



Pray the Rosary
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

As suggested by St John Paul II the Joyful mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday, the Luminous on Thursday, the Sorrowful on Tuesday and Friday, and the Glorious on Wednesday and Sunday (with this exception: Sundays of Christmas season - The Joyful; Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful)

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I. Sign of the Cross

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we consecrate ourselves, in an act of total entrustment to the Lord. By you we will be led to Christ. By Him and with Him we will be led to the Father. We will walk in the light of faith, and we will do everything so that the world may believe that Jesus Christ is the One sent by the Father. With Him we wish to carry His Love and Salvation to the ends of the earth. Under the protection of your Immaculate Heart, we will be one People with Christ. We will be witnesses of His Resurrection. By Him we will be led to the Father, for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, Whom we adore, praise and bless forever.

Amen.

II. Opening Hymn (pages 31-34)

III. 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.*

Our Father...

Leader: We offer three Hail Marys for an increase of faith, hope and love.
(Hail Mary x3)

Glory Be...

FAMILIES

IV. Opening Prayer

Leader: We gather as church to pray for all our families, including those who are struggling, separated, broken or who do not yet know You. We surrender them all to Jesus, through our blessed Mother, alongside our own personal intentions (*pause briefly*) and the petitions offered up this month:

V. The Rosary

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY - THE ANNUNCIATION

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word”

(LUKE 1: 38)

Reflection:

Mary had no real idea of what she was saying “yes” to when visited by the angel. She, of course, was saying “yes” to the joy and beauty of family life, but she was also saying “yes” to her family being homeless and on the run. She was saying “yes” to rearing the child Jesus, and she was saying “yes” to watching the crowds shout for His death. All that she experienced every joy and sorrow, heartache, pain and sacrifice resulted from her “yes”. Saying “yes” to God’s will for our family is intimidating because we have no real idea of what lies ahead. However, if we trust God completely, He can use our family’s “yes” to provide opportunities for witnessing by our fidelity to God and each other in the ups and downs of family life. Let us imitate Mary and resolve as a family to always say ‘yes’ to God. We pray for the grace to do so that we can witness to God’s beautiful plans for all families.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY - THE VISITATION

”And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”
(LUKE 1:43)

Reflection:

When Mary visited Elizabeth, we hear Elizabeth proclaim “who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me.” Elizabeth recognized that unique dignity bestowed upon Mary. We hear Mary reply with her Magnificat, her song of praise. We could just as easily hear the words her Son would utter many years later, “I have not come to be served but to serve.” Family life, as Mary and Elizabeth show, is a life of loving service. Husband and wife serve one another in the day to day activities that make up family life. Parents serve their children from the first day God places them in that family until they are no longer able to do so. Children serve their parents and siblings through their love and affection, gifts and personalities. The domestic family serves the parish family, providing for its needs through its gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The parish family serves the domestic family through the sacraments and ministries that address the varied needs of each individual family. Family life is a life of loving service to one another. Let us go “with haste” to serve our family, parish family, and the world.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

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THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY - THE BIRTH OF JESUS

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (LUKE 2:7)

Reflection:

Mary and Joseph were far from the comforts of home on the night Jesus was born. They had travelled far by foot and animal. The only place available for the night and to deliver their first-born, was a cave used for keeping livestock.

Mary and Joseph had strange visitors from far off places. Their son was sought out for annihilation by the king. They very quickly became refugees and escaped to another country with only their meagre belongings. This is not far from the reality of family life, even if the exact circumstances might be different. From bills to addictions, infidelity to illnesses, family life can be messy, painful, and rocky. Survival seems a challenge for so many. Yet we can find courage, strength and meaning in staying faithful if we but imitate the holy family and keep our eyes on Jesus. When God is the focus of our family, the very things that can destroy us are the same things that allow our family to witness to the world, the living presence of a loving God.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY –THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS

When the days of her purification were fulfilled they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...Simeon blessed them and said to his Mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce.”

(LUKE 2:22, 34, 35.)

