



Rosary

The Rosary is a venerable and beautiful religious devotion. The string of beads has the purpose of diverting thoughts from worldly distractions so to set our sights securely on Jesus. One bead leads the person praying to the next. Their number keeps the repetition within certain bounds otherwise we would have to keep watch for "too little" or "too much".

Praying the Rosary

The prayers are listed in their order of occurrence

Sign of the Cross

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

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; on the third day He rose 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

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.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be / Doxology

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.

Fatima Prayer

Oh my Jesus! Forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail Holy Queen

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 us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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

Concluding Prayer

O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Rosary Mysteries

The Rosary uses events in the life of Jesus as the focus for meditation. There are twenty events in all that are divided into four cycles whose name reflects their character. The first one contains major events in Jesus's childhood, the second those of His Passion and death, the third those of His glorification and the fourth those of His mission and message. In this way they span His whole life.

The deeper we delve into these mysteries the more plainly we see that they contain the basic truths of Christian growth. Here is to be found the pattern for genuine discipleship.

"If some disturbance overtakes me, some embarrassment, I turn very quickly to the Blessed Virgin and as the most tender of Mothers she always takes care of my interests."

-Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower

Joyful Mysteries

(Monday & Saturday)

- 1) The Annunciation
- 2) The Visitation
- 3) The Birth of Our Lord
- 4) The Presentation of Our Lord
- 5) The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday & Friday)

- 1) The Agony in the Garden
- 2) The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3) The Crowning with Thorns
- 4) The Carrying of the Cross
- 5) The Crucifixion and Death

Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday & Sunday)

- 1) The Resurrection
- 2) The Ascension
- 3) The Descent of the Holy Spirit / Pentecost
- 4) The Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven
- 5) The Coronation of our Blessed Mother

Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)

- 1) The Baptism in the Jordan
- 2) The Wedding at Cana
- 3) The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4) The Transfiguration
- 5) The Institution of the Eucharist



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