

How to Pray

The Rosary



***“I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day.
The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.”***

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima, appeared to three children (Lúcia dos Santos, Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto) asking them to pray the Rosary every day.

This event is celebrated as The Miracle of the Sun.



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Rosary Prayers

The Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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 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 come 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.

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

Glory Be to the Father: 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, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy". (Our Lady at Fatima, 13th July 1917)

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 valley, 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.

Rosary Closing Prayer: 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 we who meditate upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glorious Mysteries

Sunday & Wednesday

1. The Resurrection

- **Event:** "But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.'" (Matthew 28:5)
- **Meditation:** Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)
- **Fruit:** Faith

2. The Ascension

- **Event:** "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)
- **Meditation:** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:18-19)
- **Fruit:** Hope

3. Pentecost

- **Event:** "And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:2-4)
- **Meditation:** "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13)
- **Fruit:** Wisdom

4. The Assumption

- **Event:** "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple." (Revelations 11:19)
- **Meditation:** "Arise, O Lord, and go to thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy might." (Psalms 132:8)
- **Fruit:** Devotion to Mary

5. The Coronation

- **Event:** "And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Revelations 12:1)
- **Meditation:** "All generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me." (Luke 1:48)
- **Fruit:** Eternal Happiness

Joyful Mysteries

Monday & Saturday

1. The Annunciation

- **Event:** "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." (Luke 1:26-28)
- **Meditation:** "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)
- **Fruit:** Humility

2. The Visitation

- **Event:** "In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'" (Luke 1:39-42)
- **Meditation:** "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46)
- **Fruit:** Charity

3. The Birth of the Lord

- **Event:** "When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." (Luke 2:15-16)
- **Meditation:** "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)
- **Fruit:** Poverty

4. The Presentation

- **Event:** "And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)
- **Meditation:** "Behold, this child is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35)
- **Fruit:** Moral Purity

5. The Finding in the Temple

- **Event:** "After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." (Luke 2:46-47)
- **Meditation:** "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)
- **Fruit:** Divine Wisdom

Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesday & Friday

1. The Agony in the Garden

- **Event:** "And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here, while I pray.' And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, 'My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.'" (Mark 14:32-34)
- **Meditation:** "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42)
- **Fruit:** Remorse for Sins

2. The Scourging at the Pillar

- **Event:** "So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified." (Mark 15:15)
- **Meditation:** "With his stripes, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)
- **Fruit:** Shame

3. The Crowning with Thorns

- **Event:** "And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and struck him with their hands." (John 19:2-3)
- **Meditation:** "Here is the man!" (John 19:5)
- **Fruit:** Disdain for the World

4. The Carrying of the Cross

- **Event:** "And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus." (Luke 23:26)
- **Meditation:** "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)
- **Fruit:** Patience

5. The Crucifixion

- **Event:** "And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right, and one on the left. And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.' And they cast lots to divide his garments." (Luke 23:33-34)
- **Meditation:** "'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'" (John 19:26-27)
- **Fruit:** Forgiveness of Sins, Forgiveness of Enemies

Luminous Mysteries

Thursday

1. The Baptism of the Lord

- **Event:** "And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:16-17)
- **Meditation:** "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)
- **Fruit:** Openness to Holy Spirit

2. The Wedding at Cana

- **Event:** "On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'" (John 2:1-3)
- **Meditation:** "His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (John 2:5)
- **Fruit:** To Jesus through Mary

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

- **Event:** "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.'" (Mark 1:14-15)
- **Meditation:** "And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'" (Mark 2:5)
- **Fruit:** Trust in God

4. The Transfiguration

- **Event:** "He took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." (Luke 9: 28-31)
- **Meditation:** "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)
- **Fruit:** Desire for Holiness

5. The Institution of the Eucharist

- **Event:** "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (Luke 22:19)
- **Meditation:** "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)
- **Fruit:** Eucharistic Adoration, Active Participation in Mass