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The Joyful Mystery . . . Number 1

THE ANNUNCIATION

The messenger of the Heavenly Court, revealing the mysteries of the Divinity, salutes as full of Grace the Virgin Mother of God, and She conceived God Incarnate by the fathering of the Holy Spirit.

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FOREWORD

Rosary Novenas

ROSARY NOVENAS for the use of the faithful conform with the wish of the Holy See, and are recommended for private use and for public devotions in the Church.

The prayers here arranged are gathered from approved sources. Through the use of the Holy Rosary may they revive great confidence and courage in the hearts of the faithful. Renewed fervor in the daily recitation of the Rosary beads will fulfill the hopes of His Holiness Pius XI expressed in his Encyclical Letter of September 29, 1937 which reads:

“When we receive in audience newly-married couples and speak to them as a father, We not only give them a Rosary, earnestly recommending them to use it, but We ask them to follow Our own example and not to allow even one day to go by without saying the Rosary, no matter how burdened they may be with many cares and labors.”



The Joyful Mystery : . . Number 2

THE VISITATION

The Virgin visits her cousin Elizabeth, the expectant mother of John the Baptist. The pre-sanctified Baptist leaped in his mother's womb at the approach of his Incarnate God.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ROSARY

SINCE Our Lord chose the Garden of Olives as a place for prayer, Christians have associated prayer with the reflective quiet of a garden. Thus we see monasteries designed with a cloister garth or garden. The faithful have long associated the telling of Our Lady's beads with the weaving of wreaths of roses from Mary's garden. Hence the Latin word for rose-garland, *rosarium*, has been accepted as the most descriptive term for the saying of the definite series of prayer decades (one Pater and ten Aves) accompanied by reflections on the five joyful, the five sorrowful and the five glorious mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary—which prayer we call the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In her apparitions to St. Bernadette at Lourdes the Blessed Mother of God appeared with golden roses ornamenting her feet, while at the opening of the grotto a single rosebush flowered. This adornment of Mary with golden roses, and the growing of the wild rosebush beside the miraculous spring of pure water, seem to be marks of approval of the devotion of the Holy Rosary. In telling his beads the rosarian may be likened to the rose grower who walks observantly along his garden paths and admires in turn each beautiful bloom. He thoughtfully picks and then carefully arranges each choice blossom, twining the thorny stems into a wreath which he places on the head of the Queen who is indeed the Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary. Although the complete Rosary consists of fifteen decades and



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THE NATIVITY

The Word that from all eternity had proceeded from the Father is born a mortal Infant of a Virgin Mother.

mysteries, each five decades is called a chaplet or wreath. It is interesting to note that in the Rosary apparitions both at Lourdes, France, in 1858, and at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, Our Lady recited the usual five decades with the favored children of the Holy Spirit to whom she chose to appear.

Rosarians, as children of their Mother, Mary, like to walk and speak with Christ in the beautiful pathways of Our Lady's rose garden. In meditating on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, our souls are kindled by the spiritual beauty which they reveal. Roses, pure white as springtime blossoms, remind us of the Child Christ and of His Mother, the most favored of all mothers. Here, too, in Mary's lovely garden bloom red roses like the Redeemer's Blood. Then again, the golden glow of yellow roses tells us of the Resurrection of Christ and of the glories of Our Heavenly Queen. The effect of the fresh roses lies in the power of their simple beauty to arouse us to love true and real loveliness. Thus meditation on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary inflames our soul to draw near to the personalities of Jesus and of Mary: holy comfort and thoughts of eternity will accompany us on life's weary way if we thus use our spiritual rosary to keep us near to Jesus through Mary.

"The Rosary," then, is a form of prayer wherein we say fifteen decades of ten Hail Marys, each preceded by an Our Father, and during each of these fifteen decades we piously meditate in a mood of loving yearning upon one of the mysteries of our Redemption.

No Catholic custom is better suited to heal



The Joyful Mystery . . . Number 4

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS

The Child is presented in the Temple, the Lawgiver obeys the Law, here the Redeemer offers himself and is redeemed by the offering of the poor.

family troubles, to unite quarrelling partners, to instill love and obedience in the souls of children, to invoke health for the sick, to obtain rest for the souls in purgatory, than the recitation of five decades of Our Lady's Rosary—especially in the intimacy of the family circle. This custom is associated with the family meal in the evening, which is usually the most convenient time to assemble the greatest number of members. Shortly after the evening table is left, the father or the mother simply says, Let us say the rosary.

