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## \* THE HOLY ROSARY

### OFFERING OF THE HOLY ROSARY[[1]](#footnote-1)

**O Virgin Mary**, on the day of Pentecost, you presided with your prayers over the beginning of the mission of the Church under the action of the Holy Spirit. We offer you our prayer that through your intercession, you may obtain from the Lord a new springtime of vocations and a renewed enthusiasm for charity toward the little ones and the poor.

Or:

**Blessed Virgin Mary,** we offer you this Holy Rosary, for the Souls in Purgatory, asking you to accept it as coming from the inexpressible sighs and groans of our spirit, to obtain good laborers for the Church.

Holy Mother, for this heavenly prayer which you have brought to us on earth, for the salvation of souls and of the whole Church, deign to send chosen Apostles of faith and charity to the mystical harvest of the Lord, for the glory of the Most High God and the sanctification of all souls.

O Souls in Purgatory, who through this Holy Rosary, receive suffrage and eternal salvation, unite your powerful supplication with our humble prayer and obtain for us the great grace of good laborers. *For the greater consolation of the Heart of Jesus*. Amen. (Cf. *Manuale di Preghiera*,1915).

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#### L. O God, come to my assistance.

#### A. Lord, make haste to help me.

#### Glory be.

#### O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

#### L. Send, O Lord,

#### A. Holy Apostles into Your Church.

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#### Or:

#### L. O Mary, Mother of the Church,

#### A. Pray for us and obtain for us many and holy vocations.

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#### JOYFUL MYSTERIES

*(Monday and Saturday)*

I. In the first joyful mystery, we contemplate the Annunciation of the Angel to Mary

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (1:26-28.31.38)

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, whom you conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.[[2]](#footnote-2)*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Mary full of grace, by that profound humility by which you called the Word of God to earth, make us worthy to implore holy priests for the Church for the salvation of all souls. Amen.

II. In the second joyful mystery, we contemplate The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (1:39-42)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who prompted you to go to Elizabeth.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, for the zeal with which you went in haste to Elizabeth’s house, ask the Lord to hasten to enrich the Church with the great and inestimable treasure of good laborers of the Gospel. Amen.

III. In the third joyful mystery, we contemplate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (2:1.3-7)

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. So, all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who was born in a manger.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who gave birth to the Word of God made man, intercede with the Lord so that he may give to the Church holy priests who will continue his work of salvation. Amen.

IV. In the fourth joyful mystery, we contemplate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (2:22-23)

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who like you, obeyed the Law of Moses.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, in obedience to the Law, you offered Jesus in the Temple and placed him in the arms of the old Simeon; intercede for us and obtain for us good ministers of the Sanctuary, who will offer worthily the sublime sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Amen.

V. In the fifth joyful mystery, we contemplate the finding of Jesus in the Temple

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (2:43. 46. 48-51)

The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting amid the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; his mother kept all these things in her heart.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, whose words you have kept in your heart.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who with Joseph searched for Jesus with so much anguish, intercede with him that he may not deprive nations and cities of holy priests, but may deign to come to their aid with the gift of holy laborers of the Gospel. Amen.

#### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

*(Thursday)*

I. In the first luminous mystery, we contemplate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (1:9-11)

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit and fire.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who has conceived by the Holy Spirit, intercede with the Lord, that priests, sustained by the same Spirit, may please the heavenly Father in all things. Amen.

II. In the second luminous mystery, we contemplate the wedding at Cana

**From the Gospel according to John** (2:1-5.11)

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” [And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you. Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who at Cana turned the water into good wine.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, through your intercession, the disciples believed in Jesus; obtain for the Church holy priests so that the new wine of the Gospel may not be lacking. Amen.

III. In the third luminous mystery, we contemplate the proclamation of the Kingdom of God

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (1:14-15)

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who has announced the Kingdom of God.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who was the first to welcome and announce the Gospel; intercede with the Lord that he may send to the Church holy priests who will proclaim the Gospel of mercy. Amen.

IV. In the fourth luminous mystery, we contemplate the Transfiguration of Jesus

**From the Gospel according to Matthew** (17:1-3)

After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who was transfigured on Mount Tabor.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who before your exaltation experienced humiliation, intercede for priests so that in difficulties they may keep their eyes fixed on the goal, which is the Risen Christ. Amen.

V. In the fifth luminous mystery, we contemplate the Institution of the Eucharist

**From the Gospel according to Matthew** (26:26-29)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you anew in the kingdom of my Father.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who washed the feet of his disciples.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, by your “yes”, you allowed the Word to be made flesh, ask the Lord for the gift of holy priests so that all men may quench their thirst at the Fountain of salvation. Amen.

#### SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

*(Tuesday and Friday)*

I. In the first sorrowful mystery, we contemplate Jesus in the garden of Olives

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (22:39-44)

Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, “Pray that you may not undergo the test.” After withdrawing about a stone’s throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.” And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony, and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who obeyed his Father’s will.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who shared in the agony of your Son, we ask you to console his Divine Heart by imploring for the Church many and holy priests for the salvation of all souls. Amen.

II. In the second sorrowful mystery, we contemplate Jesus scourged at the pillar

**From the Gospel according to Matthew** (27:22.26)

Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, whose body was covered with wounds.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, whose Son was scourged for our sins, for the love of Jesus, give us numerous and zealous priests for the remission of sins and the salvation of souls. Amen.

III. In the third sorrowful mystery, we contemplate Jesus crowned with thorns

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (15:16-19)

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, whose Kingdom is not of this world.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, sharer in the suffering of the Redeemer, ask the Lord for many and holy priests, who will make holy virtues flourish and destroy the thorns of sin that stifle the heart of humanity. Amen.

IV. In the fourth sorrowful mystery, we contemplate Jesus on his way to calvary

**From the Gospel according to John** (19:17-18)

And carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who calls us to follow him in carrying the Cross.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who followed Jesus on the way of the Cross, we ask you to obtain holy priests who will save souls from eternal death. Amen.

V. In the fifth sorrowful mystery, we contemplate the death of Jesus on the Cross

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (15:24-27.33.37)

Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who died on the Cross for all.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who at the foot of the Cross became the Mother of the disciple whom Jesus loved, grant to the Holy Church many holy priests who will win souls for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

#### GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

*(Wednesday and Sunday)*

I. In the first glorious mystery, we contemplate the resurrection of Jesus

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (16:5-6)

On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who has risen from the tomb.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, we rejoice with you in the Resurrection of your Son, and we beseech you to obtain for the Holy Church zealous priests who restore souls back to life from sin. Amen

II. In the second glorious mystery, we contemplate the Ascension of Jesus to heaven

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (24:50-53)

Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who returns to the Father.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, we rejoice with you at the Ascension of your Son, and we pray that you may obtain numerous holy priests so that the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth and souls may be led to Paradise. Amen.

III. In the third glorious mystery, we contemplate the descent of the Holy Spirit

**From the Acts of the Apostles** (1:14; 2:1-4)

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who has given us the Holy Spirit.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who always accompanies the Church, intercede for us with the Lord so that he may give us priests who are filled with the Holy Spirit, true apostles of the Divine Mercy. Amen.

IV. In the fourth glorious mystery, we contemplate the assumption of Mary to heaven

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (1:46-50)

And Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.”

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who has assumed your body and soul into heaven.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, who shares in the glory of the Son, deign to send from heaven good laborers of the Gospel who will sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage by the word and the sacraments. Amen.

V. In the fifth glorious mystery, we contemplate Mary, Queen of heaven and earth

**From the Book of Revelation** (12:1)

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary,** full of grace, the Lord is with You. Blessed are You among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*, who has crowned you with glory.*

**Holy Mary**

**Glory be**

**Prayer**

O Virgin of the Holy Rosary, Queen of heaven and earth, intercede with the Lord that he may deign to send on earth good and holy laborers of the Gospel who will lead all souls to the eternal glory of Paradise. Amen.

### Litany of Loreto

Lord, have mercy, ***Lord, have mercy.***

Christ, have mercy, ***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy, ***Lord, have mercy.***

Christ, hear us, ***Christ, hear us.***

Christ, graciously hear us, ***Christ, graciously hear us.***

God our Father in heaven, ***have mercy on us.***

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, ***pray for us.***

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of the Church,

Mother of Mercy,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother of Hope,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honor,

Singular vessel of devotion,

Mystical rose,

Tower of David,

Tower of ivory,

House of gold,

Ark of the covenant,

Gate of heaven,

Morning star,

Health of the sick,

Refuge of sinners,

Solace of Migrants,

Comfort of the afflicted,

Help of Christians,

Queen of Angels,

Queen of Patriarchs,

Queen of Prophets,

Queen of Apostles,

Queen of Martyrs,

Queen of Confessors,

Queen of Virgins,

Queen of all Saints,

Queen conceived without original sin,

Queen assumed into Heaven,

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,

Queen of families,

Queen of peace.

Queen and Mother of the Rogate,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, ***spare us, O Lord.***

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, ***graciously hear us, O Lord.***

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, ***have mercy on us.***

\***We turn to you for protection**, Holy Mother of God. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin.

L. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from the present sorrow and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

For the intentions of the Holy Father

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

1. A plenary indulgence is granted, if the Rosary is recited in a Church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious community or pious association (EI, Conc. 17, 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In the recitation of the Hail Mary, one may choose to use the indicated formula with reference to the mystery of the Rosary. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)