

PRAYING THE ROSARY

With Scriptural Texts

Words of Pope John Paul II

“The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy
and in moments of difficulty.

To it I have entrusted any number of concerns;
in it I have always found comfort. *(RVM2)*

“O Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God,
bond of love which unites us to angels,
tower of salvation against the assaults of hell,
safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you.
You will be our comfort in the hour of death;
yours our final kiss as life ebbs away.”

(RVM41, Pope John Paul II quoting Blessed Bartolo Longo)

“I believe the Rosary is simply walking with Mary through the life of Jesus”.

- *Sr. Briege McKenna.*

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INTRODUCTION

The first prayer will be to the Holy Spirit (see below). Then each of the four sets of five mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Mysteries of Light) will commence with prayers for the church, i.e. the Apostles Creed, one Our Father, three Hail Marys and one Glory be to the Father. During each mystery, a brief text from Scripture will be read before each Hail Mary. At the end of each set of five mysteries the Hail Holy Queen is said.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. 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 JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Commencing with prayers for the church: The Apostles Creed,
Our Father, Hail Mary (3) and Glory be.

THE ANNUNCIATION

Our Father

1. The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a Virgin named Mary.
(Luke 1: 26-27) **Hail Mary**
2. He said: "Hail thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with you."
(Luke 1: 28) **Hail Mary**
3. Mary was deeply disturbed and asked herself what this greeting could
mean. (Luke 1:29) **Hail Mary**
4. The angel said: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour
with God." (Luke 1: 30) **Hail Mary**
5. "You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son and you shall call his
name Jesus." (Luke 1:31) **Hail Mary**
6. But Mary asked: "How can this be since I have no husband?"
(Luke 1:34) **Hail Mary**
7. The angel replied: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power
of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35) **Hail Mary**
8. "Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."
(Luke 1:35) **Hail Mary**
9. "Your cousin Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son and is
now in her sixth month for with God nothing will be impossible."
(Luke 1: 36-37) **Hail Mary**
10. "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary; "let it be done to
me according to your word." (Luke 1: 38) **Hail Mary**

Glory be to the Father...

**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all
souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.**

THE VISITATION

Our Father

1. Mary went with haste to a town in the hill country of Judah.
(Luke 1:39) **Hail Mary**
2. She entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth.
(Luke 1:41) **Hail Mary**
3. Elizabeth heard her greeting and said: "Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
(Luke 1:42) **Hail Mary**
4. "Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43) **Hail Mary**
5. "For the child in my womb leapt for joy at the sound of your voice."
(Luke 1:44) **Hail Mary**
6. "Blessed is she who believed in the fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (Luke 1:45) **Hail Mary**
7. Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." (Luke 1: 46-47) **Hail Mary**
8. "He has regarded the low estate of His handmaid for behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed."
(Luke 1:48) **Hail Mary**
9. "For He who is mighty has done great things to me and Holy is His name." (Luke 1:49) **Hail Mary**
10. "And His mercy is from generation to generation to those that fear Him." (Luke 1:50) **Hail Mary**

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THE NATIVITY

Our Father

1. A decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. (Luke 2:1) **Hail Mary**
2. Joseph, because he was of the house of David, went with Mary to Bethlehem in Judea. (Luke 2:4) **Hail Mary**
3. And while she was there the time came for her to be delivered. (Luke 2.6) **Hail Mary**
4. She gave birth to her Son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7) **Hail Mary**
5. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. (John 1:14) **Hail Mary**
6. An angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds keeping watch at night over their flock (Luke 2: 8-9) **Hail Mary**
7. "Do not be afraid for behold I bring you good news." (Luke 2:10) **Hail Mary**
8. "For to you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) **Hail Mary**
9. And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host praising God. (Luke 2:13) **Hail Mary**
10. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of Good will." (Luke 2:14) **Hail Mary**

