

The Rosary of Our Lady

The Apostles Creed - I believe in God.....

One Our Father

Three Hail Marys

Doxology - Glory be to the Father.....

Each decade consists of one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and the doxology. Many add the Fatima invocation: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls into heaven, especially those who most need your mercy."

The power of the Rosary consists not in the repetition of the prayers but in the meditation on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. They are:

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation of the birth of the Lord to Mary by the archangel Gabriel. - *Luke 1:26-38*
2. The Visitation of Our Lady with St. Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist. - *Luke 1:39-47*
3. The Nativity of the Lord at Bethlehem. - *Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7*
4. The Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple. - *Luke 2:22-32*
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. - *Luke 2:41-52*

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. - *Mark 14:32-36*
2. The Scourging at the Pillar. - *John 18:28-38*
3. The Crowning with Thorns. - *Mark 15:16-20*
4. The Carrying of the Cross. - *John 19:12-16*
5. The Crucifixion. - *Matthew 27:33-56; Mark 15:22-41; John 19:16-30*

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Resurrection. - *Luke 24:1-6a; John 20*
2. The Ascension. - *Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-12*
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. - *Acts 2:1-4*
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. - *Song 2:8-14*
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Mother. - *Revelations 12:1-6*

The concluding prayer is the "Hail Holy Queen," *the Salve Regina*, followed by:

V/. Pray for us, O Queen of the most holy Rosary:

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 joys of eternal life, grant we beg you that we, be meditating on these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.