

The Luminous 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 BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Here, as Jesus descends into the waters, the heavens open wide and the voice of God declares him to be the Beloved One, while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission that he is to carry out.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for all who are baptized into the life of Christ, that they may be conformed daily to the work of love, grace, and compassion that Christ embodied in the world.

Our Father...

1. Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.
(Matthew 3:13)

Hail Mary...

2. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" (Matthew 3:14)

Hail Mary...

3. But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then [John] consented. (Matthew 3:15)

Hail Mary...

4. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. (Matthew 3:16)

Hail Mary...

5. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Hail Mary...

6. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1)

Hail Mary...

7. [Jesus] fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But [Jesus] answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:2–4)

Hail Mary...

8. Then the devil took [Jesus] to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Matthew 4:5–7)

Hail Mary...

9. Again, the devil took [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and [the devil] said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to

him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” (Matthew 4:8–10)

Hail Mary...

10. Then the devil left [Jesus], and suddenly angels came and waited on him. (Matthew 4:11)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The second decade.

THE SECOND MYSTERY: THE FIRST SIGN OF JESUS AT THE WEDDING AT CANA

The first of the signs was given at Cana, when Jesus changed water into wine and opened the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the mother of Jesus and the first among believers.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for all who seek a sign of the presence of God in this world that their eyes may be opened to recognize God’s presence everywhere in the creation.

Our Father...

1. [T]here was a wedding at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. (John 2:1)

Hail Mary...

2. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. (John 2:2)

Hail Mary...

3. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (John 2:3)

Hail Mary...

4. Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." (John 2:4)

Hail Mary...

5. [Jesus'] mother replied to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

Hail Mary...

6. Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. (John 2:6)

Hail Mary...

7. "Fill the jars with water," [Jesus said.] And they filled them up to the brim." (John 2:7)

Hail Mary...

8. [Jesus] said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it [to] the steward [who] tasted the water that had become wine [but] did not know where it had come from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew)... (John 2:8–9a)

Hail Mary...

9. [T]he steward called the bridegroom and said him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." (John 2:9b–10)

Hail Mary...

10. Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The third decade.

THE THIRD MYSTERY: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of heaven. In him, the character and passion of God are revealed and we are invited into the ministry of love, grace, and compassion in the world.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for all who cling to the way of the world but yearn for the way of God, that the healing power of God's love in Christ might surround and fill them.

Our Father...

1. Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matthew 4:17)

Hail Mary...

2. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. (Matthew 5:1)

Hail Mary...

3. Then [Jesus] began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:3–4)

Hail Mary...

4. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:5–6)

Hail Mary...

5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matthew 5:7–8)

Hail Mary...

6. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:9–10)

Hail Mary...

7. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11–12)

Hail Mary...

8. "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot." (Matthew 5:13)

Hail Mary...

9. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." (Matthew 5:14–15)

Hail Mary...

10. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The fourth decade.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY: THE TRANSFIGURATION

The mystery of light *par excellence* is the Transfiguration. Christ shines with the glory of God as God commands the astonished disciples to "listen to him," and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion so as to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for all who seek the illumination of faith that they may be led down the path of servanthood, there to find transformation and purpose.

Our Father...

1. Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. (Luke 9:28)

Hail Mary...

2. And while [Jesus] was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Luke 9:29)

Hail Mary...

3. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to [Jesus]. (Luke 9:30)

Hail Mary...

4. They appeared in glory and were speaking of [Jesus'] departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:31)

Hail Mary...

5. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw [Jesus'] glory and the two men who stood with him. (Luke 9:32)

Hail Mary...

6. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. (Luke 9:33)

Hail Mary...

7. While [Peter] was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. (Luke 9:34)

Hail Mary...

8. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Luke 9:35)

Hail Mary...

9. When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. (Luke 9:36a)

Hail Mary...

10. And they kept silence and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. (Luke 9:36b)

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father...

The fifth decade.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY: THE INSTITUTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Christ offers his Body and Blood as food for the journey of faith under the signs of bread and wine.

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for all on the path of faith, that the gifts of the Body and Blood of Christ might be food and drink enough for the journey.

Our Father...

1. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." (Luke 22:7–8)

Hail Mary...

2. They asked [Jesus], "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters. (Luke 22:9–10)

Hail Mary...

3. "[S]ay to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." (Luke 22:11–12)

Hail Mary...

4. So they went and found everything as [Jesus] had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. (Luke 22:13)

Hail Mary...

5. When the hour had come, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. (Luke 22:14)

Hail Mary...

6. [Jesus] said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." (Luke 22:15–16)

Hail Mary...

7. Then [Jesus] took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Luke 22:17–18)

Hail Mary...

8. Then [Jesus] took a loaf of 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)

Hail Mary...

9. And [Jesus] did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." (Luke 22:20)

Hail Mary...

10. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

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.