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THE PRESENTATION

Our Father

1. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.
(Luke 2:22) **Hail Mary**
2. It had been revealed to Simeon that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (Luke 2:26) **Hail Mary**
3. When Jesus was brought in he took Him in his arms and blessed God.
(Luke 2:27-28) **Hail Mary**
4. "Lord now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word."
(Luke 2:29) **Hail Mary**
5. "For my eyes have seen the Salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see." (Luke 2:30-31) **Hail Mary**
6. "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:32) **Hail Mary**
7. "Behold this child is set for the fall and the resurrection of many in Israel." (Luke 2: 34) **Hail Mary**
8. "And for a sign that shall be rejected." (Luke 2:34) **Hail Mary**
9. "And a sword will pierce through your own soul also."
(Luke 2:35) **Hail Mary**
10. "That the thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."
(Luke 2:35) **Hail Mary**

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THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Our Father

1. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem as usual for the feast of the Passover. (Luke 2:42) **Hail Mary**
2. When they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem unknown to his parents. (Luke 2:43) **Hail Mary**
3. Supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey and then sought him amongst their kinsfolk. (Luke 2:44) **Hail Mary**
4. When they did not find him they returned to Jerusalem. (Luke 2:45) **Hail Mary**
5. After three days they found him in the Temple sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. (Luke 2:46) **Hail Mary**
6. All were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2: 47) **Hail Mary**
7. "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." (Luke 2:48) **Hail Mary**
8. But He said to them: "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49) **Hail Mary**
9. And they did not understand the words that he spoke to them. (Luke 2:50) **Hail Mary**
10. He returned to Nazareth and was subject to them. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, age and grace before God and man. (Luke 2 51-52) **Hail Mary**

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy;
hail 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.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

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 meditating on these mysteries
of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may both imitate what they contain,
and obtain what they promise,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SALVE, REGINA

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.

Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.

O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

(Mysteries of Light)

Commencing with prayers for the church: The Apostles Creed, Our Father,
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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Our Father

1. A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight." (Matt 3:3) **Hail Mary**
2. I baptise you in water, but the one who follows will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matt 3:11) **Hail Mary**
3. Then Jesus appeared; He came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. (Matt 3:13) **Hail Mary**
4. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said, "and yet you come to me!" (Matt 3:14) **Hail Mary**
5. Jesus replied: "Leave it like this for the time being." (Matt 3:15) **Hail Mary**
6. "It is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." (Matt 3:15) **Hail Mary**
7. At this, John gave in to him (Matt 3:15) **Hail Mary**
8. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up from the water and suddenly the heavens opened. (Matt 3:16) **Hail Mary**
9. Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. (Matt 3:16) **Hail Mary**
10. And a voice spoke from heaven: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." (Mark 1:11) **Hail Mary**

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THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

Our Father

1. There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.
(John 2:1-2) **Hail Mary**
2. And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided at the feast had all been used, and the mother of Jesus said to him “They have no wine”.
(John 2:3) **Hail Mary**
3. Jesus said: “Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not yet come.” (John 2:4) **Hail Mary**
4. His mother said to the servants: “Do whatever he tells you.”
(John 2:5) **Hail Mary**
5. Jesus said to the servants: “Fill the jars with water,” and they filled them to the brim. (John 2:7) **Hail Mary**
6. Then he said to them, “Draw some out now and take it to the president of the feast. They did this. (John 2:8) **Hail Mary**
7. The president tasted the water and it had turned into wine. He called the bridegroom and said “Everyone serves good wine first and the worse wine when the guests are well wined; but you have kept the best wine till now.” (John 2:9-10) **Hail Mary**
8. “Look, I am making the whole of creation new....I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty.”
(Rev 21:5-6) **Hail Mary**
9. “Tell those who have been invited: Look, my banquet is all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” (Matt 22:4) **Hail Mary**
10. But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. (Matt 22:5-6) **Hail Mary**

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JESUS PROCLAIMS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Our Father

1. Jesus with the power of the Spirit in him returned to Galilee.
(Luke 4:14) **Hail Mary**
2. And his reputation spread throughout the countryside.
(Luke 4:14) **Hail Mary**
3. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.
(Luke 4:15) **Hail Mary**
4. He came to Nazareth where he had been brought up.
(Luke 4:16) **Hail Mary**
5. And went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did.
(Luke 4:16) **Hail Mary**
6. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. (Luke 4:17) **Hail Mary**
7. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for He has anointed me. He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor." (Luke 4:17) **Hail Mary**
8. After John had been arrested Jesus went into Galilee.
(Mark 1:14) **Hail Mary**
9. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.
(Mark 1:14) **Hail Mary**
10. "The time has come," he said, "And the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe in the Good News."
(Mark 1:15) **Hail Mary**

