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How to Pray the Rosary

“Pray the rosary every day. . .”

- Our Lady of Fatima

Rosary Diagram and Prayer Guide

The rosary is divided into five groups of ten beads called decades. As you pray the rosary, hold each bead between your fingers, pray the corresponding prayer, and meditate on the events of Our Lord's life and passion, which are called the "Mysteries of the Rosary."

The recitation of these prayers assists in prayerful meditation. The rosary, in essence, is a compendium of the Gospel that leads, us through the intercession of Our Lady, to contemplate Jesus Christ.

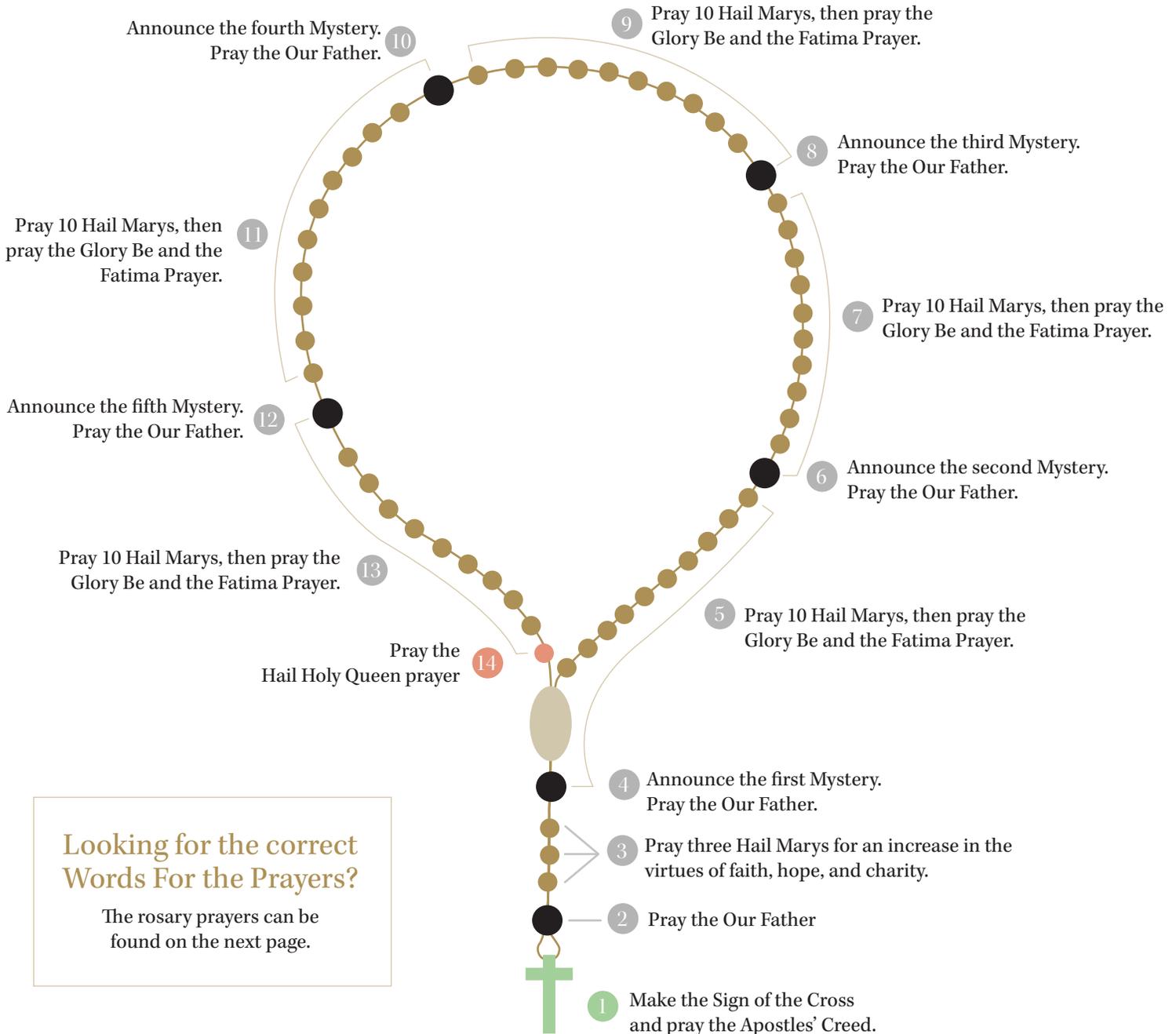
● Begin

● Our Father

Decade = One Our Father and 10 Hail Marys

● End

● Hail Mary



Looking for the correct Words For the Prayers?

The rosary prayers can be found on the next page.

PRAYERS

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (As you say this, with your right hand touch your forehead when you say Father, touch your breastbone when you say Son, touch your left shoulder when you say Holy, and touch your right shoulder when you say Spirit.)

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 into hell. 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 the 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 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. Amen.

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 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.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

R. 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 by 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.

Looking for
the Mysteries?

The Mysteries of the Rosary can be
found on the next page.

MYSTERIES

ANNOUNCING A MYSTERY

Announce each mystery in this way: “The third Joyful Mystery is the Birth of Our Lord.” This is required only when saying the rosary in a group.

On Monday and Saturday, meditate on the “Joyful Mysteries”

First Decade:	The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary	(Luke 1:26-38)
Second Decade:	The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth	(Luke 1:39-56)
Third Decade:	The Birth of Our Lord	(Luke 2:1-21)
Fourth Decade:	The Presentation of Our Lord	(Luke 2:22-38)
Fifth Decade:	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple	(Luke 2:41-52)

On Thursday, meditate on the “Luminous Mysteries”

First Decade:	The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan	(Matthew 3:13-16)
Second Decade:	The Wedding at Cana, when Christ manifested Himself	(Jn 2:1-11)
Third Decade:	The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God	(Mark 1:14-15)
Fourth Decade:	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	(Matthew 17:1-8)
Fifth Decade:	The Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist	(Mt 26)

On Tuesday and Friday, meditate on the “Sorrowful Mysteries”

First Decade:	The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden	(Matthew 26:36-56)
Second Decade:	Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar	(Matthew 27:26)
Third Decade:	Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns	(Matthew 27:27-31)
Fourth Decade:	Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary	(Matthew 27:32)
Fifth Decade:	The Crucifixion of Our Lord	(Matthew 27:33-56)

On Wednesday and Sunday, meditate on the “Glorious Mysteries”

First Decade:	The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord	(John 20:1-29)
Second Decade:	The Ascension of Our Lord	(Luke 24:36-53)
Third Decade:	The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost	(Acts 2:1-41)
Fourth Decade:	The Assumption of Mary into Heaven	(Sg 2:10-14; 6:8-10)
Fifth Decade:	The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth	(Rev 11:19-12:1)