The Fifteen Saturdays devotion consists in receiving Holy Communion on fifteen consecutive Saturdays (or Sundays) in commemoration of the fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of honoring Jesus and Mary, and of obtaining through Mary's intercession the grace of a happy death, and whatever other special favor we may desire. One should also pray for the Pope's intentions, for the conversion of sinners, the propagation of the Faith, and for the souls in Purgatory.

This devotion of fifteen Saturdays can be practised at any time during the year, either with the intention of obtaining some special favors, or as an act of thanksgiving, or from pure devotion, and when ended, may be begun again immediately. It is often made as a preparation for the Festival of the Rosary, which falls on the 7th of October. If the external solemnity be celebrated on the first Sunday of October the indulgence will be gained on that day. Those who cannot consecrate Saturday to our Blessed Lady may practise this devotion on Sunday and gain the same Indulgences.



The Joyful Mystery . . . Number 5

THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Now the joyful Mother finds her Son Whom she had already mourned as lost; finds Him expounding to learned minds things they did not know.

ROSARY NOVENA PRAYERS

PART ONE—*First Three Days*

(1) Opening Prayer*

Open my mouth, O Lord, to bless Thy Holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain and unholy thoughts; inspire my mind and inflame my will; that I may worthily, attentively, and devoutly recite Mary's Beads, as a Psalter of homage to Thee; and in my Rosary prayer, may I merit to be heard in the presence of Thy Majesty, through Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, in union with that divine intention, with which Thou didst praise and do the Will of God on earth, I offer this recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, for the wants of Our Holy Mother the Church, for all heretics, all sinners, all those severely tempted, for all the sick and all the dying, also for the wounded and the dying of the war, and for the suffering Souls in Purgatory.

(The Rosary Novena may be said privately or in church. If said in a church or chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved a plenary indulgence, applicable to the Souls in Purgatory, may be obtained for each five decades recited. Added to this are the numerous Rosary Indulgences, plus the indulgences attached to each prayer separately.)

* This prayer precedes the recitation of the beads every day.

O Lord, grant me the grace of a good confession, which I shall make as soon as possible, to insure my union with Thee, and my Immaculate Mother Mary during this Rosary Novena.



The Sorrowful Mystery . . . Number 1

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

On the mountain in the Garden of Olives, the Redeemer, praying, falls prostrate; He grows sad; He fears; He grows faint, dripping with a sweat of blood.

(2) On the first three days of the Novena the Joyful Mysteries are recited.

The Joyful Mysteries follow the Paths of White Roses in Mary's Rose Garden.

FIRST MYSTERY: The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary. Ask for Mary's humility.

SECOND MYSTERY: Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Ask for Mary's charity.

THIRD MYSTERY: Christ is born in Bethlehem's stable. Ask to become poor in spirit.

FOURTH MYSTERY: Christ is presented in the Temple. Ask for Mary's purity.

FIFTH MYSTERY: Christ is found in the Temple after three days. Ask for Mary's love of Jesus.

PRAYER AFTER THE BEADS

PART A

O QUEEN of the Most Holy Rosary, help me to translate into my life the virtues so beautifully exemplified by thee in the Joyful Mysteries. By the love of Purity, AT THE ANNUNCIATION whereby thou didst accept the divine maternity whilst preserving thy vow of virginity, preserve me from the contagion of sin. By thy charity AT THE VISITATION, when John the Baptist was sanctified and joy was brought to the household of thy cousin, Elizabeth, help me to show charity to my neighbor. By thy virtue of



The Sorrowful Mystery . . . Number 2

THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

God, delivered up by a traitor, is dragged away to punishment; He is bound with rough cords and beaten with bloody scourges.

poverty that prevailed AT THE NATIVITY, teach me to have a tender love for God's poor. By thy spirit of obedience to the law of God, AT THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE, assist me always to be a faithful child of our Holy Mother the Church. By thy joy IN FINDING THY DIVINE SON AMIDST THE DOCTORS IN THE TEMPLE, help me to ever seek true happiness in the Blessed Sacrament where Christ dwells amongst us.

O Blessed Mother, with thy Rosary in my hand, I PLACE MY PETITION in thy care.

(Here pause and mention your particular intention.)

PART B

O QUEEN of the Most Holy Rosary, I am mindful of thy great goodness to ST. DOMINIC, THE FIRST PREACHER OF THE ROSARY, I HONOR THEE for the aid given to ST. PIUS when the Cross triumphed over the Turkish Crescent. LOVINGLY DO I RECALL the eighteen Rosary apparitions to ST. BERNADETTE AT LOURDES, where thou wert pleased to instruct this poor peasant girl in the power of thine own devotior. I ACKNOWLEDGE THEE, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, as the Mother of my Lord and my God. Thy Son is my First Beginning and Last End. I RENDER UNTO HIM the homage of my being and I SUBMIT MYSELF to His divine service, now and for the remaining days of my life. *Amen.*

(3) INVOCATIONS

O Lord, we believe in Thee,
O Lord, we adore Thee,
O Lord, we hope in Thee,
O Lord, we love Thee,
Mother of Our Saviour, pray for us.
Mother most pure, pray for us.



