

Mary

Month of May



How to pray the rosary

Follow each numbered step and hold the part of the rosary that corresponds with the color of the step

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
- 2 Say the Our Father
- 3 Say three Hail Marys
- 4 Say the Glory Be
- 5 Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
- 6 Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
- 7 Say the Glory Be followed by the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima
- 8 Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

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Pope Francis has composed two additional prayers for use during the COVID-19 pandemic

Prayers of the rosary

Sign of the Cross

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

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 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 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.

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Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: 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. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

(Our Lady at Fatima, July 13, 1917)

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 vale of tears. Turn then, 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 most holy Mother of God, 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 thee, that meditating upon the 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.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

Monday & Saturday

1. The Annunciation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary
2. The Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Tuesday & Friday

1. The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar
3. Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns
4. Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary
5. The Crucifixion of Our Lord

Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

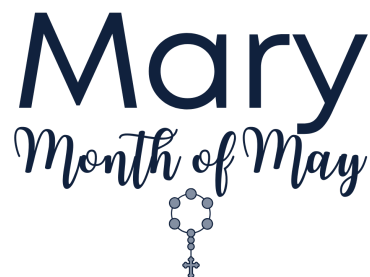
Wednesday & Sunday

1. The Resurrection of Our Lord
2. The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Virgin Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

Thursday

1. The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven
4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord
5. The Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper



First Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith."

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father

and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



Second Prayer to Our Lady

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.


Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

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Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

