

The devotion of the holy Rosary has been treasured in the Church for centuries. It is a summary of Christian faith in language and prayers inspired by the Bible. It calls to mind the most important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These events are called Mysteries and are divided into groups of decades. The Mysteries are: the five Joyful, the five Sorrowful, the five Luminous, the five Glorious Mysteries. Each decade consists of one "Our Father," ten "Hail Marys," and one "Glory be to the Father."

How to Pray the Rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix and [Make the Sign of the Cross](#)
2. Say the [Apostles' Creed](#).
3. On the 1st bead, pray 1 [Our Father](#)
4. On each of the next 3 beads pray the [Hail Mary](#) for an increase of faith, hope and love
5. Next pray 1 [Glory Be to the Father](#).
6. Announce the first Mystery and think of what it means.
7. On the large bead, pray 1 [Our Father](#).
8. Pray a [Hail Mary](#) on each of the following ten beads.
9. Finish the decade with 1 [Glory Be to the Father](#) and the [Fatima Prayer](#).
10. On the next large bead, announce the next Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five decades is completed.
11. Finish with the [Hail Holy Queen](#) and the [Prayer after the Rosary](#)
12. Make the Sign of the Cross




The Five Joyful Mysteries

(Monday and Saturday)



The Joyful Mysteries direct our mind to the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Who took human nature from a human mother, Mary.

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

	<p style="text-align: center;">The Five Sorrowful Mysteries</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Tuesday and Friday)</p> <p>The Sorrowful Mysteries recall to our mind the mysterious events surrounding Christ's sacrifice of His life in order that sinful humanity might be reconciled with God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Agony in the Garden 2. The Scourging at the Pillar 3. The Crowning with Thorns 4. The Carrying of the Cross 5. The Crucifixion
	<p style="text-align: center;">The Five Luminous Mysteries</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Thursday)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christ's Baptism in the Jordan 2. Wedding at Cana 3. Proclamation of the Kingdom 4. Transfiguration 5. Institution of the Eucharist
	<p style="text-align: center;">The Five Glorious Mysteries</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Wednesday, Sunday)</p> <p>The Glorious Mysteries recall to our mind the ratification of Christ's sacrifice for the redemption of the world, and our sharing in the fruits of His sacrifice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Resurrection 2. Ascension into Heaven 3. Descent of the Holy Spirit 4. Assumption of the Blessed Mother 5. Crowning of Our Blessed Lady

The Sign of the Cross

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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; 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 Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have 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 the vale of tears, Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards 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.

Prayer after 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 You, that meditation 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.