

The Joyful Mysteries

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 ANGEL SPEAKS TO MARY

Mary receives a message from the angel Gabriel that she will bear the Son of God. Her faith and trust in God becomes our model as we seek to follow God's way of love, grace, and compassion in the world.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for the gifts of humility, faith, and trust for all who struggle to understand God's leading in their lives, that they may follow faithfully.

Our Father...

1. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. (Luke 1:26–27)

Hail Mary...

2. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)

Hail Mary...

3. But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. (Luke 1:29)

Hail Mary...

4. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." (Luke 1:30)

Hail Mary...

5. “And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.” (Luke 1:31)

Hail Mary...

6. “He will be great, and he will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor, David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:32–33)

Hail Mary...

7. Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” (Luke 1:34)

Hail Mary...

8. The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)

Hail Mary...

9. “And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who is said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:36–37)

Hail Mary...

10. Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The second decade.

THE SECOND MYSTERY: THE VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

Mary visited her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her miraculous pregnancy. In Mary's song of praise, *The Magnificat*, she brought good news of the coming of the Son of God and its meaning for all of creation.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray prayers of thanksgiving to God for taking on human flesh and blood through Mary. Let us pray also that Mary's song may be ours.

Our Father...

1. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (Luke 1:39–40)

Hail Mary...

2. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:41)

Hail Mary...

3. [Elizabeth] exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:42)

Hail Mary...

4. "And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" [Elizabeth asked.] "For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped with joy." (Luke 1:43–44)

Hail Mary...

5. “And blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” (Luke 1:45)

Hail Mary...

6. And 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...

7. “[F]or the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.” (Luke 1:49–50)

Hail Mary...

8. “He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.” (Luke 1:51–52)

Hail Mary...

9. “[H]e has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” (Luke 1:53–55)

Hail Mary...

10. And Mary remained with [Elizabeth] about three months and then returned to her home. (Luke 1:56)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The third decade.

THE THIRD MYSTERY: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Jesus, the Son of God, became human in order to reflect the character and passion of God in the world. He did not come as a sovereign ruler, but as a poor infant, born in a manger and accompanied by shepherds. Yet, to such humble beginnings every knee must bend.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray that we may humbly recognize in Jesus God's way of love, grace, and compassion in the world. Let us also pray that our lives may be conformed to his.

Our Father...

1. In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria. (Luke 2:1–2)

Hail Mary...

2. All went to their towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. (Luke 2:3–4)

Hail Mary...

3. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. (Luke 2:5)

Hail Mary...

4. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6–7)

Hail Mary...

5. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. (Luke 2:8)

Hail Mary...

6. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. (Luke 2:9)

Hail Mary...

7. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing good news of great joy for all people.” (Luke 2:10)

Hail Mary...

8. “[T]o you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:11–12)

Hail Mary...

9. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (Luke 2:13–14)

Hail Mary...

10. When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. (Luke 2:15–16)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The fourth decade.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY: JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, he is recognized by Simeon both as the “light to the nations” and as “the sign that is rejected.” When Jesus is found in the Temple by his parents, he shows obedience to God through obedience to Mary and Joseph, his parents.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for those lost in the shadows of their own confusion and doubt that the light of Christ’s love may shine on them and show them the way of God.

Our Father...

1. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Luke 2:22)

Hail Mary...

2. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. (Luke 2:25–26)

Hail Mary...

3. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took the child in his arms and praised God. (Luke 2:27–28)

Hail Mary...

4. [Simeon said,] “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29–32)

Hail Mary...

5. And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” (Luke 2:33–35)

Hail Mary...

6. Now every year [Jesus’] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. (Luke 2:41–42)

Hail Mary...

7. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. (Luke 2:43–44)

Hail Mary...

8. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers and listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:45–47)

Hail Mary...

9. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you

searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my father's house?"
(Luke 2:48–49)

Hail Mary...

10. But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:50–52)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The fifth decade.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY: THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John was led by the Holy Spirit to preach the call to repentance, that is, to a real change of heart and behavior—in preparation for the ministry of Jesus. John knew he was not the promised Messiah but the forerunner to the Messiah.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for the gift of repentance and the ability to allow ourselves to be the instruments of God's love in the world, preparing the way for Christ's gifts of love, grace, and compassion.

Our Father...

1. In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
(Matthew 3:1–2)

Hail Mary...

2. This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” (Matthew 3:3)

Hail Mary...

3. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were coming out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (Matthew 3:5–6)

Hail Mary...

4. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (Matthew 3:7)

Hail Mary...

5. “Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.” (Matthew 3:8–9)

Hail Mary...

6. “Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10)

Hail Mary...

7. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals.” (Matthew 3:11a)

Hail Mary...

8. “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will gather his wheat into his granary...” (Matthew 3:11b–12a)

Hail Mary...

9. John said, “You yourselves are my witnesses that I have said, ‘I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.’” (John 3:28)

Hail Mary...

10. “For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:29b–30)

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.***