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

Our Father

1. Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them to a high mountain where they could be alone.
(Matt 17:1) **Hail Mary**
2. There he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling as light. (Matt 17:2) **Hail Mary**
3. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared talking with him.
(Matt 17:3) **Hail Mary**
4. Peter said: "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here."
(Matt 17:4) **Hail Mary**
5. "If you wish I will make three shelters here – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (Matt 17:4) **Hail Mary**
6. As he was speaking a bright cloud covered them with shadow.
(Matt 17:5) **Hail Mary**
7. There came a voice saying: "This is my Son the Beloved. Listen to him."
(Matt 17:5) **Hail Mary**
8. The disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear.
(Matt 17:6) **Hail Mary**
9. Jesus touched them saying: "Stand up – do not be afraid."
(Matt 17:7) **Hail Mary**
10. And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but Jesus.
(Matt 17:8) **Hail Mary**

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THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Our Father

1. Jesus said to them, "You can have no life in yourselves, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood."
(John 6:53) **Hail Mary**
2. Many of his disciples said: "This is strange talk, who can be expected to listen to it?" (John 6:60) **Hail Mary**
3. After this, many of his disciples went back to their old ways and walked no more in his company. (John 6:66) **Hail Mary**
4. Jesus said to the twelve: "Would you, too, go away?"
(John 6:67) **Hail Mary**
5. Simon Peter answered him: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thy words are the words of eternal life." (John 6:68) **Hail Mary**
6. So they went and found all as he had told them, and so made ready for the Paschal meal. And when the time came, he sat down with his twelve disciples. (Luke 22:13) **Hail Mary**
7. And he said to them: "I have longed and longed to share this Paschal meal with you before my passion." (Luke 22:15) **Hail Mary**
8. Then he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them saying: "This is body given for you; do this for a commemoration of me."
(Luke 22:19) **Hail Mary**
9. And so with the cup, when supper was ended: "This cup," he said, "is the new testament, in my blood, which is to be shed for you."
(Luke 22:20) **Hail Mary**
10. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. (From the Mass) **Hail Mary**

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Hail Holy Queen (see page 8)

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

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THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Our Father

1. Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane and said to them: "Sit here while I go yonder and pray."
(Matt. 26:36) **Hail Mary**
2. Taking Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. (Matt. 26:37) **Hail Mary**
3. "My soul is sorrowful even unto death: remain here and watch with me." (Matt. 26:38) **Hail Mary**
4. "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, but not my will but yours be done." (Matt. 26:39) **Hail Mary**
5. He came to his disciples and found them sleeping: "So, you could not watch one hour with me? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Matt. 26: 40-41) **Hail Mary**
6. Again he went away and prayed: "Father, if this cup cannot pass unless I drink it, let your will be done." (Matt. 26:42) **Hail Mary**
7. A second time he came back and found his disciples sleeping for their eyes were heavy. (Matt. 26:43) **Hail Mary**
8. So he went and prayed for a third time, and there appeared an angel from Heaven strengthening him. (Luke 22:43) **Hail Mary**
9. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood. (Luke 22:44) **Hail Mary**
10. Coming back to his disciples, he said: "Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."
(Matt. 26:45) **Hail Mary**

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THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

Our Father

1. Pilate said to them: “Whom do you want me to release to you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?” (Matt. 27:17) **Hail Mary**
2. The chief priests and elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas. (Matt. 27:20) **Hail Mary**
3. “Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?” (Mark 15:12) **Hail Mary**
4. And they cried out “Crucify him!” (Mark 15:13) **Hail Mary**
5. So Pilate, taking water, washed his hands saying: “I am innocent of the blood of this man.” (Matt 27:24) **Hail Mary**
6. They answered: “His blood be on us and on our children.” (Matt 27:25) **Hail Mary**
7. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. (John 19:1) **Hail Mary**
8. “He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief as one from whom men hide their faces.” (Isaiah 53:3) **Hail Mary**
9. “He was wounded for our sins and bruised for our iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:5) **Hail Mary**
10. “On him was the punishment that made us whole and through his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5) **Hail Mary**

