

Rosary for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic

And for healing – physical, spiritual, psychological, and financial – for all those who are affected

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1st Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation:

As Mary gave her *fiat* to become the Mother of God, let us imitate her obedience & humility. Let us humble ourselves in prayer and sacrifice, to implore God to bring an end to this pandemic and alleviate the suffering caused by it.

The fruit of the mystery is Humility

2nd Joyful Mystery: The Visitation:

As Mary immediately set out to help her kinswoman Elizabeth upon hearing of the elderly woman's pregnancy, let us, too, set out to help those who are victims of this pandemic, both those who are ill and those who have suffered economically, psychologically, spiritually, or emotionally because of this pandemic.

The fruit of the mystery is Love of Neighbor

3rd Joyful Mystery: The Nativity:

The God-man Jesus Christ, through Whom the whole world was created, chose to be born into a poor family. Let us imitate His poverty of spirit and, as a culture, stop hoarding what others need. Let us appreciate what we have, but hold it with an open hand, willing to share it with others.

The fruit of the mystery is Poverty of Spirit

4th Joyful Mystery: The Presentation in the Temple:

Mary, from the first moment of her conception, was the most pure Immaculate Virgin; yet she submitted in obedience to the law of Moses that decreed that she offer a sin offering for her own purification. Let us imitate her obedience and do whatever is asked of us to bring an end to this pandemic and mitigate the suffering caused by it.

The fruit of the mystery is Obedience

5th Glorious Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple:

Mary and Joseph trusted in God's providence as they searched for their 12-year-old son for three days. Let us, too, trust in God's providence during this pandemic, as we do our part by praying, fasting, and taking the recommended steps to halt the spread of the disease. As Mary & Joseph were joyful to finally find their Son, let us help others to experience the joy of finding Christ, living in His love, and submitting to His will.

The fruit of the mystery is Joy in Finding Jesus

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1st Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus:

Jesus – *the pure, holy, and sinless Son of God!* – humbled Himself to be baptized by John. Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism, He comes to us, too, at ours. Let us respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to bring the love of Jesus to others, and to pray, fast, and work to alleviate suffering while begging God for an end to this pandemic.

The fruit of the mystery is Openness to the Holy Spirit

2nd Luminous Mystery: The Wedding at Cana:

Remembering that Jesus performed His first public miracle at the behest of His mother, let us turn to Mary to intercede for an end to this pandemic and help all who are afflicted by it.

The fruit of the mystery is To Jesus through Mary

3rd Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God with a Call to Repentance:

As Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God, He called all to repentance and conversion. Let us all embrace the Good News and trust Jesus to bring an end to this pandemic and help to all who suffer because of it.

The fruit of the mystery is Repentance & Trust in God

4th Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration:

Peter, James, & John witnessed the glory of Christ's Transfiguration, and it inspired in them awe and holy terror. May our eyes be opened to see Jesus in the face of all who are suffering in this pandemic, and may it motivate us to try to alleviate their misery in this life and help them find glory in the next.

The fruit of the mystery is The Desire for Holiness

5th: Sorrowful Mystery: Institution of the Eucharist:

At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, changing bread and wine into His very self, His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life, and It gives us the most tangible connection to our Savior. It is to the Eucharist that we fly to pour out our heart to Him who loves us infinitely. As St. Peter Julian Eymard said, "Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, we shall accomplish nothing." Let us go to adore our Eucharistic Lord and beg Him to end this pandemic and bring healing to all the afflicted.

The fruit of the mystery is Adoration

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SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1st Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

Jesus agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew He was starting down the road that would lead to His torture and death the next day. In His anguish, He turned to His Father in prayer. Let us, who desperately desire an end to this pandemic, imitate His example and turn to God in prayer. Let us have true *sorrow for our sins* and cry to God for His mercy. And then let us submit to the Father's will, as Jesus did, saying, "Not my will but Thine be done."

The fruit of the mystery is Sorrow for Sin

2nd Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar

700 years before Christ, Isaiah wrote about the Messiah, "But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, and by his wounds we were healed." Let us remember how much the innocent and *pure* Son of God suffered for us as we cry out to Him for the healing of our world during this pandemic.

The fruit of the mystery is Purity

3rd Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns:

The Roman soldiers mocked & spat on Jesus -- *the pure and innocent Savior of the world!* – and crowned the King of kings with piercing thorns, yet He "opened not his mouth." May those who suffer during this pandemic be given the *courage* to unite their suffering to Christ's, for the conversion and salvation of the all.

The fruit of the mystery is Moral Courage

4th Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross:

Jesus carried the instrument of his torture, this tool of His executioners, upon the torn and bloody flesh of His back. Yet He knows His suffering isn't over; the worst is yet to come. Lord, help each of us have the *patience* to suffer the isolation that we must practice in order to mitigate this Pandemic and eventually bring it to an end.

The fruit of the mystery is Patience

5th Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion of Jesus:

Jesus was stripped of his garments and nailed to the cross, where he hung in excruciating pain, each breath a monumental effort. He willingly surrendered his life for the eternal souls of all, including his killers, loving them even until His final breath. Let us pray for the medical personnel who risk their lives to care for those who could pass a potentially deadly disease on to them. And help us all to persevere in prayer to bring this pandemic to an end.

The fruit of the mystery is Perseverance in Faith

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1st Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection:

Jesus rose from the dead as he had foretold. By His death, He conquered death for all of us, that we, too, may one day join Him in heaven. We pray for an end to this pandemic, and that this crisis which we all are going through will open our hearts to have *faith* in the One who saves us.

The fruit of the mystery is Faith

2nd Glorious Mystery: The Ascension:

As Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after His resurrection, He commissioned the Apostles to spread the faith, teaching & baptizing the whole world. He promised that He will be with us always. Let us recall this promise with faith and *hope* when all the world seems to be falling apart.

The fruit of the mystery is Hope

3rd Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit – the Advocate whom Jesus promised to send to the Apostles Who would lead them to all truth—came ten days later in a rush of wind and tongues of fire. The apostles were suddenly filled with wisdom, courage, knowledge, and strength, and they began to preach boldly the Gospel message. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your *love!* We beg you to bring an end to this pandemic that is afflicting this world, as You brought an end to the fear and timidity of the Apostles on that first Pentecost.

The fruit of the mystery is Love

4th Glorious Mystery: The Assumption of Mary:

After Mary's life on earth was done, Jesus brought her, body and soul, to be with Him in heaven. If we have faith in Christ and Love of God and neighbor, we will join Mary in heaven someday, bathed in God's love. We pray that all who pass away during this pandemic will be shown the mercy of *dying in a state of grace.*

The fruit of the mystery is The Grace of a Holy Death

5th Glorious Mystery: The Coronation of Mary:

Jesus, the King of kings, chose to honor His mother Mary as Queen of Heaven. On the cross, he had given her to us to be *our* mother, too, so that we can *trust in her intercession* for us. O Mother Mary, we beg you to have compassion for our world suffering with this new virus. Implore your Son to bring an end to this pandemic and spare the lives of all who are not yet ready to face Judgment. Help our world to recover economically as well as spiritually, and help us learn to love one another as He has loved us.

The fruit of the mystery is Trust in Mary's Intercession