Unable to find room in the town, Mary and Joseph sought shelter in a hillside cave near Bethlehem. There, the Virgin Mother brought forth her child, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, lovingly attended by Joseph His foster father. (Luke 2:7)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and an Ejaculation)

4. The Presentation: (Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience)

Forty days after the Divine Child's birth, the Holy Family went up to the Temple for Mary's Purification and to consecrate Jesus to God. While there, Simeon recognized Him as the Savior, and foretold the "Sword of Suffering" for Mary. (Luke 2:22-23)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and an Ejaculation)

5. Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple: (Fruit of the Mystery: Joy in Finding Jesus)

When Jesus was 12, Mary and Joseph lost Him in Jerusalem. After a three day's search, they found Him in the Temple, sitting among the Doctors of the Law, who, as they talked with Him, were amazed at the great Wisdom of this twelve year old boy. (Luke 2:46)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays)

1. The Agony in the Garden: (Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for Sin)

As Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, the prospect of the imminent Passion and Death caused Him to sweat in blood. Though shrinking from His coming suffering, He submitted to His Father's plans, with these words, "Not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22: 44-45)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

2. The Scourging at the Pillar: (Fruit of the Mystery: Purity)

Though Pilate knew Christ was innocent, he weakly sought a compromise. He ordered Jesus to be scourged, foolishly imagining that the leaders of the Jews would be satisfied with this punishment and withdraw their demand for His death. (Luke 19:1)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

3. The Crowning with Thorns: (Fruit of the Mystery: Courage)

Pilates brutal soldiers, after whipping our Lord, plaited a crown of thorns and cruelly pressed it into His Sacred Head. Then they thrust a reed into His hands. This part of their mockery of His claim that He was truly a King. (Matthew 27: 28-29)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

4. The Carrying of the cross: (Fruit of the Mystery: Patience)

Pilate pronounced the death sentence and a heavy Cross was placed on our Savior's lacerated shoulder. Stumbling on His way to His Death on Calvary, with jeers and insults ringing in His ears. (John 19:17)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

5. The Crucifixion: (Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance)

Mary watched on Calvary, as Her Son was stripped of His clothes and nailed to His cross. The sword, foretold by Simeon, pierced His mother's heart, as she looked on in anguish at Her Son's unspeakable sufferings as He paid the price for our sins. (Luke 23:46)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays)

1. The Resurrection: (Fruit of the Mystery: Faith)

Very early in the morning on the First Easter Sunday, Christ rose from the dead. A group of Holy women who went to His tomb found the stone rolled back. Angels there, announced that He was not there. He had risen as He had prophesied He would. (Mark 16:6)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

2. The Ascension: (Fruit of the Mystery: Hope)

On Mount Olive, forty days after His Resurrection, Our Lord gave His last instructions to His disciples and blessed them. His Blessed Mother was there and watched with the others as He was taken up to Heaven before their eyes. (Mark 16:19)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit: (Fruit of the Mystery: Love of God)

Ten days after the Ascension, the Apostles were gathered together in the Cenacle. Suddenly, they heard a sound like a great wind, and fiery parted tongues descended on them. Our Lord has sent them the Holy Spirit as He had promised. (Acts 2:4)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

4. The Assumption: (Fruit of the Mystery: Grace of a Happy Death)

By a unique privilege, the Blessed Virgin was preserved from every taint of sin and was conceived immaculate. As a gracious consequence of this privilege, several years after Her Son's Ascension, She was taken up body and soul into Heaven. 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. (Revelation 12:1)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

5. The Coronation: (Fruit of the Mystery: Trust in Mary's Intercession)

Crowned Queen of Heaven by Her Son, our Blessed Lady will reign there eternally. By Her Motherly intercession with Christ the King, She will plead for us always, that we may gain eternal life, purchased by the Fruit of Her Womb. (Judith 15: 9-10)

The Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River:

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

2. Jesus' First Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana:

Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him. (John 2:11)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God; "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

4. The Transfiguration of Jesus:

And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. (Matthew 17:2)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

5. The Last Supper, the Holy Eucharist:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body. "Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:26)

(Say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and an Ejaculation)

The Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, 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 O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the Blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O Clement! O loving! O Sweet Virgin Mary!

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us

All: Lord, have mercy on us

Leader: Christ, have mercy on us.

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: Christ, hear us.

All: Christ, hear us.

Leader: Christ, graciously hear us.
All: Christ, graciously hear us.

Leader: God the Father in Heaven
God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
God the Holy Spirit.
Holy Trinity one God

All: Have mercy on us

Holy Mary
Holy Mother of God
Holy Virgins of Virgins.
Mother of Christ.
Mother, Full of Grace.
Mother most pure.
Mother most chaste.
Mother inviolate.
Mother undefiled.
Mother most amiable.
Mother most admirable.
Mother of good counsel.
Mother of our Creator.
Mother of our savior.
Virgin most prudent.
Virgin most venerable.
Virgin most renown.
Virgin most powerful.
Virgin most merciful.
Virgin most faithful.
Mirror of Justice.
Seat of Wisdom.
Cause of our joy.
Spiritual Vessel.
Vessel of Honor.
Singular vessel of devotion.
Mystical Rose.
Tower of David.
Tower of Ivory.
House of Gold.
Ark of the Covenant.
Gate of Heaven.
Morning Star.
Health of the Sick.
Refuge of Sinners.
Comforter of the afflicted.
Help of Christians.
Queen of Angels.

All: Pray for us

Leader: Queen of Patriarchs.

All: Pray for us.

Queen of Prophets.

Queen of Apostles.

Queen of Martyrs.

Queen of Virgins.

Queen of All Saints.

Queen conceived without original sin.

