

Praying the Rosary

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

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;
On the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God,
The Father almighty; from there he will 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, 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, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

(repeat three times)

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.

The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection

On the morning after the Sabbath, women disciples of Jesus went to the tomb to finish preparing Jesus' body for burial. They were still tired and sad. They had cried all the day before, because of the death of their Lord. When they arrived at the tomb, they saw that the stone was rolled away. Two angels told them, "*He is not here. He has risen as he promised.*" The women ran to tell the disciples and Mary what they had seen and heard. Soon, everyone has heard the amazing news. Jesus appeared to his disciples and showed them his wounds. What glorious news! Christ is risen and we will have eternal life.

Let this mystery teach us to have a strong faith in God."¹

Pray one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer (one student ought to lead each prayer and the community respond – 13 student leaders in total for each decade plus 1 to announce the mystery).

The Fatima Prayer – *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the powers of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy. Amen.*

The Second Glorious Mystery – The Ascension

Jesus spent forty days with his disciples. He taught them to understand the Scriptures and to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name. then, Jesus led his disciples out of the city. He told them, "*I am going to my Father to prepare a place for you.*" He spread out his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he rose into Heaven and disappeared from sight. The disciples stared at the sky in awe. Two men in shining white garments appeared, saying, "*What are you doing? Jesus has gone to his Father. He will return the same way.*" What glorious news! Christ is risen and has made a place for us in Heaven.

*Let this mystery teach us to hope in God's great mercy.*²

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The Third Glorious Mystery – The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit. The disciples returned to the city, to the upper room where they were staying, praying and praising God. There, ten days later, a great noise and a light filled

¹ Marian Devotions in the Domestic Church: Family Activities by Catherine & Peter Fournier, page 12

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the room, and the Holy Spirit filled them all with grace and power. The disciples began preaching in many different languages. They told everyone of the great love and mercy of God. They preached about the forgiveness of sins through Christ's death and resurrection. Many who heard them, were converted that day. What glorious news! Christ is risen and has sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide us.

*Let this mystery teach us to spread God's word in our lives.*³

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The Fourth Glorious Mystery – The Assumption

Years passed. Christ's Church on earth had grown. The apostles and disciples travelled everywhere, spreading the good news of God. On the Cross, Jesus had said to his apostle, John, "*Behold your mother,*" thus placing Mary in his card. Finally, the end of Mary's time on earth came. The apostles prayed for her as she died, and they laid her in a tomb. Because she was the Mother of the Saviour, and had herself been without sin, Jesus came and took Mary into Heaven to live with him forever. What glorious news! Our Blessed Mother is in Heaven, praying for us.

*Let this mystery teach us to follow Mary's example and to pray for a Holy life and death.*⁴

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The Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven

Mary lived her life in obedience to God's will. She was always without sin. She bore the joys and sorrows of her motherhood with trust in God at all times. She is the perfect example of a woman and a mother. Jesus brought his Mother to Heaven. He crowned her as the Queen of Heaven, of all the saints, and of all the Church. She loves and cares for everyone as she loved and cared for Jesus. Jesus listens to her prayers, as he listened to her as a child. What glorious news! The Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us, her children, to her Son, our Lord.

*Let this mystery teach us to have a great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary.*⁵

³ Marian Devotions in the Domestic Church: Family Activities by Catherine & Peter Fournier, page 12

⁴ Marian Devotions in the Domestic Church: Family Activities by Catherine & Peter Fournier, page 13

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Once the rosary is complete you may want to introduce your students to a May crowning. Have a crown made of flowers created by a class/florist shop. Place the crown on Mary's head. This can also happen when the Fifth Joyous Mystery is announced as the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

To conclude the Living Rosary use this prayer or another suitable prayer.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
That never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
Implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you,
O Virgin, or virgins, our Mother!
To you we come,
Before you we stand,
Sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the word incarnate,
Despise not our petitions,
But in your mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.