

# THE ROSARY

The rosary is a special way of praying to God that honors Mary, the mother of Jesus. While saying the prayers, we think about certain events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These stories are called mysteries. The mysteries are very important moments when God showed His love for us in a special way. While you think about each mystery, pray an Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, and a Glory Be. The beads of the rosary help you to keep track of how many prayers you have prayed so you can think about the mysteries.

## MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

### The Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays, Saturdays, and Sundays of Advent)

- The Annunciation
- The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth
- The Birth of Jesus
- The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.



### The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursdays)



- The Baptism in the Jordan
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Eucharist

### The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays of Lent)

- The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
- The Scourging at the Pillar
- The Crowning with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus



### The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays and Sundays)



- The Resurrection of Jesus
- The Ascension of Jesus into heaven
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles (Pentecost)
- The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven

## PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

### THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace; The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.

### GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### 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 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.

### FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

### HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail 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 vale 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. (V) Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. (R) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### PRAYER AFTER THE ROSARY

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.

## HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*.
2. Recite the *Apostles' Creed*.
3. Recite the *Our Father*.
4. Recite three *Hail Mary's*.
5. Recite the *Glory Be*.
6. Recite the *Fatima Prayer*.
7. Announce the mystery (e.g. "*The first Joyful Mystery is the Annunciation*").
8. Recite the *Our Father*.
9. While focusing on the mystery, pray 10 *Hail Mary's*.
10. Recite the *Glory Be*.
11. Recite the *Fatima Prayer*.
12. Repeat steps 7-11 for the remaining four mysteries.
13. Recite the *Hail, Holy Queen*
14. Pope Francis has provided two prayers to Our Lady for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic, either of which could be added at the end of the Rosary (find them [here](#)).
15. Make the *Sign of the Cross*.