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THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

Our Father

1. The soldiers took Jesus into the praetorium and gathered the whole battalion before him. (Matt. 27:27) **Hail Mary**
2. And they stripped him and arrayed him in a purple robe. (Matt. 27:28/ John 19:2) **Hail Mary**
3. Plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. (Matt. 27:29) **Hail Mary**
4. Kneeling before him they mocked him, saying: "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Matt. 27:29) **Hail Mary**
5. And they spat upon him and took the reed and struck him on the head. (Matt. 27:30) **Hail Mary**
6. Pilate went out again and said to them: "See I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no crime in him." (John 19:4) **Hail Mary**
7. So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. (John 19:5) **Hail Mary**
8. Pilate said to them: "Behold the man!" (John 19:5) **Hail Mary**
9. They cried out: "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" (John 19:15) **Hail Mary**
10. They stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. (Matt. 27:31) **Hail Mary**

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THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Our Father

1. They led him away to crucify him. (Matt. 27:31) **Hail Mary**
2. Two others who were criminals were led away to be put to death with him. (Luke 23:32) **Hail Mary**
3. As they went out they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.
(Matt. 27:32) **Hail Mary**
4. And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. (Luke 23:27) **Hail Mary**
5. But Jesus turning to them said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but for yourselves and for your children."
(Luke 23:28) **Hail Mary**
6. "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) **Hail Mary**
7. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart." (Matt 11:29) **Hail Mary**
8. "And you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light." (Matt 11:29-30) **Hail Mary**
9. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull). (Mark 15:22) **Hail Mary**
10. "Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly; he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughterhouse."
(Isaiah 53:7) **Hail Mary**

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THE CRUCIFIXION

Our Father

1. They crucified him with two others, one on either side and Jesus between them. (John 19:18) **Hail Mary**
2. Pilate wrote a title and put it on the Cross: it read “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”. (John 19:19) **Hail Mary**
3. And Jesus said: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:24) **Hail Mary**
4. The repentant thief said: “Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” (Luke 24:42) **Hail Mary**
5. Jesus replied: “Truly I say to you, this day you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 24:43) **Hail Mary**
6. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. (John 19:25) **Hail Mary**
7. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, standing near, he said to his mother: “Woman behold your son!” (John 19:26) **Hail Mary**
8. Then he said to the disciple; “Behold your mother!” (John 19:27) **Hail Mary**
9. It was now about the sixth hour and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. (Luke 23:44) **Hail Mary**
10. Then Jesus crying out with a loud voice said: “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!” and bowing his head he died. (Luke 23:46) **Hail Mary**

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Hail Holy Queen (see page 8)

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

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THE RESURRECTION

Our Father

1. After the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre.
(Matt 28:1) **Hail Mary**
2. And behold there was a great earthquake for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone.
(Matt. 28:2) **Hail Mary**
3. But the angel said to the women: "Do not be afraid for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified." (Matt 28:5) **Hail Mary**
4. "He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him."
(Mark 16:6) **Hail Mary**
5. "But go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." (Mark 16:7) **Hail Mary**
6. Then Simon Peter came and saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin which had been on his head. (John 20:6) **Hail Mary**
7. The other disciple who reached the tomb first also went in and he saw and believed. (John 20:8) **Hail Mary**
8. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. Jesus said to her: "Woman, why are you weeping?" (John 20:11/15) **Hail Mary**
9. She said to him: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him." (John 20:15) **Hail Mary**
10. Jesus said to her: "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew "Rabboni" (which means Teacher). (John 20:16) **Hail Mary**

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THE ASCENSION

Our Father

1. Jesus went with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus but their eyes were kept from recognising him. (Luke 24:15-16) **Hail Mary**
2. When he was at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened. (Luke 24:30-31) **Hail Mary**
3. On the evening of the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood amongst them and said to them: "Peace be with you." (John 20:19) **Hail Mary**
4. Then he breathed on them and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:22-23) **Hail Mary**
5. Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Jesus came and said: "Peace be with you." (John 20:26) **Hail Mary**
6. Then he said to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands and put out your hand and place it in my side; do not be faithless but believing." (John 20:27) **Hail Mary**
7. Thomas answered: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28) **Hail Mary**
8. Jesus said to them: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15) **Hail Mary**
9. "He who believes and is baptised will be saved." (Mark 16:16) **Hail Mary**
10. After he had spoken to them, as they were looking on, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9) **Hail Mary**

Glory be to the Father...

