

# The Glorious Mysteries

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*At the crucifix:*

## **The Invocation**

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

**Amen.**

## **The Apostle's Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 the life everlasting.*  
**Amen.**

*At the first bead.*

## **Pater Noster**

*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.*

*At the next three beads.*

## **Ave Maria**

*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.*

*After the third bead:*

## **Gloria Patri**

***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.***

*The first decade.*

## **THE FIRST MYSTERY: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

Jesus rose from the dead, defeating sin, death, and the power of evil and giving new life to humankind. In the joy of the resurrection, we join with Christ to bring hope to the world.

### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray with thanksgiving and praise, giving glory to the risen Christ and holding up all those in despair, those who have lost hope, and those who have lost faith, that they may have the hope of resurrection and new life.

### ***Our Father...***

1. After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. (Matthew 28:1)

### ***Hail Mary...***

2. And suddenly, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone, and sat on it. (Matthew 28:2)

### ***Hail Mary...***

3. His appearance was like lightening, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. (Matthew 28:3–4)

### ***Hail Mary...***

4. [T]he angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, and see the place where he lay.” (Matthew 28:5–6)

***Hail Mary...***

5. “Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’” (Matthew 28:7)

***Hail Mary...***

6. So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples. (Matthew 28:8)

***Hail Mary...***

7. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. (Matthew 28:9)

***Hail Mary...***

8. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (Matthew 28:10)

***Hail Mary...***

9. Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. (Matthew 28:16–17)

***Hail Mary...***

10. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18–20)

***Hail Mary...***

***Glory to the Father...***

*The second decade.*

## **THE SECOND MYSTERY: THE ASCENSION OF JESUS**

Jesus returned to God who is All and in all, so that, as he has promised, “Where I am, you may be as well.” Through Christ’s ascension, we glimpse life everlasting with God.

### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray for the vision to see, know, and experience God in Christ in all times and places in our lives. And let us also pray that the Lordship of Christ may lay claim to our lives.

***Our Father...***

1. After his suffering, Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)

***Hail Mary...***

2. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4a)

***Hail Mary...***

3. “This,” Jesus said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (Acts 1:4b–5)

***Hail Mary...***

4. So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6)

***Hail Mary...***

5. [Jesus] replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.” (Acts 1:7)

***Hail Mary...***

6. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

***Hail Mary...***

7. When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)

***Hail Mary...***

8. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:10–11)

***Hail Mary...***

9. Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away...[They] were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (Acts 1:12, 14)

***Hail Mary...***

10. [Jesus] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8–11)

***Hail Mary...***

***Glory to the Father...***

*The third decade.*

## **THE THIRD MYSTERY: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

After the Ascension, the Spirit of God descended upon the apostles. They were empowered with special gifts of God to carry on Christ's work of grace, love, and compassion in the world.

### **Prayer Intention**

Let us offer prayers for our own Pentecost: for an increase in the Holy Spirit's gifts to us. Let us pray for deeper trust in God, for the grace to conform our lives to Christ, and for the strength and courage to be compassionate and stand against evil and injustice in the world.

***Our Father...***

1. Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

***Hail Mary...***

2. "[T]he Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)

***Hail Mary...***

3. When the day of Pentecost had come, [the disciples] were together in one place. (Acts 2:1)

***Hail Mary...***

4. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2)

***Hail Mary...***

5. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. (Acts 2:3)

***Hail Mary...***

6. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:4)

***Hail Mary...***

7. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. (Acts 2:5)

***Hail Mary...***

8. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?" (Acts 2:6–7)

***Hail Mary...***

9. Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them...  
"Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may

be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” (Acts 2:14a, 38–39)

***Hail Mary...***

10. So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:41–42)

***Hail Mary...***

***Glory to the Father...***

*The fourth decade.*

## **THE FOURTH MYSTERY: MARY, FIRST AMONG BELIEVERS**

Mary was the first to understand that her son, Jesus, was the definitive revelation of God’s character and passion in the world, and the first to walk in God’s way in the world. Through her, we have a pattern of discipleship as we seek to walk in God’s way.

### **Prayer Intention**

Let us give thanks that Mary opened herself to God’s way in the world, the way of grace, love, and compassion.

***Our Father...***

1. Mary said [to the angel], “Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)

***Hail Mary...***



2. “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ... And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” (Luke 1:42, 45)

***Hail Mary...***

3. Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed...” (Luke 1:46–48)

***Hail Mary...***

4. O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all other women on earth... (Judith 13:18a)

***Hail Mary...***

5. You are the fairest of all humankind; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever. (Psalm 45:2)

***Hail Mary...***

6. Oh, you are a lily, you are—a lily among the thorns. (Song of Solomon 2:2)

***Hail Mary...***

7. You are the Mother of our God, ever-blessed and most pure. More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. (*Hymn to the Mother of God, Orthodox Liturgy*)

***Hail Mary...***

8. As a brilliant beacon-light shining to those in the shadows, we behold you, holy Virgin; for you kindle the supernal Light and lead all to divine knowledge; you illumine our minds with radiance. We honor you. (*The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, Orthodox Liturgy*)

***Hail Mary...***

9. While praising your Son, Jesus, we praise you, O Mother of God, as a living temple; for God, who holds all things, dwelt in your womb, and has hallowed and glorified you. (*The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, Orthodox Liturgy*)

***Hail Mary...***

10. O all-hymned Mother, who bore the Word, who is more holy than the saints: as you receive this, our offering, rescue us from every calamity, and deliver us. (*The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, Orthodox Liturgy*)

***Hail Mary...***

***Glory to the Father...***

*The fifth decade.*

## **THE FIFTH MYSTERY: HUMANKIND, THE REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER AND PASSION IN THE WORLD**

When we look at Jesus, we catch a glimpse of the character and passion of God in the world. We see Jesus in those in need, and when we serve them, we reflect God's character and passion in the world.

### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray for the vision to reflect the character and passion of God in the world, and the wisdom to share God's love, grace, and compassion wherever there is need.

***Our Father...***

1. [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation... (Colossians 1:15)

***Hail Mary...***

2. [Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.” (Matthew 25:31)

***Hail Mary...***

3. “All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.” (Matthew 25:32–33)

***Hail Mary...***

4. “Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...’” (Matthew 25:34)

***Hail Mary...***

5. “‘...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...’” (Matthew 25:35)

***Hail Mary...***

6. “‘...I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’” (Matthew 25:36)

***Hail Mary...***

7. “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’” (Matthew 25:37)

***Hail Mary...***

8. ““And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?”” (Matthew 25:38)

***Hail Mary...***

9. ““And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”” (Matthew 25:39)

***Hail Mary...***

10. “And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

***Hail Mary...***

***Glory to the Father...***

*At the medallion.*

## **PRAYERS AFTER THE ROSARY**

### ***Salve Regina***

***Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you we do cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you we send up our sighs, mourning, and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy upon us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O kind Virgin Mary!***

Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us,  
***that we may receive the promises of Christ.***

### **Concluding Prayer and Dismissal**

O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has opened the way to everlasting life: grant, we pray, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. ***Amen.***

May the prayers of Mary remain with us,  
***and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.***