

October is the Month of the Rosary: How to Pray the Rosary

Even though the Rosary is a longstanding traditional devotion for Catholics, it is not uncommon to find Catholics today who don't know how to pray it, or don't know some of the prayers. Please use this guide as a reminder of how we make this "crown" of prayers for our Blessed Mother, or share it with someone else! Begin with the **Sign of the Cross**, then pray the Apostles' Creed on the Crucifix, and move along the beads according to the chart below.

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.

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.

Hail Mary—Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be—Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

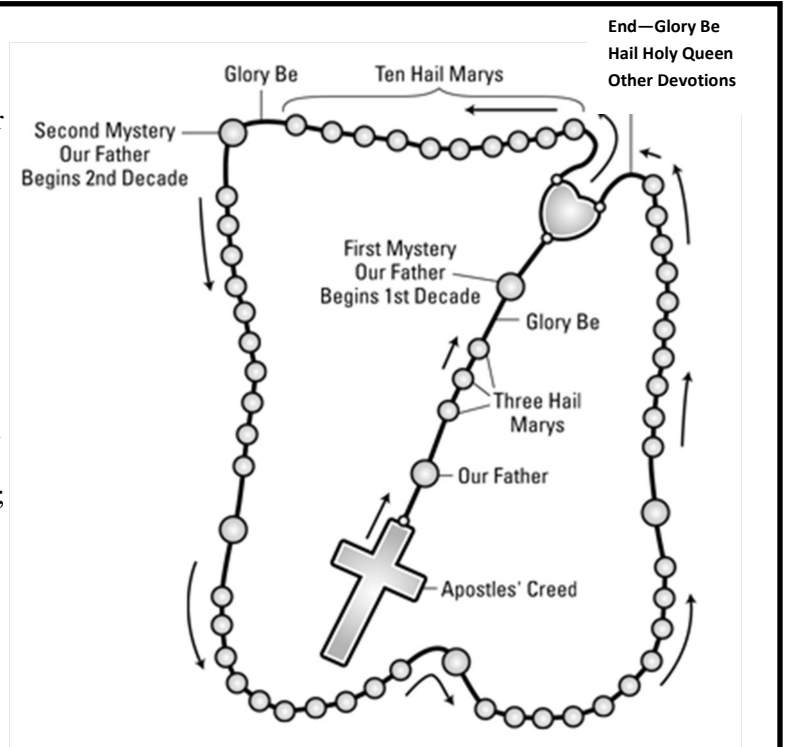
Fatima Prayer (*optional, after the Glory Be of each decade*)—O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail Holy Queen—Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we 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 toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your 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 while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mysteries of the Rosary (to be announced before each Decade of the Rosary)

Joyful Mysteries (Mon., Wed., Sun. of Advent)—The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation in the Temple; The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs.)—The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan; The Wedding Feast at Cana; Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God; The Transfiguration; The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues., Fri., Sun. of Lent)—The Agony in the Garden; The Scourging at the Pillar; The Crowning with Thorns; The Carrying of the Cross; The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed., most Sun.)—The Resurrection; The Ascension; The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; The Assumption of Mary; The Coronation of Mary