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THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our Father

1. While staying with them, Jesus charged them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father.
(Acts 1:4) **Hail Mary**
2. “For John baptised with water, but before many days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:5) **Hail Mary**
3. When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. (Acts 2:1) **Hail Mary**
4. And suddenly there was a sound like the rush of a mighty wind.
(Acts 2:2) **Hail Mary**
5. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. (Acts 2: 3) **Hail Mary**
6. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues, (Acts 2: 4) **Hail Mary**
7. At this sound the multitude came together and were bewildered because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
(Acts 2: 6) **Hail Mary**
8. They said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles: “Brethren what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37) **Hail Mary**
9. Peter said to them: “Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2: 38) **Hail Mary**
10. “For the promise is to you and your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord calls to Him.” (Acts 2:39) **Hail Mary**

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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN

Our Father

1. Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun? (Song 6:10) **Hail Mary**
2. "You are all fair my love, there is no flaw in you."
(Song 4:7) **Hail Mary**
3. "The Lord himself will give you a sign, behold a virgin will conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel."
(Isaiah 7:4) **Hail Mary**
4. Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea....
(Daily liturgy of the hours/Redemptoris Mater) **Hail Mary**
5. ...Assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again....
(Daily liturgy of the hours/Redemptoris Mater) **Hail Mary**
6. ...to the wonderment of nature you bore our creator.
(Daily liturgy of the hours/Redemptoris Mater) **Hail Mary**
7. "I will give glory to you O Lord, O King and I will praise you O God my Saviour." (Ecclus. 51:1) **Hail Mary**
8. "I will give glory to your name for you have been a helper and a protector to me." (Ecclus. 51:2) **Hail Mary**
9. "You have preserved my body from destruction."
(Ecclus. 51:3) **Hail Mary**
10. Preserved from all guilt of original sin, the Immaculate Virgin was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory upon the completion of her earthly sojourn. (Vatican 2/Redemptoris Mater) **Hail Mary**

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THE CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Father

1. Like the morning star, she preceded the rising of the “Sun of Justice”.
(Redemptoris Mater) **Hail Mary**
2. A great sign appeared in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun.
(Rev 12:1) **Hail Mary**
3. The moon was under her feet and upon her head a crown of 12 stars.
(Rev 12:1) **Hail Mary**
4. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God.
(Isaiah 61:10) **Hail Mary**
5. I am the Mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. (Ecclus 24:24) **Hail Mary**
6. Through me is all grace of the way and the truth; through me is all hope of life and virtue. (Ecclus. 24:25) **Hail Mary**
7. A throne was set for the King’s Mother. And the King said to her: “My Mother, ask, for I cannot refuse you.” (1Kings 2:19-20) **Hail Mary**
8. Prayer, fasting and penance, have faith and be converted; without prayer there is no peace. **Hail Mary**
9. Mother of the Church and our heavenly mother,
pray for us. **Hail Mary**
10. Queen of heaven and Queen of peace, pray for us. **Hail Mary**

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Hail Holy Queen (see page 8)

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul glorifies the Lord, My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.
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.

WHY WE PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. The recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed. *(RVM 12)*

In support of the prayer which Christ and the Spirit cause to rise in our hearts, Mary intervenes with her maternal intercession. "The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary" *(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2679)*. If Jesus, the one Mediator, is the Way of our prayer, then Mary, his purest and most transparent reflection, shows us the Way.... The Rosary is both meditation and supplication. Insistent prayer to the Mother of God is based on confidence that her maternal intercession can obtain all things from the heart of her Son. *(RVM16)*

(Extracts from the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II – Rosarium Virginis Mariae)