The Sorrowful Mystery . . . Number 3

THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

A crown of ignominy, woven of sharp thorns, crowns the King of Glory; He is clothed with an unclean purple garment.

INVOCATIONS (*Continued*)

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living
God.

Thou art my Lord and my God.

Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David.

Mother of Jesus, pray for us.

Refuge of sinners, pray for us.

O Lord, we believe, but do Thou help our un-
belief.

Thou art the Resurrection and the life.

Lord, save us, we perish.

Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on us.

Virgin, most powerful, pray for us.

Virgin, most merciful, pray for us.

Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me
whole.

Lord, say only the word and I shall be healed.

Jesus, who hast loved us so much, have mercy
on us.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, have mercy
on us.

Help of Christians, pray for us.

Health of the sick, pray for us.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Father of the poor, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Comforter of the afflicted, have mercy
on us.

Jesus, Our Refuge, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

Blessed be thy Holy and Immaculate Con-
ception.



The Sorrowful Mystery . . . Number 4

THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Perspiring, gasping and falling, He is compelled by force to carry a Cross of thrice heavy weight to the Mountain of Crucifixion.

(4) THE PRAYER FOR THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE

O Good Jesus, if sinners only knew Thee, they would never offend Thee! Then hearken to the prayer of my heart and soul, that I may become a generous and loving apostle of the Most Holy Rosary. Let my every breath pour forth the eloquence of the five Joyful Mysteries; and with a love far exceeding the tenderness of a mother's love, let me through the five Sorrowful Mysteries assist and console the most abject of sinners, and with the help of Thy grace and the protection of Mary, the Mother of God, and my own Mother, let me merit the reward of sorrow turned into joy and eternally contemplate the five Glorious Mysteries. *Amen.*

(5) The Litany of Loreto

We fly to thy Patronage, O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us;

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer

of the world,

God, the Holy Spirit

Holy Trinity, One God,

} Have mercy on us.



The Sorrowful Mystery . . . Number 5

THE CRUCIFIXION

Fastened by nails to the Cross of shame, guiltless He hangs between the guilty, till bloodless He breathes forth His Spirit while praying for His torturers.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of Divine Grace,
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 Saviour,
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,
Comforter of the Afflicted,
Help of Christians,

Pray for us.



The Glorious Mystery . . . Number 1

THE RESURRECTION

Death having been vanquished, Christ, the Conqueror, returns from the dead and having broken the bonds of sin, He reopens the portals of Heaven.

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 of the Most Holy
Rosary,
Queen of Peace,

} Pray for us

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the World,

R. Spare us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the World,

R. Graciously hear us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the World,

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the prom-
ises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we,
Thy servants, may be blessed with continual
health of soul and body; and that, by the glorious
intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, we
may both be delivered from present sorrows, and
be brought to eternal joys. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*



The Glorious Mystery . . . Number 2

THE ASCENSION

Having appeared sufficiently long to men, He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, a co-sharer of His Glory.

(6) PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To THEE, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of thy thrice-holy Spouse, we now with hearts filled with confidence earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou wilt look down with gracious eye upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and wilt succor us in our need by thy power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old, thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, imitating thy example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in heaven. *Amen.*

PART TWO—*Second Three Days*

- (1) Opening Prayer (see page 13).
- (2) On the Second three days of the Novena the Sorrowful Mysteries are recited.



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THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit Whom Christ had already promised to His own, He showers down upon His sorrowing Apostles in fiery tongues of love.

The Sorrowful Mysteries follow the PATHS OF RED ROSES in Mary's Rose Garden.

FIRST MYSTERY: Jesus suffers an agony in Gethsemane. Ask for Mary's resignation.

SECOND MYSTERY: Jesus is scourged at the pillar. Ask for the spirit of mortification.

THIRD MYSTERY: Jesus is crowned with cruel thorns. Ask for Mary's meekness.

FOURTH MYSTERY: Jesus bears His cross to Calvary. Ask for Mary's patience in trials and sufferings.

FIFTH MYSTERY: Jesus dies upon the cross. Ask for Mary's love of God.

