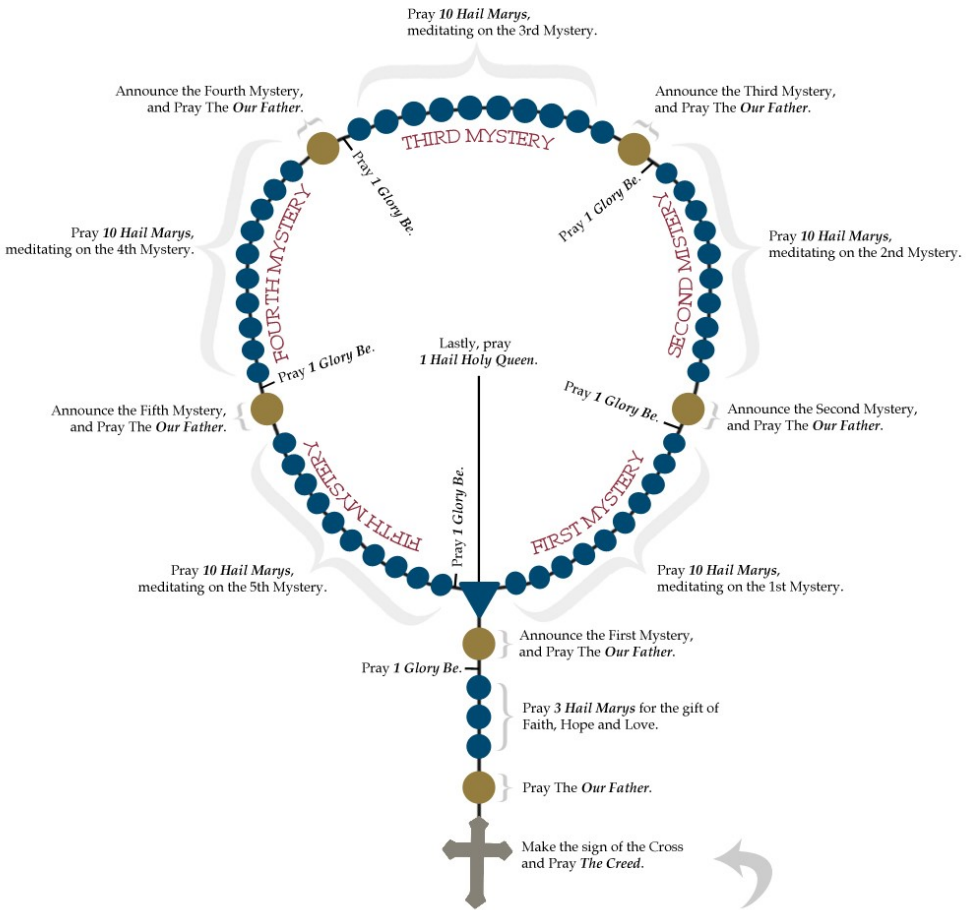




The Ascension Rosary

A Devotion for Parish Use



Praying the Rosary: An Introduction

The Rosary is a beloved devotion grounded in Scripture and tradition that has been prayed by faithful Christians in a variety of forms for centuries. The form provided here, intended for shared prayer in the parish, incorporates traditional elements that will be familiar to many.

The heart of the Rosary devotion as presented here consists of:

- + Five Joyful Mysteries,
- + Five Luminous Mysteries,
- + Five Sorrowful Mysteries, and
- + Five Glorious Mysteries.

Each Mystery brings to mind and heart a significant moment or event in the revelation, life and witness of our Lord Jesus Christ and Mary his mother. (All fifteen of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are represented in the fifteen windows on the north wall of the Ascension nave and sanctuary.) It is customary to say only one set of five Mysteries at a time.

The physical Rosary that accompanies the devotion features five 'decades' of ten beads each. Each decade is prayed, while meditating on one of the Mysteries, in the same sequence, as follows:

- Lord's Prayer ('Our Father,' shortened version)
- Ten 'Hail Marys,' one on each bead, responsively.
- *Gloria Patri*, ('Glory be to the Father ...')
- 'Fatima Prayer' and/or a prayer related to each Mystery.

The preparatory devotions with which the Rosary begins include the Sign of the Cross and recitation of the Apostles' Creed, an Our Father, and three Hail Marys, one each for the virtues of faith, hope and love.

The Rosary ends with one of the Final Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the traditional end of Compline in Anglo-Catholic tradition, according to the season of the liturgical year.

THE ASCENSION LITURGICAL ROSARY

The Sign of the Cross

The Rosary begins with the sign of the Cross

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

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

Officiant and People

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 (x3)

Hail Mary is prayed three times in the introduction, and ten times at each meditation.

Officiant Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

The Gloria Patri *Said responsively.*

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

People As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- I. The Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel
- II. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- III. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- IV. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
- V. Finding Jesus in the Temple

Each of the mysteries is prayed as follows:

Our Father *Officiant & People*

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 (x10)

Officiant Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Gloria Patri

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

People As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Fatima Prayer *All*

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of
Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are
in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Prayers on the following page may be offered instead or in addition.

