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Rejoice and Be Glad: Praying the Rosary for Global Social Justice



Prayers of the Rosary

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;
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

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

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you;
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.

Glory Be (The Doxology)

Glory be to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Rejoice and Be Glad: Praying the Rosary for Global Social Justice

All: *Make the Sign of the Cross.*

Leader: Inspired by Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*, we come together to celebrate the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. There is unimaginable suffering in our world today, with injustices that threaten the values of Catholic social tradition. Yet we are called to "rejoice and be glad" as we care for all of God's wondrous creation, from forests and oceans to human relationships. Guided by the strength of Mary, Mother of Jesus, we enter into these Joyful Mysteries knowing that light overpowers darkness and love overcomes indifference.

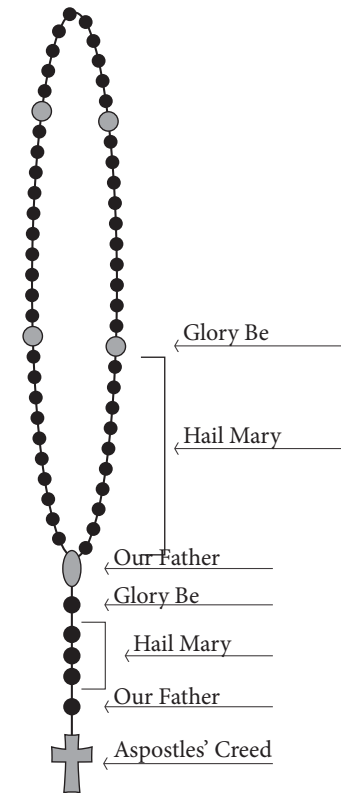
As we pray each decade of the rosary, meditate on Scripture passages, connections to Catholic social tradition, and reflection questions.

All: *Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.*

On the first bead, say the Our Father.

Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.

Say the Glory Be.



1st Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

Reader 1: The first Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation.

“Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, ‘Rejoice, highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!’ Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel’s greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her, ‘Don’t be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus — “Deliverance.” His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end.’ Mary said, ‘I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say.’ With that, the angel left her” (Luke 1:26–33, 38).

“The great things God has done with humble people, the great things the Lord does in the world with the humble, because humility is like a vacuum that leaves room for God. The humble are powerful because they are humble: not because they are strong. And this is the greatness of the humble and of humility” (Pope Francis, *Angelus on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, August 15, 2017, <http://bit.ly/2LkNtK6>).

Reflection Questions:

- How can humility create space for encounter with God and with all members of the human family?
- How humble am I in different areas of my life?
- How does humility invite greater solidarity with others?

All: *Pray the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be.*

All: *Pray the Hail, Holy Queen.*

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our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
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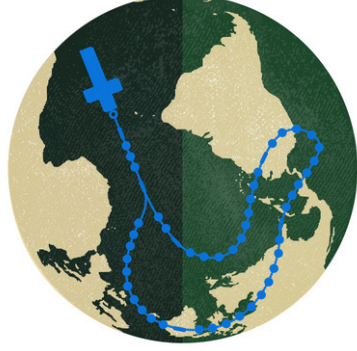
Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: 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 while meditating on 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.

Make the Sign of the Cross.



5th Joyful Mystery: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Reader 5: The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

“The parents of Jesus used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when Jesus was twelve, they went up for the celebration as was their custom. As they were returning at the end of the feast, the child Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, unbeknownst to Mary and Joseph. Thinking Jesus was in their caravan, they continued their journey for the day, looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances. Not finding Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. On the third day, they came upon Jesus in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Jesus were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus, they were astonished, and Mary said, ‘Son, why have you done this to us? You see that your father and I have been so worried, looking for you.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Abba’s house?’ But they didn’t understand what he told them” (Luke 2:41-50).

“Jesus continues to walk on our streets. He knocks today, as he did yesterday, on our doors and hearts, in order to rekindle the flame of hope and the aspiration that breakdown can be overcome by fraternity, injustice defeated by solidarity, violence silenced by the weapons of peace. Jesus ... anoint[s] us with his Spirit so that we too can go out to anoint others with the oil capable of healing wounded hopes and renewing our way of seeing things. ... He encourages us to enter like leaven into where we are, where we live, into every corner of our daily life. The kingdom of heaven is ... wherever we strive to show a little tenderness and compassion, wherever we are unafraid to create spaces for the blind to see, the paralyzed to walk, lepers to be cleansed and the deaf to hear (cf. Lk 7:22), so that all those we had given up for lost can enjoy the resurrection” (Pope Francis, *Homily at Mass in Lima, Peru*, January 21, 2018, <http://bit.ly/2LiOtr7>).

