



# **Prayers of the Rosary**

## **Prayer before the Rosary**

Queen of the Holy Rosary, you have deigned to come to Fatima and Medjugorje, to reveal to the three shepherd children and six visionaries, 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 obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners, and the favour which I ask of you in this Rosary (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.

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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall come again 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 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 Thy mercy. Amen.

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 vale of tears. Turn, then, 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. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

**Rosary Prayer:** 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 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.



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## **Litany of Loreto**

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of virgins, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, Mother of Mercy, Mother of divine grace, Mother of Hope, Mother most pure, Mother most chaste, Mother inviolate. Mother undefiled. Mother most amiable, Mother admirable. Mother of good counsel, Mother of our Creator, Mother of our Saviour, Virgin most prudent, Virgin most venerable, Virgin most renowned, Virgin most powerful, Virgin most merciful, Virgin most faithful, Mirror of justice, Seat of wisdom. Cause of our joy, Spiritual vessel, Vessel of honour.

Singular vessel of devotion,

Mystical rose,

Tower of David.

Tower if ivory, House of gold, Ark of the covenant, Gate of heaven. Morning star, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners. Solace of Migrants, Comfort of the afflicted, Help of Christians, Queen of Angels, Queen of Patriarchs, Queen of Prophets, Queen of Apostles, Queen of Martyrs, Queen of Confessors, Queen of Virgins, Queen of all Saints, Queen conceived without original sin, Queen assumed into heaven, Queen of the most holy Rosary, Queen of families, Queen of peace.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

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

Let us pray.
Grant, we beseech thee,
O Lord God,
that we, your servants,
may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body;
and by the glorious intercession of the
Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
may be delivered from present sorrow,
and obtain eternal joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## **The Joyful Mysteries**

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

## 1. The annunciation of Angel Gabriel to Mary

- I desire the love of Humility
  - Think of...The humility of the Blessed Virgin when the Angel Gabriel greeted her with these words. (Luke 1:26)

## 2. The visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

- o 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 (Luke 1:39)

## 3. The nativity of Jesus

- o 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 (Luke 2:1).

## 4. The presentation of Jesus in the Temple

- I desire a spirit of sacrifice
  - Think of...Mary's obedience to the law of God in presenting the child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22)

## 5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

- o 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 of the Temple (Luke 2:41).



## **The Sorrowful Mysteries**

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

## 1. Agony of Jesus in the Garden

- I desire true repentance for my sins
  - Think of...Our Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, suffering a bitter agony for our sins. (Mathew 26:36)

## 2. Jesus is scourged at the pillar

- o 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 (Mathew27:26)

## 3. Jesus is crowned with thorns

- I desire moral courage
  - Think of...The crown of sharp thorns that was forced upon our Lord's head and the patience with which He endured the pain of our sins.

### 4. Jesus carries His 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 (Mathew 27:32)

# 5. The crucifixion of Jesus

- 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 your death (Mathew 27:33)



## **Glorious Mysteries**

(Said on Wednesday and Sundays throughout the year)

### 1. The Resurrection of Jesus

- I Desire a strong faith
  - Think of...The 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 (John 20:1)

### 2. The Ascension of Jesus

- 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 (Luke 24:36)

# 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

- o I Desire Zeal of the Glory of God
  - Think of...The descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostle, under the form of tongues of fire, in fulfilment of Christ's promise. (Acts 2:1)

## 4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

- 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.

## 5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

- o 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



## **The Luminous Mysteries**

(Said on Thursdays throughout the year)

## 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

- I Desire to Live My Baptism Promises
  - Think of...Christ's Baptism at the hands of John the Baptist when the Father called Him His beloved Son and the Holy Spirit descended on Him to invest Him with the mission He was to carry out. And a voice came from heavens saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

## 2. The Wedding at Cana, Christ Manifested

- I Desire to Do Whatever Jesus says
  - Think of...Christ's self-manifestation at Cana when he changed water into wine and opened the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary. Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (John 2:11)

## 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

- I Desire God's Forgiveness
  - Think of...Christ' preaching of the Kingdom of God with its call to forgiveness, as He inaugurated the ministry of mercy, which He continues to exercise, particularly through the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15

## 4. The Transfiguration of Jesus

- I Desire to Be a New Person in Christ
  - Think of...Christ's Transfiguration when the Glory of the Godhead shone forth from His face as the Father commanded the Apostles to listen to Him. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:2)

## 5. The Last Supper, The Holy Eucharist

- I Desire Active Participation at Mass
  - Think of...Christ's institution of the Eucharist, in which He offered His Body and Blood as food and drink under the signs of bread and wine and testified to His love for humanity. While they were eating, 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 give 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 (We say five decades of one of the mysteries as explained above as per the day, at the end of all the decades;)

# Order of Prayer

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
- Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
- On the first bead, say an Our Father.
- Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.
- 5. Say the Glory Be
- For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say the Our Father.
- While holding each of the ten beads of the decade, say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.
- 8. After finishing each decade, say the Fatima Prayer
- After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, Rosary Prayer, and Litany of Loreto.
- 10. Finish with the Sign of the Cross

