

The Art of the Holy Rosary

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The Rosary

“To those therefore who are striving after supreme happiness [the] means of the Rosary has been most providentially offered, and it is one unsurpassed for facility and convenience. For any person even moderately instructed in his religion can make use of it with fruit, and the time it occupies cannot delay any man’s business... It is well known that there have been many persons occupied in most weighty functions or absorbed in laborious cares who have never omitted for a single day this pious practice. Combined with this advantage is that inward sentiment of devotion which attracts minds to the Rosary, so that they love it as the intimate companion and faithful protector of life; and in their last agony they embrace and hold fast to it as the dear pledge of the unfading Crown of glory. Such a pledge is greatly enhanced by the benefits of sacred indulgences, if properly employed; for the devotion of the Rosary has been richly endowed with such indulgences by both our Predecessors and Ourselves. These favours will certainly prove most efficacious to both the dying and the departed, being bestowed as it were by the hands of the merciful Virgin, in order that they may the sooner enjoy the eternal peace and light they have desired.”

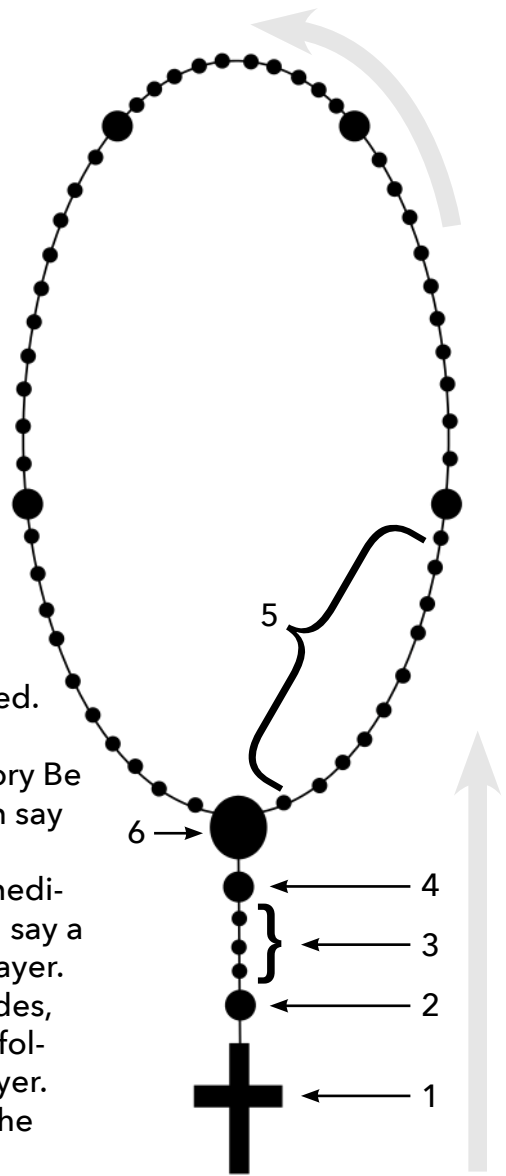
Fidentem Piumque Animum
Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, Sept. 20, 1896





HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. Pray the Our Father.
3. Pray 3 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be
4. Announce the Mystery then say the Our Father.
5. Pray ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.
6. After praying the five decades, pray the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by a concluding prayer.
7. Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.



THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Nativity
The Presentation
The Finding of Jesus

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning With Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Ghost
The Assumption of Mary
The Coronation of Mary

The 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 Ghost, 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 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 Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

The 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.

The Hail Mary

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.

The Glory Be

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

The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of thy mercy.

The Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, 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, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A Concluding Prayer

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.



"The Rosary is the prayer of those who triumph over everything and everyone."

St. Padre Pio



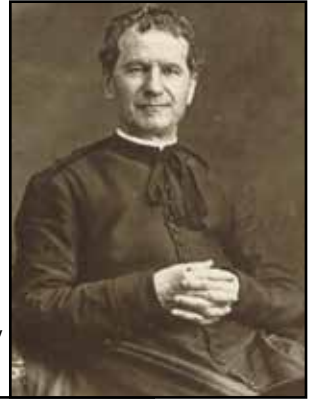
"The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin..."

St. Therese



"At night when you retire to rest, take your beads and go off to sleep while saying them; do the same as little children who fall asleep saying: 'Mamma, Mamma...'"

St. Bernadette Soubirous



"Our Lady is waiting for you to give her your heart."

St. Don Bosco



"Jesus honored her before all ages, and will honor her for all ages. No one comes to him, nor even near him, no one is saved or sanctified, if he too will not honor her."

St. Maximilian Kolbe



"Dear Blessed Mother, lend me your heart. I look for it each day to pour my troubles into"

St. Gemma Galgani



“Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.”

