

The Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer which includes 4 series of mysteries with 5 decades each (for a total of 20 decades). For each of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, we contemplate and meditate on the Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ and pray one Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's and one Glory Be to the Father.

We can, of course, pray a Rosary in full, but we can also pray the Joyful Mysteries, Luminous Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries and Glorious Mysteries separately during the day. We begin each series of 5 mysteries by the Apostles' Creed (I believe in God), 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's and one Glory be to the Father, before praying the first ten. After each decade, we can say the prayer taught by Mary to the children of Fatima: *“Oh my Jesus: Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the res of hell and lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.”*

The Joyful Mysteries

(on Mondays, Saturdays, Sundays of Advent, and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent)

First Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation

(Mt 1:18-25, Lk 1:26-38)

« I am the Lord's servant, May it be to me as you have said». In the distress experienced by humanity and in front of the great challenges that the Church of your Son faces, we ask you, Blessed Virgin Mary, that we can adopt the same attitude as you, that our deepest desire is to do God's will in our lives wherever we

are. We ask this with particular urgency because you are well placed to hear us, and you summarize in your person the whole human race and the whole Church.

Second Joyful Mystery

The Visitation

(Lk 1:39-56)

Blessed Virgin Mary, in the scene of the Visitation you and Elizabeth are at the forefront. But in fact, the most important characters in this scene are those that our eyes cannot see: it is Jesus in your virginal womb and it is John the Baptist in the womb of your cousin Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit's presence, also invisible. Help us to meet this little embryo, fetus invisible, we've all been before our birth. May every human being in maternal womb have a chance to be born into this world!

Third Joyful Mystery

The Birth of Our Lord

(Mt 2:1-12; Lk 2:1-20)

Blessed Virgin Mary, in whom the eternal Word became flesh, and thanks to you He came into this world. Give us hope for the future of all mankind. Since the first Christmas, God Himself is a man for eternity, help us to never doubt in the future of humanity. Now every man is mysteriously part of the very life of God. If God is for us and with us at this point, who can be against us? Who can ever separate the humanity of the love of God manifested in Jesus Christ our Lord?

Fourth Joyful Mysterye

Presentation in the Temple

(Lk 2:22-40)

O Mary, your Son made his joyous entry date in the Temple of His Father. But already the shadow of the Cross is on the horizon of this festival of light. He will be a sign of contradiction. And a sword of sorrow will pierce your soul. We entrust you with the whole humanity deeply wounded by sin, suffering the pain of a difficult birth. May your compassion, together with the passion of Jesus, protect us from all despair. Keep us all in the joy of the Presentation of Jesus to the Father and to his people.

Fifth Joyful Mysterye

Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

(Lk 2:41-52) 38

Holy Mother of God, it has cost you to let your Son belong to God the Father without being able to fathom the mystery of the origin of this situation. You endured, without understanding His response to your anguished search: "*How* is it that you sought me? Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house? ". Not in that of Joseph, but of God, and God alone. We too are ba ed by the behavior of our children. Even when they escape us, keep us in hope and in delity to pray for them.

The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursdays throughout the year)

First Luminous Mystery

The Baptism in the Jordan

(Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:15-22; Jn 1:24-34)

Lord Jesus, your cross is not yet prepared where you will be suspended between two thieves, identified with the sinners that we are. But now already you stand with the sinful humanity. You, the Innocent, the Holy One of God, you receive from John the baptism of repentance. Today again, you dive to the bottom of our troubles; you let yourself be overwhelmed by the mystery of iniquity that imprisons humanity. Thank you for going down at the bottom of our hell so that none of our miseries escapes your voluntary humiliation!

Second Luminous Mystery

The Wedding at Cana

(Jn 2:1-12)

Lord Jesus, in Cana you've manifested yourself as the true Bridegroom of all mankind and you have sanctified marriage that unites in you man and woman. Through the intercession of your Mother, present at the wedding, we ask you to support couples in their joys and in their trials. Take pity on families torn apart, children torn between their father and mother. Touch the heart of our contemporaries whenever they are tempted to out the beauty of human love and undermine the family, the basic cell of all societies.

Third Luminous Mysterye

Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

(Mt 5:3-11; Mk 6:20-22)

Lord Jesus, since your resurrection the Kingdom of God began to transform the world. Your promise was fulfilled. But now we implore, with increased strength, your new coming in glory. For humanity is more than ever in need of conversion. Humanity is sick, injured, threatened. Let us announce with you to all our brothers and sisters: " The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel!"

Fourth Luminous Mystery

The Transguration

(Mt 17:1-9; Mk 9:2-10)

Lord Jesus, you gave courage to your Apostles, alarmed by the news of your death. You have revealed to them the glory of your coming resurrection. They glimpsed the splendor of your glory. We too are tormented when thinking about the future, so much uncertainty hanging over the future of our world. You who dwell so close to us, you who are in agony until the end of the world, give us hope again. Let us guess the power of your resurrection, let us sense the energy you will soon deploy to trans gure the entire universe.

