

# THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

## The Joyful Mysteries

- First Joyful Mystery** – The Annunciation
- Second Joyful Mystery** – The Visitation
- Third Joyful Mystery** – The Birth of Jesus
- Fourth Joyful Mystery** – The Presentation in the Temple
- Fifth Joyful Mystery** – Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple

## The Glorious Mysteries

- First Glorious Mystery** – The Resurrection
- Second Glorious Mystery** – The Ascension
- Third Glorious Mystery** – The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- Fourth Glorious Mystery** – The Assumption of Mary
- Fifth Glorious Mystery** – Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

- First Sorrowful Mystery** – The Agony in the Garden
- Second Sorrowful Mystery** – The Scourging at the Pillar
- Third Sorrowful Mystery** – Crowning with Thorns
- Fourth Sorrowful Mystery** – Carrying of the Cross
- Fifth Sorrowful Mystery** – The Crucifixion

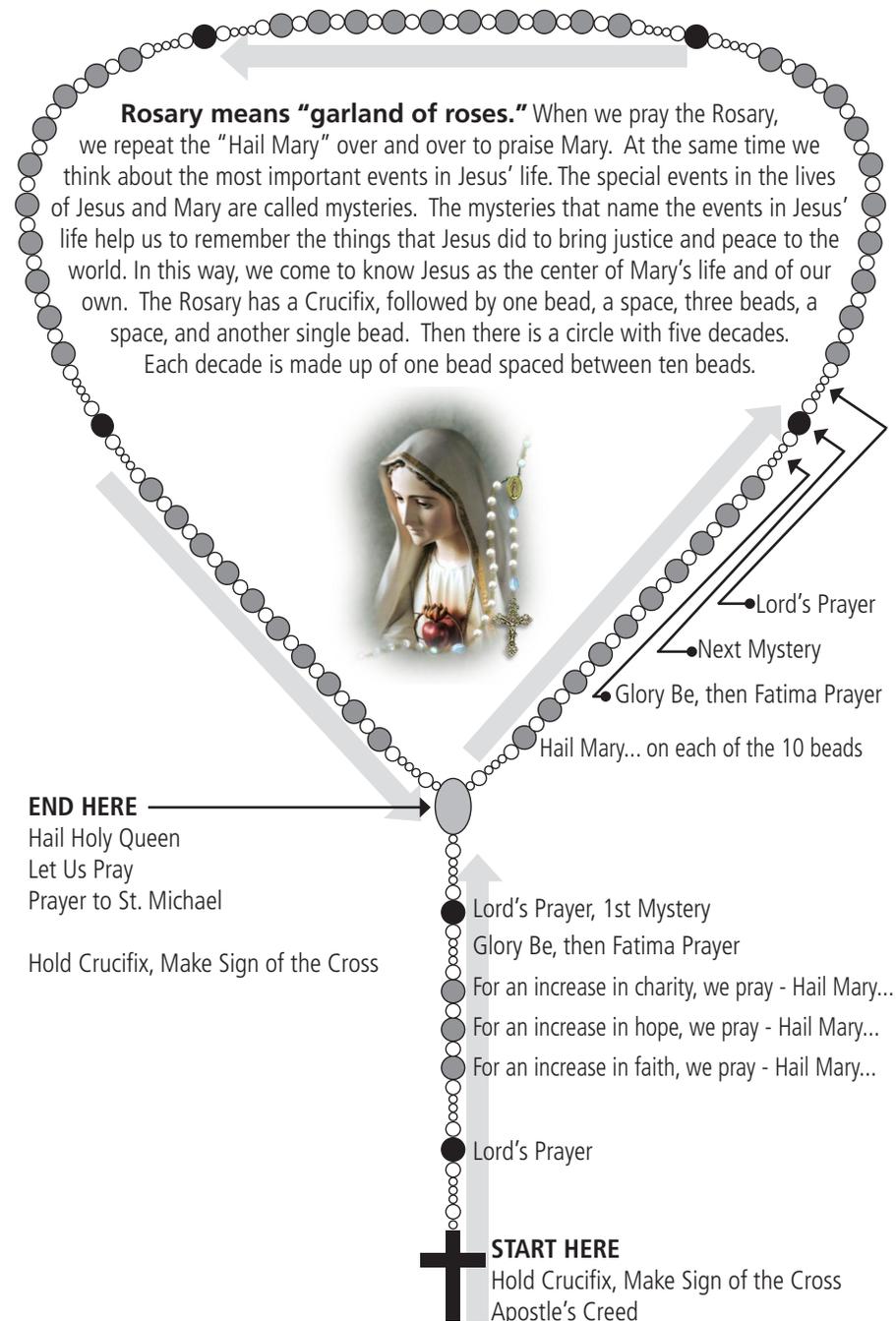
## The Luminous Mysteries

- First Luminous Mystery** – The Baptism of Jesus
- Second Luminous Mystery** – The Wedding Feast of Cana
- Third Luminous Mystery** – The Invitation of Jesus
- Fourth Luminous Mystery** – The Transfiguration
- Fifth Luminous Mystery** – The Eucharist

## Daily Mysteries

- Monday & Saturday** – The Joyful Mysteries
- Thursday** – The Luminous Mysteries
- Tuesday & Friday** – The Sorrowful Mysteries
- Wednesday & Sunday** – The Glorious Mysteries
- Sundays of Advent until Lent** – The Joyful Mysteries
- Sundays during Lent** – The Sorrowful Mysteries
- Sundays from Easter until Advent** – The Glorious Mysteries

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- Holding the Crucifix, make the **Sign of the Cross**. State your prayer intentions:

Dear Mother Mary, behold your child(ren) in prayer at your feet. In accordance with your will at Fatima and Medjugorje and in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart and for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we humbly pray for... (add your intentions) and for those that remain in the silence of our hearts.

Then recite...

## The Apostles' Creed (I Believe)

*This is a special prayer that sums up what we Catholics believe about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

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 Pilot, 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 the 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

- On the first bead recite...

## The Lord's Prayer (Jesus' very own prayer – the Our Father)

*This is the prayer that Jesus Himself taught us. It reminds us that we are God's children and that we must forgive others if we want to be forgiven by Him.*

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

- On the next three beads, we pray a Hail Mary, preceded by a request for an increase in hope, faith and charity...

## Hail Mary (Mary's Prayer)

*Remember what the angel Elizabeth said to Mary in the Bible? Their words make up the first part of this prayer. The second part was added by the church.*

Hail Mary, full of grace;  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you 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

- On the space after the three beads, pray...

## Glory Be to the Father

(A Prayer of Praise)

*This little prayer is good to say when you want to praise God and tell Him how wonderful He is.*

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 and save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

- Now we start the first decade...
  - On the next bead announce the **First Mystery** and recite the **Lord's Prayer**.
  - On the next ten beads recite the **Hail Mary**.
  - Next recite the **Glory Be** and the **Fatima Prayer**.
- Proceed to the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries as you complete each decade.
- End with the following prayers, and then, holding the Crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross.

## 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 towards us;  
And after this our exile,  
Show unto us  
The blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary,

**(Leader):** Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,

**(Response):** That we may be made worthy  
Of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## Let us Pray

Oh God, who's only begotten Son,  
By His life, death and resurrection,  
Has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life.

Grant we beseech thee, that while meditating upon the Mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**(Leader):** And may the divine assistance remain always with us.

**(Response):** And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Arc Angel,  
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 Host  
By the power of God,  
Cast into Hell, Satan and all the other  
Evil spirits who prowl about the world  
Seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