Reflection:

Mary and Joseph held nothing back from God. They followed unquestioningly the confusing and frightening paths He laid out for them. They remained faithful, right through the trials and tribulations that threatened them from the start, but simply trusted in God’s plan. In their offering of Jesus back to God at the Presentation, we find strength and courage for our own family. We are reminded that God only wants what is best for us and will never give us anything less. Lord, help us to offer our entire family to you. Give us the grace to be like Mary, Joseph, and even Abraham, and offer to you that which is most precious to us. Through our family, may You allow those around us to echo the words of Simeon, “my eyes have seen the salvation which you prepared” and thereby be drawn to your love.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY -THE FINDING OF THE JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

”Did you not know that I must be about my father’s business?” (LUKE 2:49)

Reflection:

Jesus was in the Temple listening and asking questions of the learned men for three days. In this mystery, we can see elements of discerning one’s vocation. It was as if Jesus was on a “come and see” retreat weekend...without telling Mary or Joseph! Discernment of one’s vocation takes time, patience, and prayer. Our family should be a place where prayerful vocational discernment is supported and encouraged. It should be a place where the entire family is open to God’s will for each individual person. This mystery also reminds us that vocational discernment is life-long “seeking of Jesus” and His will in our lives. It is only in living the vocation that God has meant for us, that we will live life in all its fullness.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

Prayer to end fifth Joyful Mystery

Mary, may we imitate your example, to seek and find Jesus, in the tabernacles of our churches and welcome Him into our hearts that others may also find Jesus in us.

VI. Concluding Prayer (page 27)

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healing

Sick, Ageing & Special Needs

IV. Opening prayer

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, help us to gaze on the face of Jesus with the eyes and heart of Mary, so we may grow in holiness. We pray for all who are in need of healing – physical, emotional, mental or spiritual – that they may be freed from pain and despair, and know the hope and consolation of the Holy Spirit. We pray too for all caregivers, for our own intentions (*pause briefly*), and for all intentions offered up this month. O Mary, our hearts are full of concerns. We place them in your care and offer them all to Jesus, through you, Amen.

V. The Rosary

FIRST HEALING MYSTERY – JESUS HEALS A CRIPPLED WOMAN ON THE SABBATH

Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, He called to her and said, “Woman, you are set free of your infirmity.” He laid His hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. (LUKE 13:10-13)

Our Father

**Hail Mary to follow each invocation*

- L:** Jesus heal me. Straighten my spirit and make me whole.
- L:** Lay your hands on me. Show me that I, too, can be healed.
- L:** Let my faith be proof to others of your love.
- L:** When I hear your words I will glorify your name.
- L:** Set me free from my infirmities – my heart and soul belong to you.

- L:** When I have lost all hope, and the wait for your presence seems too long, let me remember your promise of eternal life.
- L:** I receive relief from all doubt in your presence, Lord.
- L:** Let me return again to you, who heals all ailments.
- L:** Call to me and set me free. Jesus, let me hear your voice.
- L:** Teach me your way, O Lord, you who heal those who suffer in spirit, mind, and body.

Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

SECOND HEALING MYSTERY – JESUS HEALS JAIRUS’ DAUGHTER

When Jesus had crossed again [in the boat] to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.” He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?” Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.” And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. [At that] they were utterly astounded.

(MARK 5:21-24,35-42)

Our Father

**Hail Mary to follow each invocation*

- L:** When my spirit is dead, lay your hands on me.
- L:** I won't stop searching until I find you.
- L:** Come into my home, Lord; bless my family.
- L:** When I mourn those I love, I will remember they are now in your presence.
- L:** I will spread your teachings wherever I go.
- L:** We will welcome you into our home as an honored guest.
- L:** I will receive your gifts with humility.
- L:** Show me how to grow in faith each day.
- L:** Help me not give up hope in You
- L:** Teach me to pass on my faith to my children.

Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

THIRD HEALING MYSTERY- THE HEALING OF SIMON PETER'S MOTHER IN-LAW

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. (MARK 1:29-31)

Our Father

**Hail Mary to follow each invocation*

- L:** I will serve You with loyalty and gratitude.
- L:** When I cannot rise, or look at Your face, lift me up, help me walk the path that leads to You.
- L:** I will show hospitality to those I love.
- L:** I will be patient with my children's friends, and treat everyone who comes into my home gently and kindly.
- L:** Open my eyes to the miracles that happen every day.

- L: I will tell others of Your goodness.
- L: I will reach out to You in times of need.
- L: When I need help, show me where to go.
- L: Help me lead others closer to You.
- L: Let me be a source of comfort to those in pain and suffering.

Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

FOURTH HEALING MYSTERY – LEADER: A WOMAN’S FAITH

From that place, He went off to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but He could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him. She came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged Him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She replied and said to Him, “Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s scraps.” Then He said to her, “For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter.” When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. (MARK 7:24-30)

Our Father

**Hail Mary to follow each invocation*

- L: Grant me the gift of expectant faith.
- L: Show me how to be a true friend to those in need.
- L: Help me to understand cultural differences.
- L: May every human person be recognized as a child of God.
- L: Help me recognise Your voice.
- L: I will show compassion to those who seek refuge.
- L: Let my words reflect my love for You.
- L: In everything I do, I will praise Your name.
- L: Even when tired, I will continue to search for You.
- L: Let my love for You be unquestioning.

Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

FIFTH HEALING MYSTERY – THE WOMAN WHO BLED

There was a woman afflicted with haemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?” But his disciples said to him, “You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.” (MARK 5:25-34)

Our Father

**Hail Mary to follow each invocation*

- L:** The wait is long, but the rewards are great. My faith in you will sustain me.
- L:** I will serve you, even in suffering.
- L:** Whatever my poverty, strengthen me.
- L:** When my soul cries out to you, answer me, O Lord.
- L:** You know what I need before I do.
- L:** Through love and honor, show me your ways.
- L:** Let me love strangers as though they were you.
- L:** When I am lonely, I will search for you.
- L:** Guard me with your angels, protect me, and watch over me.
- L:** Let me feel your presence, Jesus, heighten my awareness of your healing power in my life.

Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

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PRO-LIFE

IV. Opening prayer

Leader: Father God, You are the one who both gives and wills the protection of all life. By word and by deed, You have taught us to treat all life as sacred, to compassionately care for every human being, of every race, nation and faith, of every walk and way of life, those born and unborn alike.

We offer this rosary for the protection of fragile new life in the wombs of their mothers. We remember also how intensely our Lord Jesus suffered before His own passion, and ask for Your abiding presence with those on death row. We pray for the repose of lives terminated either by choice or circumstances, for forgiveness and healing for those who have been involved or affected in one way or another.

We pray also for all petitions that have been offered up for this month, and our own intentions (pause briefly), entrusting every need to our blessed Mother and the power of the Holy Spirit as we say:

All: Come Holy Spirit, help us to gaze on the face of Jesus with the eyes and heart of Mary, so we may grow in holiness. O Mary, our hearts are full of concerns. We place them in your care and offer them all to Jesus, through you, Amen.

V. The Rosary

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY - THE ANNUNCIATION

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God. Mary said: 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Your word.' And the angel left her. (LUKE 1:36-38)

Reflection:

Mary is troubled by the angel’s greetings, yet rejoices to do God’s will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God’s will.

Our Father. Hail Mary (x 10), Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE VISITATION

During those days, Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zachariah, and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (LUKE 1:39-41)

Reflection:

John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother’s womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who “might” come into the world, but about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

Our Father. Hail Mary (x 10), Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY - THE NATIVITY

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn Son. She wrapped Him up swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (LUKE 2:6-7)

Reflection:

God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

Our Father, Hail Mary (x 10), Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

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FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE PRESENTATION

And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried Him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord: As it is written in the law of the Lord: every male opening the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord: And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. (LUKE 2:22-24)

Reflection:

The Child is presented in the Temple because the Child belongs to God. Children are not the property of their parents, nor of the government. They, and we -- belong to God Himself.

Our Father, Hail Mary (x 10), Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

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FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days, they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers. (LUKE 2:44-47)

Reflection:

The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an option, but the Truth.

Our Father, Hail Mary (x 10), Glory Be

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

VI. Concluding Prayer (page 27)

Souls in Purgatory

IV. Opening prayer

Leader: O Lord, who is ever merciful and generous with Your favour, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses, but extend Your loving mercy, present from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfil their ardent desire to see You face to face in Your glory. May they soon be united with You and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: “Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

We pray also for our own petitions (pause) and for all that have been offered up this month, entrusting every need to our blessed Mother and the power of the Holy Spirit as we say:

All: Come Holy Spirit, help us to gaze on the face of Jesus with the eyes and heart of Mary, so we may grow in holiness. O Mary, our hearts are full of concerns. We place them in your care and offer them all to Jesus, through you, Amen.

