

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

Prayers

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, and sits 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.**

Our Father (Lords Prayer)

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 (Angelic Salutation)

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 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 who have most need of your mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, 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 valley 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. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

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

Let us pray. 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 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.

Introduction

(Make the Sign of the Cross), The Apostles' Creed, Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father

First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

Fruit of the Mystery: Humility

"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" (Lk 1:26-27).

"The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates the 'fullness of time' (Gal 4:4), the time of the fulfilment of God's promises and preparations" (CCC, 484).

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father, Fatima Prayer (optional).

Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor

"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. 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!'" (Lk 1:39-42).

"Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people" (CCC, 717).

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father, Fatima Prayer (optional)

Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Our Lord

Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty of Spirit

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. 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. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2:1-7).

"Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest" (CCC, 525).

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father, Fatima Prayer (optional)

Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation in the Temple

Fruit of the Mystery: Purity of mind and body

"And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 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'" (Lk 2:21-24).

"Jesus' circumcision, on the eighth day after his birth, is the sign of his incorporation into Abraham's descendants, into the people of the covenant. It is the sign of his submission to the Law" (CCC, 527).

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father, Fatima Prayer (optional).

Fifth Joyful Mystery: The finding of Jesus in the temple

Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. 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. His parents did not know it ...

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" (Lk 2:41-47).

"The finding of Jesus in the temple is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's work?' (Lk 2:49)" (CCC, 534).

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father, Fatima Prayer (optional)

Conclusion

For the Pope's intentions...

Hail Holy Queen, Concluding Prayer

"To meditate upon the 'joyful' mysteries, then, is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, *euangelion*, 'good news', which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Saviour of the world."

- St. John Paul II, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*

Learn More:

1. Sacred Scripture and CCC Texts: www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri_en.html
2. St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter: *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*
3. Spiritual Association: The Rosary Confraternity
4. *The Secret of the Rosary* by St. Louis De Montfort
5. Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer)