

The Rosary!

Did you know that you are experiencing history? The rosary with its joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries, has been around for centuries. That's a long, long time!

In 2002, Pope John Paul II added another set of mysteries: the luminous mysteries, or the mysteries of light! These mysteries of light are all about the public life of Jesus. Isn't that cool?

Praying the rosary is really special.

When you pray the rosary you are invited to think deeply about the life of Jesus. You are asking Mary to help you learn how to be more and more like Jesus in your daily life.

Why are they called mysteries?

They're all called "mysteries" because you can think about them for a very long time and still not understand everything about them.

Here's how to use those "mysterious" rosary beads of yours:



- 1** Start here. Make the sign of the cross and pray the Apostles' Creed
- 2** Pray the Our Father
- 3** Pray the Hail Mary

- 4 Pray the Glory
- 5 Announce the first mystery and pray the Our Father
- 6 Pray ten Hail Marys
- 7 Pray the Glory after the last Hail Mary
- 8 Repeat from 5, using the second mysteries. Continue until all five mysteries of that series are finished. Pray the Hail Holy Queen

Joyful mysteries (pray on Monday & Saturday)

The Annunciation-Mary becomes the Mother of God

Mary visits and helps St. Elizabeth.

Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple.

Jesus is found in the Temple.

Luminous mysteries (pray on Thursday)

The Baptism of Jesus

The Miracle of the Wedding at Cana

The Preaching of Jesus

The Transfiguration-Three of the apostles see Jesus shining with God's glory.

The Last Supper-Jesus gives us his Body and Blood-a great mystery!

Sorrowful mysteries (pray on Tuesday & Friday)

Jesus prays in the Garden

Jesus is tied and whipped

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Glorious mysteries (pray on Wednesday & Sunday)

Jesus rises from the dead

Jesus goes back to heaven

The Holy Spirit comes down

Mary is taken into heaven

Mary is crowned Queen

The Sign of the Cross

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

Glory 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.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do 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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.