V. The Rosary

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY - THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Kneeling down, He began to pray, “Father if it be your will, take this cup from me, yet not my will but Yours be done.” In His anguish, He prayed even more intensely, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

(LUKE 22:42-44)

Reflection:

Manifold are the sufferings which those blessed souls must endure, but the greatest of all is the reflection that their sins in life are the cause of their present torments.

Prayer (All):

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your endless mercy on us sinners, especially the souls in purgatory. I am truly sorry for having offended You. O Mary, Mother of God, come to our assistance with your powerful intercession.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY - THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

Pilate released Barabbas to them. Jesus, however, he first had scourged; then he handed Him over to be crucified. (MATT 27:26)

Reflection:

The second pain which causes these holy souls much suffering, is the time lost in life, when they might have gained merits for heaven; and the thought that they are unable to repair this loss, because the opportunity of time is now past.

Prayer (All):

Woe to me, unhappy being, having lived so many years on earth and still given to sinfulness. Thank you, Lord, for granting me more time to repent and to atone for my sins. Help me to love You more, and to use the rest of my life in Your service. Have compassion on us all, and especially the holy souls in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to our assistance with your powerful intercession.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY – THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

Weaving a crown of thorns, they fixed it on His head, and placed a reed in His right hand. To make fun of Him, they knelt before Him saying: “Hail, King of the Jews.” They spat on Him, and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head. (MATT 27:29-30)

Reflection:

Another great pain of the holy souls is caused by the hideous vision of their guilt, for which they now suffer. In this life, the horror and ugliness of sin is overlooked and we are ignorant, and only see things fully in purgatory.

Prayer (All):

O God, I repent with my whole heart of my offenses against You. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance to turn away from sin. Have compassion on me, and on the holy souls in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to our assistance with your powerful intercession.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

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FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY –THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

When the soldiers had finished mocking Him, they led him away to crucify Him. On the way, they laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and upon him they laid the cross to bear it after Jesus. (MATT27:31, LUKE 23:26.)

Reflection:

The holy souls experience great suffering as they are uncertain about the time of their deliverance, even though they know they will be released one day to enter heaven.

Prayer (All):

Holy Souls, we entreat you, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for us sinners, who are in danger of being damned and of losing God forever. O Mary, Mother of God, come to our assistance with your powerful intercession.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY - THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS

When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, the disciple took her into his home. (JOHN 19: 26-27)

Reflection:

The holy souls are, indeed, saved by the passion of Jesus Christ, and still receive much consolation from Holy Masses and Holy Communion, but are greatly pained by their recollection of their ingratitude for these two priceless gifts. May we never take our sacraments for granted for we can never repay the price of our salvation.

Prayer (All):

O Jesus, You died for my sins on the cross and I have repaid You with ingratitude. Help me to grow in love of You and into Your image. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to all our aid with your powerful intercession.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

VI. Concluding Prayer (page 27)

VOCATIONS

IV. Opening prayer

Leader: We gather as family to pray for an increase in religious vocations, entrusting our needs to the intercession of our blessed Mother and the power of the Holy Spirit as we say:

All: Come Holy Spirit, help us to gaze on the face of Jesus with the eyes and heart of Mary, so we may grow in holiness. Blessed Mother, we ask you to present this rosary to Jesus, as we pray for an increase in holy vocations, in response to God who calls us by name. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Bless the Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve Your people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. We pray also for our own intentions, (*pause briefly*), as well as those offered up for this month. O Mary, our hearts are full of concerns. We surrender them all to Jesus, through you. *Amen.*

V. The Rosary

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY - THE RESURRECTION

And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very large...On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right side who said to them, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

(MARK 16:4-6)

Reflection:

Jesus Christ rises, glorious and triumphant on Easter Sunday. He has conquered death. He lives forever! And just as Jesus bursts forth, glorious and radiant, from the tomb, so does the newly ordained or professed come forth into the dazzling light of Holy Mother Church. They, too, are radiant – eager to live out their calling, and the Church surrounds them with her love and prayers.