PRAYER AFTER THE BEADS

KEEP me, O Ever-blessed Mother, in conformity with the Divine Will, as was thy Son, during the AGONY IN THE GARDEN, when He said, "Not My Will but Thine be Done!" When sin calls me away from God, may I be mindful of THE SCOURGING. Against the spirit of pride impress deeply upon me the memory of my Saviour and HIS THORN-CROWNED HEAD. When my feet are about to stray from the ways of wisdom, remind me of the CARRYING OF THE CROSS. Let me never forget THE CRUCIFIXION, when the dying Christ forgave His enemies, promised Paradise to a thief, and gave thee to me as my Mother.



The Glorious Mystery . . . Number 4

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Liberated from the burden of the flesh, the Virgin is taken up to Heaven; she is welcomed with the jubilation of the blessed and the songs of Angels.

O Blessed Mother, with thy Rosary in my hand, I PLACE MY PETITION in thy care.

(Here pause and mention your intentions.)

Prayer After The Beads—Part B (see page 17)

- (3) Invocations (see pages 17-19).
- (4) Prayer for the Rosary Apostolate (see page 21).
- (5) The Litany of Loreto (see page 21-25).
- (6) Prayer to St. Joseph (see page 27).

PART THREE—*The Last Three Days*

- (1) Opening Prayer (see page 13).
- (2) On the Last three days of the Novena the Glorious Mysteries are recited.

The Glorious Mysteries follow the PATHS OF YELLOW ROSES in Mary's Rose Garden.

FIRST MYSTERY: Christ arises on the third day.
Ask for Mary's lively faith.

SECOND MYSTERY: Christ ascends into Heaven.
Ask for Mary's firm hope.

THIRD MYSTERY: The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles. Ask for Mary's zeal for the glory of God.

FOURTH MYSTERY: Mary's Body is taken to Heaven. Ask for Mary's union with the Heart of Jesus.

FIFTH MYSTERY: Mary is crowned Queen of the Angels and of Saints. Ask for final perseverance.



The Glorious Mystery . . . Number 5

THE CORONATION OF OUR LADY

Twelve stars now Crown the brow of the Glorious Mother; near the throne of her Son she reigns over all created things.

PRAYER AFTER THE BEADS

GIVE ME, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, the courage and confidence that comes through THE RESURRECTION. Help me always to look forward to the great hope of our Holy Religion, given in THE ASCENSION. Teach me to live in the Spirit of the first Novena which thou and the Apostles made in preparation for the COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Inspire me with THE GLORY OF THINE ASSUMPTION and the joy that was thine when at THE CORONATION thou wert made QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

O Blessed Mother, with thy Rosary in my hand, I PLACE MY PETITIONS in thy care.

(Here pause and mention your intentions.)

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ROSARY OF FATIMA NOVENA PRAYERS

Recite five decades of the Rosary.

The Invocations (see pages 17-19) of Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary of Fatima, are daily recited for the Rosary Novena after the recitation of the five decades of the beads. At the Fatima after the Gloria of each decade this ejaculation: "O my Jesus, forgive us! Save us from the fires of Hell. Relieve the Souls in Purgatory, especially the most abandoned," is added.

SOME SPECIAL INDULGENCES

OUR LADY's bounty of Rosary indulgences is obtainable by all the faithful to a large extent. But Holy Mother the Church has granted special indulgences to those who are willing to obligate themselves to the recitation of fifteen decades of the Holy Rosary within each week, by joining the Rosary Confraternity.

To mention a few examples of the indulgences obtainable by Rosary Confraternity members we refer to:

(a) The daily plenary indulgence and the plenary indulgence of the First Sundays, to be gained by fulfillment of the respective conditions laid down for each, and:

(b) To the total of 299 years and 160 days obtainable by members for the recitation of five decades. The Crozier indulgences of 75 years and 125 days obtainable by all the faithful for the recitation of a third part of the Rosary and the Brigittine indulgences for like recitation amounting to 15 years and 25 days, may be gained by the one recitation of five decades, provided the blessings for these three have been attached to one's beads.

(c) All members of the Rosary Confraternity assisting at the Rosary Altar votive Mass may gain the same indulgences that can be obtained

by the devout recitation of the fifteen decades of the Marian Rosary. Now that we may include the greatest of Rosary indulgences granted to all the faithful for the recitation of five decades before the Blessed Sacrament, given on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress at Bologna (September 4, 1927), the celebrant and the faithful rosarians assisting at the Rosary Votive Mass enjoy the grant of three plenary indulgences in addition to the munificent grants of the Holy See for the recitation of the fifteen decades of the Marian Rosary.

Those wishing to become special clients of Our Lady of The Rosary should write to the Rosary Apostolate, 141 East 65th St., New York 21, N. Y. for a membership card of the Rosary Confraternity.

