

Pray the
ROSARY



HOW TO SAY THE ROSARY

ROSARY beads usually consist of five decades (five sets of ten small beads chained together with one large bead separating each set). To this set of five decades is added a crucifix on which is said the Apostles' Creed; one large bead on which is said the Our Father; three small beads on which are said three Hail Marys ending with one "Glory be"; on the large bead is announced the First Mystery and one "Our Father" is said. Then follows the first decade of the Rosary on which is recited ten Hail Marys, followed by one "Glory be." On the next large bead is announced the Second Mystery and one "Our Father" is said as before.

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*Our Lady of the Rosary
of Fatima*

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for
PRIVATE RECITATION
FAMILY ROSARY
FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS
ROSARY NOVENAS

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*"Whatever you ask through the
Rosary shall be granted."*

Promise of Our Lady to St. Dominic

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Preface

I HOPE that this beautiful little book will be your guide to a richer and more intimate understanding of the Holy Rosary.

Keep it handy in your home and in your pocket or purse, because it is an inspiration to loving meditation on the Mysteries of Our Lord Jesus as you address Our Blessed Lady in petition and thanksgiving.

May Jesus and Mary bless all who use it with tender and personal devotion.

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

THE FAMILY ROSARY

*The Family That Prays Together . . .
Stays Together.*



THE Family Rosary is the Rosary recited *aloud together*, by as many of the family and their friends as can be present, or even by only two. Any family may say the Family Rosary in any suitable place and at any time. The most convenient time is after the evening meal.

A leader says aloud the first part of each prayer; a second person or group of persons answers aloud the second part of that prayer.

To begin the Family Rosary, all hold the Crucifix of their Rosary in the right hand and make the Sign of the Cross.

The leader begins the Apostles' Creed and proceeds to say the Our Father on the large beads and the Hail Mary on the small beads. The leader announces the Mystery before each decade. Five decades should be recited each day.

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

Mary's Great Promise at Fatima



THE Five First Saturdays are intended to honor and to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for all the blasphemies and ingratitude of men.

This devotion and the wonderful promises connected with it were revealed by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, a small village in Portugal. Our Lady appeared to three children there in 1917, and one of the little girls, Lucy, tells us that she said: *I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:*

1. *Confess and receive Communion;*
2. *Recite five decades of the Rosary;*
3. *And keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.*

ROSARY NOVENAS



RELIGIOUS devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena.

Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect resignation should it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing, though in His infinite wisdom and mercy He may refuse the particular favor which they implore.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. However, care must be taken lest the power of any Novena be limited to the number *nine* rather than perseverance in fervent prayer.

The practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of a Rosary Novena in *petition* or *thanksgiving* is

another way of heeding Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to *Pray the Rosary*.

The 54-Day Novena Devotion which originated in 1884 at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii, consists of the daily recitation of five decades of the Rosary for twenty-seven days in *petition* and five decades for twenty-seven additional days in *thanksgiving*. In reality you will be making three Novenas in *petition* for a *particular favor* and three Novenas in *thanksgiving* for a *particular favor*.

1st day say the 5 Joyful Mysteries.

2nd day say the 5 Sorrowful Mysteries.

3rd day say the 5 Glorious Mysteries.

4th day begin again the 5 Joyful Mysteries, etc.



PRAYER BEFORE THE ROSARY

QUEEN of the Holy Rosary, you have deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three shepherd children the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may be enriched with its fruits and obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners and of Russia, and the favor which I ask of you in this Rosary. (*Here mention your request.*) I ask it for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of souls, especially for my own. Amen.



The Five
Joyful
Mysteries



When reciting the Rosary you may choose to say the five Joyful Mysteries on Mondays, Thursdays, the Sundays of Advent, and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent.



The Annunciation

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE ANNUNCIATION

I Desire the Love of Humility

Think of . . .

The humility of the Blessed Virgin when the Angel Gabriel greeted her with these words: "Hail full of grace."

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

* "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy."

* In her second apparition at Fatima, June 13, 1917, Our Lady taught the three shepherd children to add this ejaculation after each decade of the Rosary.



The Visitation

SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE VISITATION

I Desire Charity toward My Neighbor

Think of . . .

Mary's charity in visiting her cousin Elizabeth and remaining with her for three months before the birth of John the Baptist.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Nativity

THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE NATIVITY

I Desire the Love of God

Think of . . .

The poverty, so lovingly accepted by Mary when she placed the Infant Jesus, our God and Redeemer, in a manger in the stable of Bethlehem.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Presentation

FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE PRESENTATION

I Desire a Spirit of Sacrifice

Think of . . .

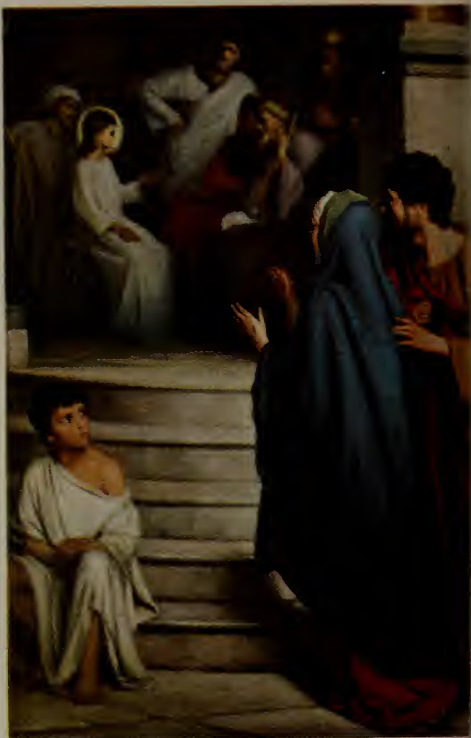
Mary's obedience to the law of God in presenting the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Child Jesus in the Temple

FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

I Desire Zeal for the Glory of God

Think of . . .