Queen assumed into Heaven.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

Queen of Peace.

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

All: Graciously hear us, O God.

Leader: Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.

All: Grant us peace.

The Rosary Crusade Prayer

Heavenly Father, we beg Thee in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy son, to bless our Family Rosary Crusade. Give us, and all our people, the courage and grace, to make the daily family rosary pledge and keep it faithfully. Amen.

Leader: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

All: Keep all families.

Leader: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

All: Save all families.

Leader: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

All: Bless all families.

Leader: Let us all pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be, for the Propagation of our faiths and conversion of sinners.

Leader: St. Francis Xavier.

All: Pray for us

St. Louis Marie De Montfort.

St. John the Evangelist.

St. Joseph.

(Other Saints you wish to invoke)

All you Angels and Saints in Heaven.

Leader: For the sake of our faithful departed and the poor souls in purgatory, grant
Eternal rest unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May
they rest in Peace

All: Amen!

Leader: Let us all pray three Hail Marys for the peace of the world and the consecration
of the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Repeat three times:

Leader: Our Lady of Fatima.

All: Pray for us.

Our Family Dedication to the Blessed Trinity and The Blessed Virgin Mary (an Act of Consecration)

Eternal Father, in the name and person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of
your Most Holy Spirit and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the seat of the Divine Wisdom, we
consecrate to you our hearts, our lives and our families to the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus
and Mary, united in perfect love.

May our homes be filled with deep faith, hope, and charity, with the fruits of your
Holy Spirits, may our prayers be filled with the needs of others and complete trust in your
most Holy Will, Love, Goodness and Mercy.

Strengthen us Lord, through the intercession of your Blessed Mother, St. Joseph,
and the Angels and Saints in Heaven, that our family will pray together and stay united
with your Love.

Guide and teach us, especially our children, through your Holy Spirit, that we
may know, love, and serve you, as we live our Christian lives to its fullness and gain
eternal happiness in your Kingdom forever. Amen!

Concluding Prayers

Leader: Let us pray.

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 by
meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, we may imitate what they contain, obtain what they promise, through the
same Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Leader: May the Divine Assistance remain always with us.

All: Amen!

Leader: May the Blessing of Almighty God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon us and remain with us always.

All: Amen.

Concluding Hymn

Our Lady of Fatima

Dear Lady of Fatima
We come on bended knees
To beg your intercession
For peace and unity
Dear Lady, won't you show us
The right and shining Way
We pledge our love and offer you
A Rosary each day

You promised at Fatima
Each time that you appear
To help us if we pray to you
To banish war and fear
Dear Lady, on first Saturdays
We ask your guiding hand
For grace and guidance here on earth
And protection for our land

WELCOME PRAYER

(To be read by the host family upon arrival of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary to their home.)

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

Mother of Christ and our Mother, Blessed Virgin Mary, we are happy and honored by your visit in our humble home, which you made worthy to be the abode of your love.

With your tender Motherly love, we ask you to bless all our families. On these special days of your stay with us, accept our sincere consecration to your Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we offer all our prayers, works, joys and sacrifices, in reparation for all our sins, conversion of sinners, peace of the world, for the glorification of the poor souls in purgatory, and the special petitions of our family members.

May our devotion to you, beloved Virgin, lead us to the worship of your Son Jesus, and grow daily in genuine faith, hope and love of God and our neighbor. Make our home a haven of peace, dear Mother, so that justice and infinite peace may happily reign in the entire family of mankind. Amen!

FAREWELL PRAYER

(To be read by the host family upon the departure of the image of the Blessed Virgin from their home.)

O beloved Mother of Peace and Mercy, We are truly honored and privileged by your visit in our home, that even for this brief period, our family was blest by your glorious presence, O Queen of Heaven!

Until your next visit, O Blessed Mary, stay always in our minds and our hearts. As we consecrate our family to your Most Holy and Immaculate Heart, lead us to your Son, Jesus, that we may worship Him forever and find salvation and eternal happiness through Him. Amen!

SONGS AND HYMNS

For Our Blessed Lady

Hail, Mary, Gentle Women

Hail Mary, full of Grace
the Lord is with you
Blessed are you among women
And blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen!

1. You were chosen by the father
You were chosen for the Son
You were chosen for all women
And for women, shining on.
(Refrain)
2. Blessed are you among women
Blessed in turn all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

(Refrain)

Gentle Woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright.
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach Wisdom, teach us love.

Sweet Mystical Rose

(Refrain)

Sweet Mystical Rose! Sweet Mystical Rose!
Breathe on us wanderers here while we roam.
Fragrance to lure us on to our home. Amen.

1. Mystical Rose by God's own hand
Planted up on Judae's land.
 2. In winter's snow thy virgin stem
Blossomed unseen in Bethlehem.
 3. And angels round the Flower divine
Their homage join blest Rose with thine.
 4. Sweet is the tribute paid by He
The fragrance of thy purity.
 5. Incense like thine, Oh! mystic rose,
No spikenard plant or balsam grows.
 6. Never was fann'd from spice-frougnt tree
Odour as sweet as breath'd from tree
 7. High now in Heaven thy fadeless bloom,
Sheds near God's throne its blest perfume
- (compliments of Ms. Ann Veronica Pitts
of England)

MOTHER OF CHRIST

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
What shall I ask of thee?
I do not sigh for the wealth of the eart
For the joys that fade and flee
But, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
This do I long to see
The bliss untold which your arms enfold
The treasure upon your knee

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
I toss on a stormy sea
Oh, lift thy child as a beacon light
To the port where I fain would be
And, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
This do I ask of thee
When the voyage is o'er
O stand on the shore
And show Him at last to me.