Fifth Luminous Mysterye

Institution of the Eucharist

(Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:4-20)

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Eucharist. Thanks to this Presence, you are with us every day until the end of the world. May your Mother, who stands at the foot of the cross, help us to live with faith the Holy Sacrifice, so that never again will we take communion with routine, forgetting that it is you, Jesus, with all the fire of your love, that we receive as the consecrated Host! May your Spirit revive in us the awareness that every Eucharist, every communion contains the energy that raised you from the dead and which one day will transfigure the world.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays, Fridays, and daily from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday)

First Sorrowful Mysterye

Agony in the Gethsemane Garden

(Mt 26:36-56; Mk 14:32-50; Lk 22:39-54; Jn 18:1-12; He 5:7-10)

Lord Jesus, you are in agony until the end of the world. Until the end of Time, it will remain true that you have shed blood drops for each of us. Remember the anguish and sadness with which you came into your Passion of Love for us. See how humanity, after so many victories over fate, is dying, prey to violence, insecurity, despair, and to the vengeance of nature abused by our excesses of all kinds. May your sweat of blood produce for us a boom of conversion. The time has come!

Second Sorrowful Mystery

The Scourging at the Pillar

(Mt 27:11-26; Jn 18:28 and 19:1; Jr 26:11-16)

Lord Jesus, your scourging is of all time. Today, you're whipped, especially in your children, in those dying of hunger and disease or abandoned by their parents, in those who are forced to work for a pittance or bear weapons and go to war, in those who are sexually exploited in pedophilia or prostitution, and in those who are beaten, tortured, humiliated, including by adults who should look after them. With you, Jesus outed, may we restore their dignity.

Third Sorrowful Mystery

The Crowning with Thorns

(Mt 27:27-30; Mk 15:16-20; Jn 19:2-3)

Lord Jesus, to the extreme humiliation of your crowning with thorns we entrust so many women raped of their dignity. Those given up in prostitution, forced sterilization or abortion. Those whose children are stolen to sell part of their bodies to the wealthy for whom they will provide “replacement parts.” Those who are unjustly discriminated, economically or socially, precisely by reason of their femininity. By your holy crown of thorns, convert our hearts and make us the apostles of the eminent dignity of women.

Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

The Carrying of the Cross

(Mt 27:31-34; Mk 15:20-23; Lk 23:24-32; Jn 19:16-17)

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those who have to carry heavy loads and are no longer able to. Whenever they succumb to the burden of disease, depression or loneliness, may they feel welcome in the palm of their fall, by you, Jesus, who has fallen so low for every man, may every woman who falls be received in you. We entrust to you especially the victims of alcohol, drugs, pornography and suicidal tendencies. May they feel supported by you, who carries and endures it all!

Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

La mort de Jésus en croix

(Mt 27:35-56; Mk 15:24-41; Lk 24:33-49; Jn 19:16-37; Ps 22 [21])

Lord Jesus, your friend is sick. It is not just Lazarus, but all mankind. Humanity is sick and feels an attraction to the powers of death. Instead of supporting women and children at the same time, we have legalized abortion which kills our children in the womb of their mother. We have allowed the destruction of these little embryos we all were. Instead of developing yet more powerfully palliative care, we decriminalized euthanasia, opening a dangerous can of worms. Help us to choose life rather than death!

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays, and Sundays throughout the year)

First Glorious Mystery

The Resurrection

(Mt 27:57-66 / 28,1-8; Mk 16:1-11; Lk 24:1-12; Jn 20,1-1; Ac 1,3)

Mary, our Mother, you are the only creature who now has a full part in the Resurrection of Jesus. Strengthen us in the faith that our ultimate destiny is not death, decay and ashes, nor the mere survival of the soul, but the resurrection of our bodies. Our disenchanted world needs to know that God did not create death and believe that the present state of the world is not the last word of the creative and re-creative power of God. Strengthen us in faith in the future of mankind based on the splendor of Easter.

Seconds Glorious Mystery

The Ascension of Our Lord

(Mk 16:19-20; Lk 24:50-53; Ac 1,9-12)

Blessed Virgin Mary, we do not know if you were present at the last vision of the risen Jesus, when he ascended to heaven. But we have reasons to believe it, since you were present at the Last Supper with the Apostles of your Son. The day of the Ascension angels have assured us that Jesus would return as he left, i.e., in the glory of his Resurrection. Strengthen us while, waiting for his new coming at the end of time, expands to infinity our hope for the Church, the world and all mankind.

Third Glorious Mysterye

Descent of the Holy Spirit

(Ac 1:12-14; 2:1-47)

Mary, our Mother, more than anyone you have received the Holy Spirit in your life. The prophet Ezekiel, in a vision of hope, contemplated that the Spirit has the power to call to life even dry bones. May we welcome with you, the One who can raise us up from our graves and make us to hope beyond our temptations to discouragement. Help us to believe that the Spirit Who conceived God in your womb is also able to regenerate the Church and the world of that time. Open to us the breath of the Spirit of life!

Fourth Glorious Mysterye

Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

(Ct 6:10)

Mary, our Mother, we salute in you the Woman contemplated by St. John in the book of Revelation, crowned with stars, the moon under her feet. This is how you present yourself in each of your apparitions: bright messenger of a world renewed, pledge of the universal resurrection. We salute in you the new Eve, the New Humanity, the Church already trans gured into eternal Abode of God with men. Whenever we face despair, may a simple look up to you restore our hope!

Fifth Glorious Mysterye

Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Rev 12:1-6)

Mary, our Mother, by crowning you in glory, your Son consecrated in you in advance the humanity that He wants to heal, transform and glorify. Thanks to you, we can even "in this valley of tears," look up toward humanity in its full completion, in this holy city, the new Jerusalem, where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, where there will be no more death, nor crying, nor shouting, nor sorrow, for the former world will be gone. While seeking to improve the present world, with you and the Holy Spirit we turn to Jesus and beseech, "Come Lord!"