Let us pray in fervent thanksgiving to the Master of the Harvest who, in His great love and mercy, has provided laborers for the harvest.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE ASCENSION

Then, after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven, and took His seat at God’s right hand. (MARK 16:19)

Reflection:

Jesus, before He ascended into heaven, said to His apostles, “Go out to all the nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...and know that I am with you to the end of the age.” The young man or woman, newly ordained or professed, wherever he or she will serve, is truly sent out to “all the nations.” From small village churches to great universities, from the seclusion of the cloister to large city parishes to the poorest missions of distant continents, they go forth to live and bear witness to the Gospel, to share the Good News of our salvation, that all may come to know and believe.

Let us pray for these young men and women that they will continue to grow ever deeper in their love for God and remain faithful to the Gospel as they take on their duties, giving themselves to the needs of the universal Church.

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THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak. (ACTS 2:3,4)

Reflection:

The Spirit of God descends in tongues of fire on the apostles and they are filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. With the fire of holy zeal, they go forth to announce the Gospel to the nations. The newly ordained or professed may say with great zeal in his or her heart, “Here I am, Lord, I come to do Your will.” But the will of God is costly, and zeal can fade in the face of reality.

We pray for a new and continuous outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all who serve the Lord in His Church. Alongside fidelity to a life of prayer, may they be supported by the faithful and their own communities, with friendship and spiritual direction, and be led to greater holiness.

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Fátima Prayer:

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FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY –THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY TO HEAVEN

Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come! You are all beautiful, my beloved, and there is no blemish in you (SONGS 2:10; 4:7). You are the glory of Jerusalem...you are the splendid boast of our people. (JUDITH 15:9)

Reflection:

Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. She is gloriously triumphant. But this most loving mother, so beautiful in her triumph, lived a life of deep humility and service to others. And just as Mary cradled and nurtured the infant Jesus in her womb, prayed and pondered, and served Him throughout His life, so does this heavenly mother cradle and nurture every vocation in her Immaculate Heart, always praying and interceding for them.

We pray for all the newly ordained and professed that they will grow in humility, remain faithful to their duties and that, as they turn their face to this loving mother each day, they will find her present in their every need.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

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FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY - THE CORONATION

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (REV 12:1)

Reflection:

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth by her Divine Son. She is the “woman clothed with the Sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” She is “blessed” forever!

We pray for all our brothers and sisters who live their lives in the service of Holy Mother Church, especially the newly ordained and professed, that they will turn to Mary and, imitating her virtues in every circumstance of their lives, come to know with her the reward of their fidelity to Christ.

Our Father... Hail Mary (x10)... Glory Be...

Fátima Prayer:

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Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

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 valley 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.

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: 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 upon 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.

Litany of Loreto (optional)

L: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

L: Christ have mercy.

R: Christ have mercy.

L: Christ hear us.

R: Christ graciously hear us.

L: God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

R: have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,

Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us

Queen of Prophets,	Pray for us
Queen of Apostles,	Pray for us
Queen of Martyrs,	Pray for us
Queen of Confessors,	Pray for us
Queen of Virgins,	Pray for us
Queen of all Saints,	Pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin,	Pray for us
Queen assumed into heaven,	Pray for us
Queen of the most holy Rosary,	Pray for us
Queen of families,	Pray for us
Queen of peace.	Pray for us

L: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
R: spare us, O Lord.

L: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
R: graciously hear us, O Lord.

L: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
R: have mercy on us.

L: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

L: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee,
 O Lord God,
 that we, your servants,
 may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body;
 and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
 may be delivered from present sorrow,
 and obtain eternal joy.
 Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and

sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

Prayer to St Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

L: Let us now pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be, for the intentions of our Holy Father.

Our Father / Hail Mary / Glory Be...

L: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

R: Have mercy on us

L: Immaculate Heart of Mary

R: Pray for us

L: St Joseph

R: Pray for us

L: St Francis Xavier

R: Pray for us

Prayer to Our Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear; to whom God's love commits me here; ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Amen

VII. Closing Hymn

Hymns

1. Mary is our Queen

Mary is our Queen, O sing to her
Mary is our Mother, trust in her
Mary is the star that shines at night
Guiding us to Jesus, our true light

Mary is the creature of our race
Whom the Holy Spirit filled with
grace
To become the mother of our Lord
The God whom she adored.

CHORUS

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

2. I Hear The Bells

I hear the bells of Mary's Ave ringing
Joy to my heart like angel voices
singing
Calling to prayer, with echoes from
afar
Ave Maria, Ave Maria!

