

Concluding Prayers

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and 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, most gracious advocate, your 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.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Doxology

Let us pray: 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 on 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.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Sub Tuum Praesidium

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.

Litany

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.



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; 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.

The Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. 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.

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.

Fatima Prayer

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

How to Pray the Rosary

- Hold the Crucifix and pray the **Apostles' Creed**.
- On the first large bead, pray one **Our Father**.
- On the next three small beads, pray one **Hail Mary** each.
- On the next large bead, pray the **Glory Be**, followed by the **Fatima Prayer**. Then announce the First Mystery, followed by a brief silence and one **Our Father**.
- On the next ten small beads, pray one **Hail Mary** each.
- On the next large bead announce the next Mystery and repeat the steps above until each of the five mysteries are prayed and the Rosary is finished.
- After the five mysteries are complete, pray the **Concluding Prayers**.

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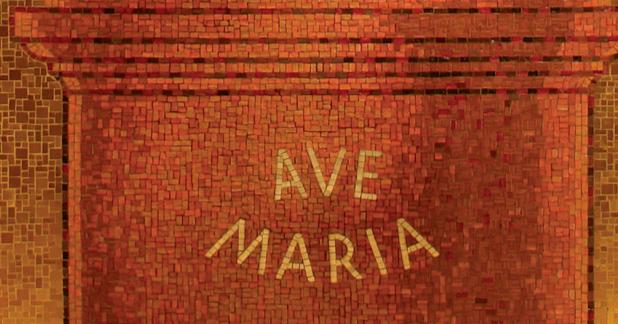
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The Holy Rosary

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The Joyful Mysteries

Prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the Christmas Season



The Annunciation

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Fruit of the Mystery: Humility

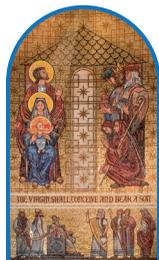


The Visitation

Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Luke 1:42-43

Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor



The Nativity

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty



The Presentation in the Temple

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:22

Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience



The Finding in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

Luke 2:47

Fruit of the Mystery: Joy in Finding Jesus

The Luminous Mysteries

Prayed on Thursdays



The Baptism in the Jordan

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16-17

Fruit of the Mystery: Openness to the Holy Spirit



The Wedding at Cana

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." ... Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.

John 2:3-7

Fruit of the Mystery: To Jesus through Mary

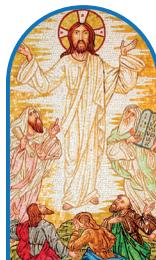


The Proclamation of the Kingdom

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 1:14-15

Fruit of the Mystery: Repentance and Trust in God



The Transfiguration

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Luke 9:29, 35

Fruit of the Mystery: Desire for Holiness



The Institution of the Eucharist

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 26:26-28

Fruit of the Mystery: Adoration

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays



The Agony in the Garden

Come, all who pass by the way, pay attention and see: Is there any pain like my pain, which has been ruthlessly inflicted upon me, with which the Lord has tormented me on the day of his blazing wrath?

Lamentations 1:12

Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for Sin



The Scouring at the Pillar

But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.

Isaiah 53:5

Fruit of the Mystery: Purity



The Crowning with Thorns

The Lord's anointed—our very lifebreath!—was caught in their snares, He in whose shade we thought to live among the nations.

Lamentations 4:20

Fruit of the Mystery: Courage



The Carrying of the Cross

We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; but the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

Fruit of the Mystery: Patience



The Crucifixion

Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:7

Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance

The Glorious Mysteries

Prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays



The Resurrection

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:5-6

Fruit of the Mystery: Faith



The Ascension into Heaven

Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

John 20:17

Fruit of the Mystery: Hope



The Descent of the Holy Spirit

And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Acts 2:3-4

Fruit of the Mystery: Love of God



The Assumption of Mary

"Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, beautiful as the white moon, pure as the blazing sun, fearsome as celestial visions?"

Song of Songs 6:10

Fruit of the Mystery: Grace of a Happy Death



The Coronation of Mary

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

Fruit of the Mystery: Trust in Mary's Intercession