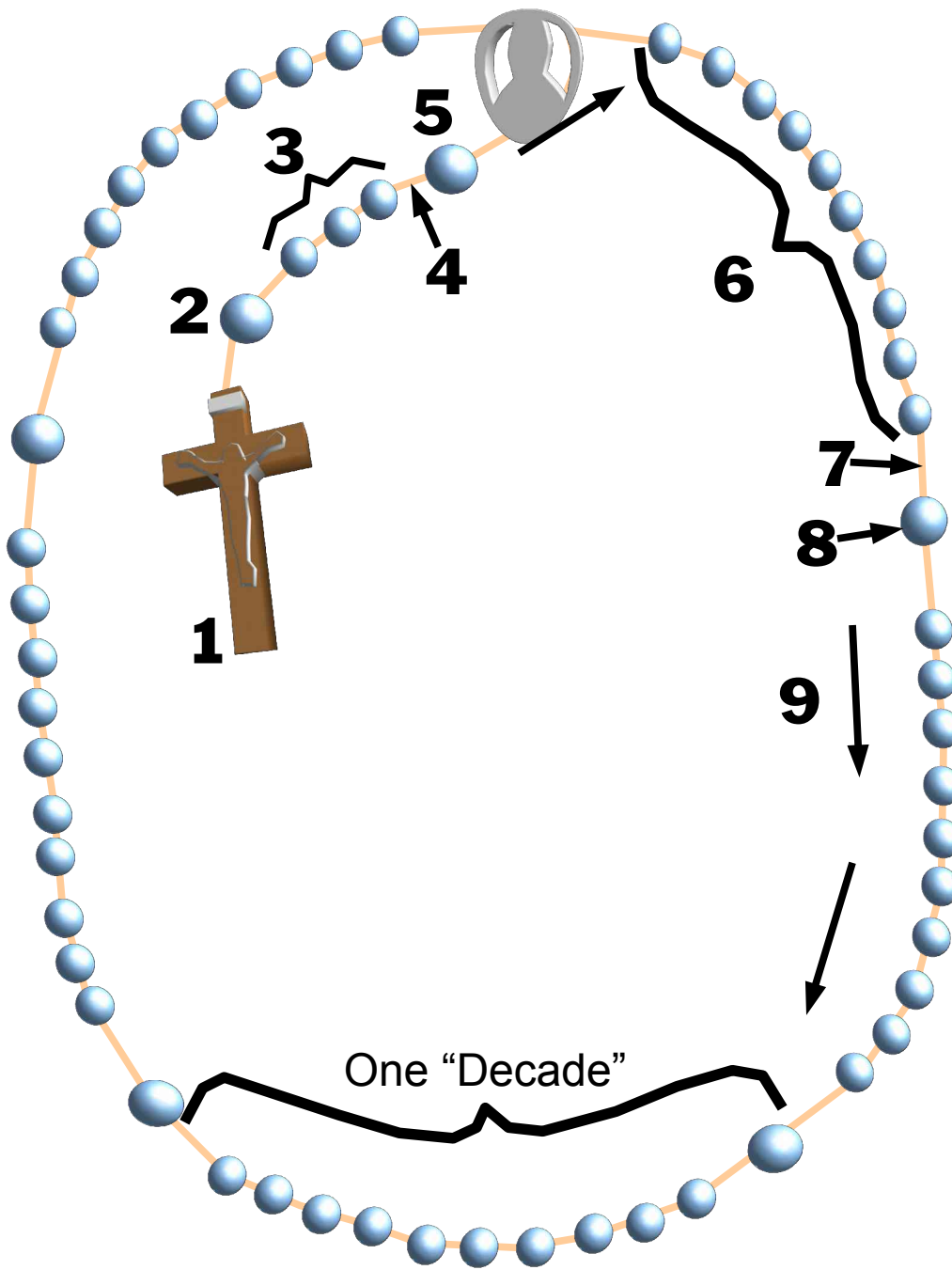




How to Pray the Holy Rosary

“**P**ray the Rosary every day”. Fátima. Lourdes. La Salette. Akita. Wherever Our Lady has appeared, her message has been one of exhortation to prayer and penance. God, her Son, is very much offended by the sins of Mankind, and desires that men should make reparation, in union with the Sacrifice of His Body and Blood, by means of prayer and penance. In this way we take up our Cross and follow Him. The prayer she has most often urged us to say is her Holy Rosary. Through the Holy Rosary, we meditate on events in the lives of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Mother Mary, while asking her to pray to Him for our needs, both spiritual and material. This prayer is very powerful, because: (a) Jesus is God, Second Person of the Almighty Blessed Trinity; (b) Mary is His Mother; and (c) God loves His Mother and does what she asks of Him.