The deep sorrow with which Mary sought the Child Jesus for three days, and the joy with which she found Him in the midst of the Teachers in the Temple.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”

Hail! Holy Queen, as on page 48.

Prayer After Reciting the Five Joyful Mysteries of 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.

℣. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

℟. Amen.

℣. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

The Five

Sorrowful

Mysteries



When reciting the Rosary you may choose to say the five Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, and every day during Lent.



The Agony in the Garden

AGONY IN THE GARDEN

I Desire True Repentance for My Sins

Think of . . .

Our Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemani, suffering a bitter agony for our sins.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Scourging at the Pillar

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

I Desire a Spirit of Mortification

Think of . . .

The cruel scourging at the pillar that our Lord suffered; the heavy blows that tore His flesh.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Crowning with Thorns

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

CROWNING WITH THORNS

I Desire Moral Courage

Think of . . .

The crown of sharp thorns that was forced upon our Lord's sacred Head and the patience with which He endured the pain for our sins.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Carrying of the Cross

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

CARRYING OF THE CROSS

I Desire the Virtue of Patience

Think of . . .

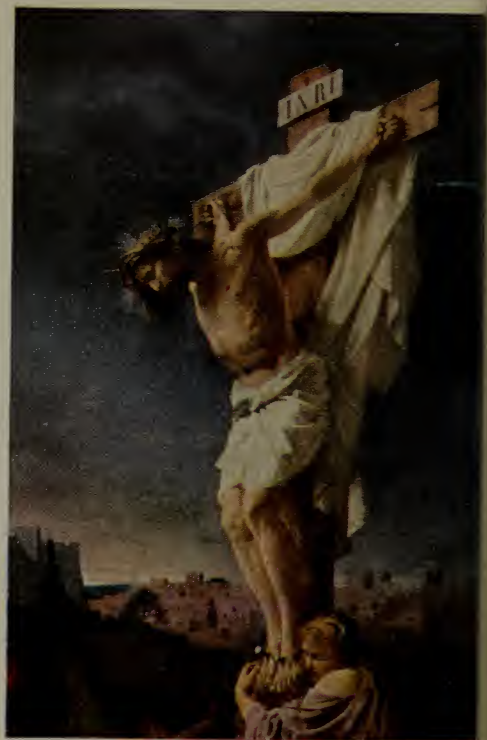
The heavy Cross, so willingly carried by our Lord, and ask Him to help you to carry your crosses without complaint.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Crucifixion

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

THE CRUCIFIXION

I Desire the Grace of Final Perseverance

Think of . . .

The love which filled Christ's Sacred Heart during His three hours' agony on the Cross, and ask Him to be with you at the hour of death.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy."

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V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Five
Glorious
Mysteries



When reciting the Rosary you may choose to say the five Glorious Mysteries on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and the Sundays from Easter until Advent.



The Resurrection

THE RESURRECTION

I Desire a Strong Faith

Think of . . .

Christ's glorious triumph when, on the third day after His death, He arose from the tomb and for forty days appeared to His Blessed Mother and to His disciples.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Ascension

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE ASCENSION

I Desire the Virtue of Hope

Think of . . .

The Ascension of Jesus Christ, forty days after His glorious Resurrection, in the presence of Mary and His disciples.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Descent of the Holy Ghost

THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST

I Desire Zeal for the Glory of God

Think of . . .

The descent of the Holy Ghost upon Mary and the Apostles, under the form of tongues of fire, in fulfillment of Christ's promise.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary into Heaven

FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE ASSUMPTION

I Desire the Grace of a Holy Death

Think of . . .

The glorious Assumption of Mary into Heaven, when she was united with her Divine Son.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



The Coronation

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE CORONATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*I Desire a Greater Love for the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Think of . . .

The glorious crowning of
Mary as Queen of Heaven by
her Divine Son, to the great
joy of all the Saints.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

The 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 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 to the Father

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

The Apostles' Creed

IBELIEVE 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

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth 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 Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The 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, O 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.

ROSARY INDULGENCES

a) Those who reverently recite five decades of the Rosary, may gain an indulgence of 5 years.

b) Those who reverently recite five decades of the Rosary in unison with others, publicly or privately, may gain an indulgence of 10 years, once a day. A plenary indulgence on the last Sunday of each month, with the addition of Confession, Communion, and a visit to a church or public oratory, if five decades of the Rosary are recited at least three times in any of the preceding weeks.

In addition, a partial indulgence of 10 years, if the Rosary is recited in unison with the family. A plenary indulgence twice a month, if the same is recited daily for a month with the addition of Confession, Communion, and a visit to a church or public oratory.

c) Those who reverently recite five decades of the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed publicly or reserved in the tabernacle, may gain a plenary indulgence under the conditions of Confession and Communion. (No. 395.)

Note: Each decade may be said at different times as long as the chaplet of five decades is completed on the same day.

Additional Rosary Indulgences may be found in Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, Nos. 396, 397, 398.

PRAY THE ROSARY
Every Day