Additional/Alternative Concluding Prayers for the Joyful Mysteries

Annunciation: Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel you revealed the beauty of your power by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth and making her the mother of our Savior: May the prayers of this woman bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the hearts of all your people with the presence of her child, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Visitation: Almighty God, you led the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit Elizabeth to their great comfort and joy: Grant that, as Mary rejoiced to be called the mother of the Lord, so may we always rejoice to believe in him, both God and man, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Nativity: Almighty God and heavenly king, you sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Presentation: All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple: May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Finding Jesus in the Temple: Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world: Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all that we may share in your life for ever. *Amen.*

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

I. The Baptism of Our Lord

II. The Wedding at Cana in Galilee

III. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

IV. The Transfiguration

V. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Each of the mysteries is prayed as follows:

Our Father	<i>Officiant & People</i>	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 (x10)	<i>Officiant</i>	Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
	<i>People</i>	Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Gloria Patri	<i>Officiant</i>	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
	<i>People</i>	As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Fatima Prayer	<i>All</i>	O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Prayers on the following page may be offered instead or in addition.

Additional/Alternative Concluding Prayers for the Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Our Lord. O God of heaven and earth, you caused your beloved Son, Jesus, to be baptized in the river Jordan and you sent the Holy Spirit as a dove upon him: We ask you so to baptize us with the Holy Spirit that we may follow Christ and become joint heirs with him of your kingdom. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Wedding at Cana in Galilee. Lord Jesus Christ, even you obeyed the fifth commandment, and honored your mother's request to provide more wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee: Continue this great miracle in us, we pray, and let us be worthy of receiving your precious Body and Blood present in the Eucharistic elements. We ask this of you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. O Lord Christ, our God, you took on human form and sacrificed yourself for us. You taught us to pray to the Father, "Thy kingdom come." At the last day when our race is over, count us in your kingdom. This we ask in your name and for your sake. *Amen.*

The Transfiguration. O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist. Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

I. The Agony in the Garden

II. The The Scourging

III. The Crowning with Thorns

IV. The Carrying of the Cross

V. The Crucifixion

Each of the mysteries is prayed as follows:

Our Father *Officiant & People*

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 (x10)

Officiant

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Gloria Patri

Officiant

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

People

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Fatima Prayer *All*

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of
Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are
in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Prayers on the following page may be offered instead or in addition.

Additional/Alternative Concluding Prayers for the Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden. God our Father, in obedience to you, your only Son accepted the burden of the cross for the salvation of mankind: As we acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth so may we receive the gift of redemption in heaven; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Scourging. Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Crowning with Thorns. Lord Jesus Christ, whose kingdom is not of this world, take from us the falsehood of our former nature and renew our lives in the Spirit, who with you and the Father lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Carrying of the Cross. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Crucifixion. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

I. The Resurrection

II. The Ascension

III. The Coming of the Holy Spirit

IV. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

V. The Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven

Each of the mysteries is prayed as follows:

Our Father *Officiant & People*

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

Officiant Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Gloria Patri

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

People As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Fatima Prayer *All*

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Prayers on the following page may be offered instead or in addition.

Additional/Alternative Concluding Prayers for the Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection. O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Ascension. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Coming of the Holy Spirit. Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praises in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit we cannot raise our voices in words of peace, or announce that Jesus is Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. *Amen.*

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Almighty God, who received the Blessed Virgin Mary into your eternal presence: Grant that through the merits of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we may, with his glorious Mother, be crowned and pavilioned for ever by your own immortal love; where you live and reign with the Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven. Father, you have given us the mother of your Son to be our queen and mother: With the help of her prayers may we come to share the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CONCLUDING ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

From Advent Sunday until the Feast of the Purification (February 2)

ALMA REDEMPTORIS

Officiant and People

Gracious Mother of our Redeemer,
for ever abiding Queen of heaven and star of the ocean:
O pray for your children, who though falling, strive to rise again.
You, Maiden, have borne your holy Creator,
to the wonder of all nature.
Ever Virgin, after as before, you receive the Ave
from the mouth of Gabriel:
Intercede for us sinners.

Officiant The Lord is with you, O holy Virgin.

People Pray for us, O Mother of God.

The Advent Collect

Officiant

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Christmastide Collect

Officiant

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary bestowed on all the gift of eternal salvation: Grant us, we pray, the help of her intercession through whom we have received the author of our life, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CONCLUDING ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE SEASON AFTER THE PURIFICATION UNTIL EASTER

From the Feast of the Purification until Holy Saturday

AVE REGINA COELORUM

Officiant and People

Hail, Queen of heaven.

Hail, Mistress of the Angels.

Hail, root of Jesse.

Hail, the gate through which the Light rose over the earth.

Rejoice, Virgin most renowned and of unsurpassed beauty.

Officiant Pray for us, O holy Mother.

People As we contend with the powers of darkness.

The Collect

Officiant

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we who ask the prayers of the holy Mother of God may triumph over evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant May the divine help remain with us always.

People And with those absent from us. *Amen.*

THE CONCLUDING ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

EASTERTIDE

From Easter Sunday through the Day of Pentecost

REGINA COELI

Officiant and People

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia.
Because he whom you bore so meekly, alleluia.
Has arisen as he promised, alleluia.
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.

Officiant Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

People For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

The Collect

Officiant

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, gave gladness to the world: Grant that in the company of the Virgin Mary his Mother, we may attain to the joys of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant May the divine help remain with us always

People And with those absent from us. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ORDINARY TIME

SALVE REGINA

Officiant and People

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 vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Your eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this exile
Show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Officiant Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

People That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Collect *Said by the Officiant*

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, prepared the body and soul of the Virgin Mary to become the Mother of your Son: Grant that as we rejoice in her obedience, we may have the support of her loving intercession, and may be delivered from our present evils and from eternal death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*We fly to your protection, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but ever deliver us from all danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*



*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:
and you, O prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast down to hell Satan and the other evil spirits,
who prowl through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*



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