It was by His Mother's intercession that Our Lord's first public miracle was performed. “Son, they have no wine”, she told Him. And He took water, and turned it into wine-- the *finest* of wines. To this day, He continues to work miracles through her intercession. Through the Holy Rosary, seemingly incorrigible sinners have been happily reconciled with God, Europe was delivered from Muslim invasions, happiness has been restored to marriages, and many illnesses have been cured. Countless Saints have testified that there is no problem that cannot be solved with the aid of the Holy Rosary.



1. Remember that you are in the presence of God. Make the Sign of the Cross with the Crucifix, and say the Apostles' Creed.

2. Pray the "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer)

3. Three "Hail Marys", for an increase of Faith, Hope and Charity

4. Pray the "Glory Be..."

5. Announce the First Mystery to be meditated upon (Joyful, Sorrowful, or Glorious-- See page 4), and pray the "Our Father".

6. Pray the "Hail Mary" ten times.

7. Conclude the decade with the "Glory Be", and the "Fatima prayer"

8. Announce Second Mystery, and pray the "Our Father" again.

9. Continue with ten more "Hail Marys", repeating the cycle for each of the Mysteries, until the end. After the last "Glory Be" and Fatima prayer, pray the "Hail Holy Queen" (Salve Regina) and oration, finishing with the Sign of the Cross.

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Prayers of the Rosary

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 the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the 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.

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 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.

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.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy. Amen.

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, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

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

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

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 You, that meditating upon these Mysteries of the 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.

Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

JOYFUL

Mondays, Thursdays, and Sundays
of Advent & Christmastide



"Hail, Full of
Grace, the
Lord is with
thee..."
--Luke 1

1. The Annunciation

SORROWFUL

Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays of
Septuagesima through Lent



"...but yet not
my will, but
thine be done."
--Luke 22

1. The Agony in the Garden

GLORIOUS

Wednesdays, Saturdays, and
Sundays of Eastertide until Advent



"He is risen, as
he said..."
--Matt. 28

1. The Resurrection



"...behold from
henceforth all
generations shall
call me blessed."
--Luke 1

2. The Visitation



"Then therefore,
Pilate took Jesus,
and scourged
him." --John 19

2. The Scourging at the Pillar



"... teach ye all
nations; baptizing
them in the name of
the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy
Ghost..." --Matt. 28

2. The Ascension



"...and they found
Mary and Joseph,
and the infant
lying in the
manger." --Luke 2

3. The Nativity



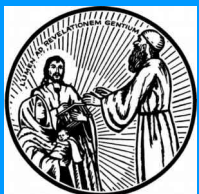
"And the soldiers
plating a crown
of thorns, put it
upon his head..."
-- John 19

3. The Crowning with Thorns



"And they were
all filled with
the Holy
Ghost..."
--Acts 2

3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost



"A light to the
revelation of the
Gentiles, and the
glory of thy people
Israel." --Luke 2

4. The Presentation



"And bearing his
own cross, he went
forth to that place
which is called
Calvary." --John 19

4. The Carrying of the Cross



"Come, my
beloved..."
--Canticle 7

4. The Assumption of Our Lady



"...I must be
about my
father's
business..."
--Luke 2

5. The Finding of the Child Jesus



"Father, into
thy hands I
commend my
spirit."
--Luke 23

5. The Crucifixion



"A woman clothed
with the sun, and the
moon under her feet,
and on her head a
crown of twelve
stars..." --Apoc. 12

5. The Coronation of Our Lady

“46 And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 49 Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him. 51 He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. 52 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. 54 He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy: 55 As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.”

-- The Blessed Virgin Mary, quoted in the Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 1

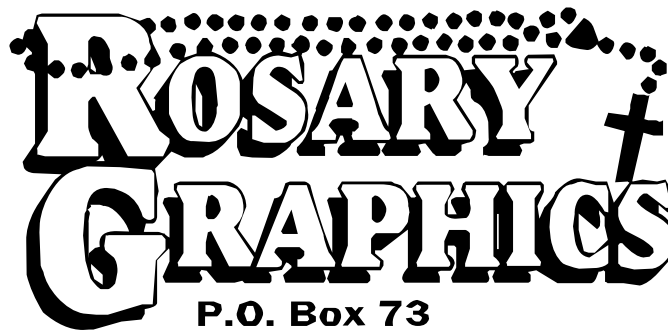
“The Rosary will be your little wreath of roses, your crown for Jesus and Mary.”

-- St. Louis de Montfort

“No enemy on earth fears a powerful hostile army as much as the demons of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.”

-- St. Bonaventure

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