Oh Gabriel, Sent down from heaven's
bright glory
To tell to men, This true and
wondrous story
I join with thee, To praise God's
brightest star
Ave Maria, Ave Maria!

3. I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary

I'll sing a hymn to Mary,
The Mother of my God,
The Virgin of all virgins,
Of David's Royal blood.
O teach me, holy Mary,
A loving song to frame,
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
To love and bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley,
O mystic Rose what tree
Or flower, e'en the fairest,
Is half so fair as thee?
O let me, though so lowly,
Recite my Mother's fame:
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

4. On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

CHORUS

On the day, O beautiful Mother,
On this day we give thee our love.
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we
hover,
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

On this day we ask to share,
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care.
Aid us ere our feet astray
Wander from thy guiding way

Queen of angels, deign to hear
Lisping children's humble pray'r,
Young hearts gain, O virgin pure,
Sweetly to thyself allure.

5. Mother Dear, O Pray for Me

Mother dear, O pray for me!
Whilst far from heav'n and thee.
I wander in a fragile bark.
O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,
So bright in bliss above.
Protect thy child and cheer my path
With thy sweet smile of love.

Mother dear, O pray for me!
Should pleasure's siren lay.
E'er tempt thy child to wander far
From Virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way,
And darkling waters flow.
Then Mary aid thy weeping child,
Thyself a mother show.

CHORUS

*Mother dear, remember me.
And never cease thy care,
Till in heaven eternally,
Thy love and bliss I share.*

6. As I kneel before you

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

CHORUS

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu!*

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my
Lord.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.

7. Holy Queen, We Bend Before Thee

Holy Queen, we bend before thee,
Queen of purity divine,
Make us love thee, we implore thee,
Make us truly to be thine.

CHORUS:

*Teach, O teach us, holy Mother,
How to conquer every sin,
How to love and help each other,
How the prize of life to win*

Thou to whom a Child was given
Greater than the sons of men,
Coming down from highest heaven
To create the world again.

8. Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

Mother dearest, Mother fairest,
Help of all, who call on thee.
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,
Help us, help, we cry to thee.

CHORUS

*Mary, help us, help we pray.
Mary, help us, help we pray.
Help us in all care and sorrow.
Mary, help us, help we pray.*

Lady, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those rack'd on beds of pain,
May the golden light of morrow,
Bring them health and joy again.

9. O, Come to the Throne of Grace

O come to the throne of grace!
O come to the heart most pure!
To Mary, our hope of life,
In whom salvation is sure.

CHORUS:

*O Queen of the Rosary, hail!
Immaculate Mother of grace;
O, pray for us, help us today,
Thou hope of the human race.*

Immaculate Heart! we kneel
To consecrate all to thee:
The present, its pain and joy
The future, all it may be.

The Rosary, white and gold,
We take from thy Virgin hand;
A pledge of the power of God
To heal and strengthen our land.

O Mother of Sorrows, hail!
We mourn for our evil done;
O soften our selfish hearts,
And lead us back to thy Son.

10. O Mother Blest, Whom God Bestows

O Mother blest, whom God bestows
On sinners and on just,
What joy, what hope thou givest those
Who in thy mercy trust.

CHORUS:

*Most holy Mary, at thy feet
Thy children bend a suppliant knee;
Dear Mother of my God,
Do thou remember me.*

Remember, Mary, Virgin fair,
It never yet was told
That he who humbly sought thy care
Departed unconsolated.

11. Daily, Daily Sing to Mary

Daily, daily, sing to Mary,
sing my soul, her praises due;
all her feasts, her actions worship,
with the heart's devotion true.
Lost in wond'ring contemplation
be her majesty confessed:
call her Mother, call her Virgin,
happy Mother, Virgin blest.

She is mighty to deliver
Call her, trust her lovingly
When the tempest rages round you
She will calm the troubled sea.
Gifts of heaven she has given
Noble Lady to our race
She, the queen who decks her
subjects
With the light of God's own grace

12. Hail, Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star.
Guide the wand'rer here below!
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy
care.

Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer. Pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers thro'
thee.

Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner. Oh, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest advocate, we cry.
Oh, pity our sorrows, calm our fears.
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, Oh, pray for me.

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