Our Lady of Fatima

“[The Rosary] is the most pleasing prayer we can offer to God and one which is most advantageous to our own souls. If such were not the case, Our Lady would not have asked for it so insistently.”

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

Sister Lucia dos Santos





The Power of the Rosary

St. Louis Marie de Montfort (d. 1716) predicted the coming of the Age of Mary. The coming of Our Lady to Fatima in 1917, two hundred years later, ushered in that age officially with the great public miracle of the sun witnessed by 70,000 people. In those six public apparitions, and in many private appearances to Sr. Lucia dos Santos throughout the next several decades, God's divine plan for the Age of Mary was illuminated in great detail. There were also many messages from Our Lord and Our Lady; messages political, moral, social, and religious, because all are important to God, since all have a bearing on the salvation of souls.

The essential work of the Holy Ghost in the world is the sanctification of souls. The beautiful theophany presented to Sr. Lucia at Tuy in 1929 is an iconic image intended to reveal to each of us the Blessed Trinity, and the divine plan of salvation, and Our Lady's place in it.

In this Age of Mary, God has granted more power to the Rosary than to any other prayer of Christians outside of the Holy and Eternal Sacrifice of the Cross in its daily re-enactment at Mass. The Sacred Heart of Jesus wishes to reign in the world through the Immaculate Heart of his Mother, and he demands penance, reparation, and devotion



through the Rosary and the First Saturday devotions revealed to us by Our Lady of Fatima.

There is NO problem that cannot be solved, and NO protection from any evil—moral, material, or spiritual—to equal that of placing yourself under your Mother’s mantle through daily devotion to the Most Holy Rosary. No one who has a true devotion to God’s Mother will be lost. We have Our Lord’s assurance of that, for he loves her more than can be imagined, and he rewards richly those who are united to him through our common Mother.

By means of the Rosary let our cry be: **TO JESUS THROUGH MARY!**

“I understood that it was the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity that was shown to me, and I received lights about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.”

—Sr. Lucia dos Santos

Mural of the Vision of Tuy (above) painted by Renate Rohn
 Statue (left) carved in Portugal by Mr. Augusto of fatimastatues.weebly.com
 Photos: Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Richmond, NH


For Mary, the virgin maiden of Nazareth is truly the Mother of God and the Queen of all Creation. She has triumphed, and will continue to triumph, over everything opposed to the glory due to her divine son.



AVI GRATA

PLENA

The Joyful
Mysteries

A decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping, light blue loops and swirls, positioned beneath the word 'Mysteries'.



The Annunciation

“...the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word.”

Luke 1:26-32, 34-35, 38





Behold a Virgin
shall conceive,
and bear a Son,
and his name
shall be called
Emmanuel. He
shall eat butter
and honey, that
he may know to
refuse the evil,
and to choose
the good.

Never was there a more entire or humiliating defeat, than that which was this day gained over Satan. The frail creature, over whom he had so easily triumphed at the beginning of the world, now rises and crushes his proud head. Eve conquers in Mary. God would not choose man for the instrument of his vengeance; the humiliation of Satan would not have been great enough; and therefore she who was the first prey of hell, the first victim of the tempter, is selected as the one that is to give battle to the enemy. The result of so glorious a triumph is that Mary is to be superior not only to the rebel angels, but to the whole human race, yea, to all the Angels of heaven. Seated on her exalted throne, she, the Mother of God, is to be the Queen of all creation. Satan, in the depths of the abyss, will eternally bewail his having dared to direct his first attack against the woman, for God has now so gloriously avenged her; and in heaven, the very Cherubim and Seraphim reverently look up to Mary, and deem themselves honored when she smiles upon them, or employs them in the execution of any of her wishes, for she is the Mother of their God.

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“**W**hat is this thou sayest, Adam? The woman, whom thou gavest me, gave me of the tree, and I did eat? These are wicked words; far from effacing thy fault, they aggravate it. But divine Wisdom conquered thy wickedness by finding in the treasury of his own inexhaustible mercy a motive for pardon, which he had in vain sought to elicit by questioning thee. In place of the woman, of whom thou complainest, he gives thee another: Eve was foolish, Mary is Wise; Eve was proud, Mary is humble; Eve gave thee of the tree of death, Mary will give thee of the tree of life; Eve offered thee a bitter and poisoned fruit, Mary will give thee the sweet fruit she herself is to bring forth, the fruit of everlasting life. Change, then, thy wicked excuse into an act of thanksgiving, and say: The Woman, whom thou hast given me, O Lord, hath given me of the tree of life, and I have eaten thereof; and it is sweeter than honey to my mouth, for by it thou hast given me life.

St Bernard, Homil. II. *Super Missus est.*”





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