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# Introduction

“The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it.”

- Pope St. John Paul II

The Holy Rosary is an amazing prayer, encouraged by popes, loved by saints, and prayed by the faithful. Many miracles have come from this beautiful devotion.

At its heart, the Rosary is a meditation on Sacred Scripture, on the lives of Jesus and Mary. As we reflect on the Annunciation, on the Nativity, on the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, we are entering into the great mysteries of our faith. When we add the Scripture verses to our meditations, it helps us understand each Mystery more and helps us to grow closer to Our Lord and Our Lady.

Through this Scriptural Rosary, we hope that you will be able to better meditate on each Hail Mary and deepen your understanding of Sacred Scripture.

May God bless you, and may you grow in devotion to the Most Holy Rosary.



## How to Pray the Holy Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
2. Say the Creed.
3. Say one Our Father, three Hail Marys, and one Glory Be.
4. Announce the first Mystery. If possible, make a short meditation on the subject of the mystery. Then pray an Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be. While it is not a formal part of the Rosary, it has become usual to pray the "Fátima Prayer" taught by Our Lady to the children of Fátima in 1917.
5. This pattern is then repeated on the decades for each of the subsequent mysteries of the Rosary.
6. After you have completed all the decades, it is usual to say the Hail, Holy Queen, and other prayers according to custom, though these are not formally part of the Rosary, nor obligatory.
7. Make the Sign of the Cross and say, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

### The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will 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 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.

### The Fátima Prayer:

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



## First Mystery

### The Annunciation

#### Our Father

#### Hail Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

- Luke 1:26-27

#### Hail Mary

And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be.

- Luke 1:28-29

#### Hail Mary

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

- Luke 1:30

#### Hail Mary

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." - Luke 1:31

#### Hail Mary

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

- Luke 1:32-33

#### Hail Mary

And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?"

- Luke 1:34

#### Hail Mary

And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

- Luke 1:35

#### Hail Mary

"And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren."

- Luke 1:36



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### Hail Mary

"For with God nothing will be impossible."

- Luke 1:37

### Hail Mary

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."  
And the angel departed from her.

- Luke 1:38

### Glory Be

### Fátima Prayer



## Second Mystery

### The Visitation

#### Our Father

#### Hail Mary

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

- Luke 1:39-40

#### Hail Mary

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

- Luke 1:41-42

#### Hail Mary

"And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

- Luke 1:43

#### Hail Mary

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."

- Luke 1:44

#### Hail Mary

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

- Luke 1:45

#### Hail Mary

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden."

- Luke 1:46-48

#### Hail Mary

"For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation."

- Luke 1:48-50





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### Hail Mary

“He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.”

- Luke 1:51-53

### Hail Mary

“He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.”

- Luke 1:54-55

### Hail Mary

And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

- Luke 1:56

### Glory Be

### Fátima Prayer



## Third Mystery

# The Nativity of Our Lord

### Our Father

#### Hail Mary

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. ... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

- Luke 2:1,4-5

#### Hail Mary

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

- Luke 2:6

#### Hail Mary

And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

- Luke 2:7

#### Hail Mary

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

- Luke 2:8-9

#### Hail Mary

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

- Luke 2:10-11

#### Hail Mary

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

- Luke 2:12

#### Hail Mary

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

- Luke 2:13-14



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### Hail Mary

And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

- Luke 2:17-19

### Hail Mary

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

- Luke 2:20

### Hail Mary

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

- Isaiah 9:6

### Glory Be

### Fátima Prayer



## Fourth Mystery

### The Presentation of the Lord

#### Our Father

#### Hail Mary

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

- Luke 2:22-24

#### Hail Mary

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

- Luke 2:25

#### Hail Mary

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

- Luke 2:26

#### Hail Mary

And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word."

- Luke 2:27-29

#### Hail Mary

"[F]or mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples..."

- Luke 2:30-31

#### Hail Mary

"... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel."

- Luke 2:32

#### Hail Mary

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

- Luke 2:33



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### Hail Mary

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

- Luke 2:34-35

### Hail Mary

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

- Luke 2:36-37

### Hail Mary

And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

- Luke 2:38

### Glory Be

### Fátima Prayer



## Fifth Mystery

# The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

### Our Father

#### Hail Mary

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.

- Luke 2:41

#### Hail Mary

And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

- Luke 2:42-43

#### Hail Mary

His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances...

- Luke 2:43-44

#### Hail Mary

... and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him.

- Luke 2:45

#### Hail Mary

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

- Luke 2:46-47

#### Hail Mary

And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."

- Luke 2:48

#### Hail Mary

And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

- Luke 2:49

#### Hail Mary

And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them.

- Luke 2:50



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### Hail Mary

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

- Luke 2:51

### Hail Mary

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

- Luke 2:52

Glory Be

Fátima Prayer



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