Reflection Questions:

- Where can we go to find Jesus in the midst of our daily lives?
- What is Jesus saying to us that we might find hard to hear?

All: Pray the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be.

2nd Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Reader 2: The second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation.

“Within a few days Mary set out and hurried to the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored, that the mother of the Messiah should come to me? The moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who believed that what our God said to her would be accomplished!’” (Luke 1:39-45)

“The story of the Visitation teaches us an important lesson: when Christ is growing inside of us, we will be led to people, places, and situations that we never dreamed of. We will bear words of consolation and hope that are not our own. In the very act of consoling others, we will be consoled. We will be at peace, recollected, because we know that however insignificant our life and issues seem to be, from them Christ is forming himself. The women of [Luke’s] Gospel show us that it is possible to move beyond our own little personal agendas and engage in authentic ministry. Ministry is not simply doing things for others, loving difficult people, serving the poor, teaching others. Authentic ministers allow themselves to serve and be served, taught, cared for, consoled, and loved. Such moments liberate us and enable us to sing Magnificat along the journey, and celebrate the great things that God does for us and our people” (Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., “Sharing the new life within us: A reflection on the Feast of the Visitation,” *Salt + Light Media*, May 30, 2018, <https://bit.ly/2P0j1jT>).

Reflection Question:

- How can you engage in authentic ministry?
- How can we deepen our awareness that all people we meet have “Divine DNA” because they were created in the image of God and are God’s children?

All: Pray the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be.

3rd Joyful Mystery: The Nativity

Reader 3: The third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity.

“While they were there, the time came for her delivery. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son; she put him in a simple cloth wrapped like a receiving blanket, and laid him in a feeding trough for cattle, because there was no room for them at the inn. There were shepherds in the area living in the fields and keeping night watch over their flock. The angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very much afraid. The angel said to them, ‘You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you—news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in David’s city, a savior—the Messiah—has been born to you. Let this be a sign to you: you’ll find an infant wrapped in a simple cloth, lying in a manger’” (Luke 2:6-12).

“Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honouring and assisting the weak and the frail. [The angel Gabriel] speaks of the joy that we ... are called to share, to celebrate and to proclaim. The joy with which God, in his infinite mercy, has embraced us pagans, sinners, and foreigners, and demands that we do the same.” (Pope Francis, *Homily on the Solemnity of the Nativity*, December 24, 2017, <http://bit.ly/2LhTMGx>).

Reflection Question:

- How can you embrace those who are different and/or live on the margins of society?
- What are ways we can share God’s joy with all those we interact with?

All: *Pray the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be.*

4th Joyful Mystery: The Presentation

Reader 4: The fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation.

“Now there lived in Jerusalem a man named Simeon. He was devout and just, anticipating the consolation of Israel, and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. She had revealed to Simeon that he wouldn’t see death until he had seen the Messiah of God. Prompted by her, Simeon came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child to perform the customary rituals of the Law, he took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Now, O God, you can dismiss your servant in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the peoples to see—a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel’” (Luke 2:25-32).

“In the Temple, there is ... an encounter between two couples: the young Mary and Joseph, and the elderly Simeon and Anna. The old receive from the young, while the young draw upon the old. In the Temple, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their people. This is important because God’s promise does not come to fulfillment merely in individuals, once for all, but within a community and throughout history. There too, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting the two older people, thus find themselves. And the two older people, nearing the end of their days, receive Jesus, the meaning of their lives. ... In this encounter, the young see their mission and the elderly realize their dreams. All because, at the center of the encounter, is Jesus” (Pope Francis, *Homily for Feast of Presentation of the Lord*, February 2, 2018, <http://bit.ly/2LjAPBq>).

Reflection Questions:

- How can you encounter others more deeply?
- How can you seek out relationships with others of different ages, ethnicities, races, sexual orientations, etc.?

All: *Pray the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be.*