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# The Rosary for Children



**"The rosary is my  
favorite prayer."**

**Pope John Paul II**

## How to Pray the Rosary

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2. Pray an Our Father.**
- 3. Pray three Hail Marys and one Glory to the Father.**
- 4. Announce the Mystery and pray the Our Father.**
- 5. Pray ten Hail Marys and one Glory to the Father.**
- 6. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen.**



### The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



### Apostles' Creed (Hold crucifix)

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 (Large beads)

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 (small beads)

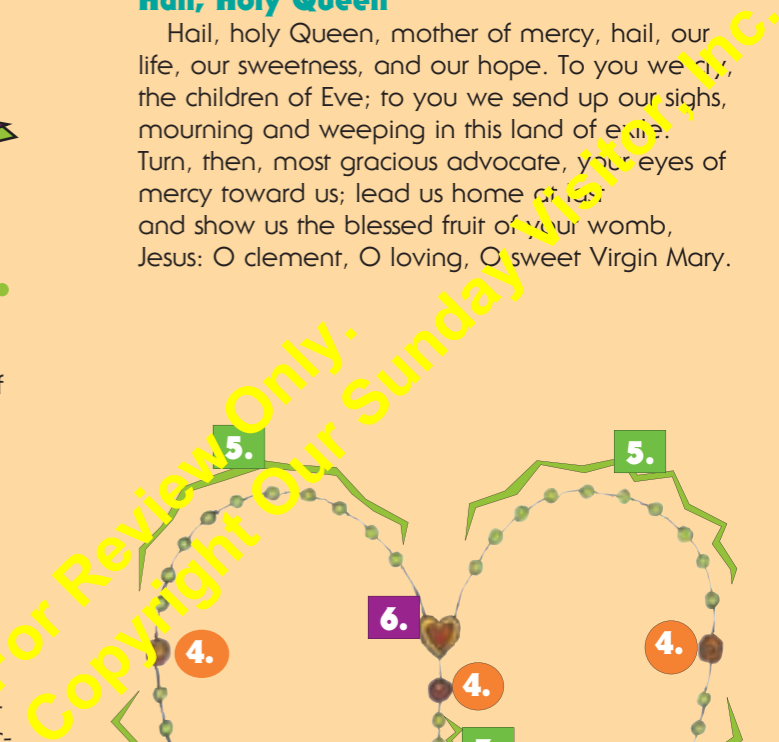
Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Glory to the Father

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.

### Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, the children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this land of exile. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; lead us home at last, and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



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## Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays and Saturdays)

As we pray the Hail Mary over and over again, we think about happy times in Mary's life. We call these the Joyful Mysteries.



**The Annunciation**  
The angel Gabriel asks Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.



**The Visitation**  
Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth's baby (St. John the Baptist) recognizes Mary's Baby (Jesus) in the womb!

**The Nativity**  
Mary gives birth to Jesus in a manger.



**The Presentation**  
Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple, and Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

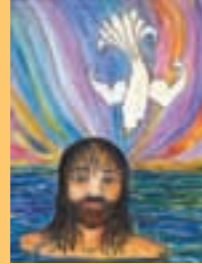
**The Finding in the Temple**  
Mary and Joseph fear Jesus is lost. They find Him teaching in the Temple.



## Luminous Mysteries

(Thursdays)

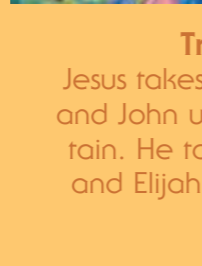
As we pray our Hail Marys, we think about times in Jesus' life. We call these the Luminous Mysteries. Luminous means light. Light helps us to understand.



**The Baptism of Jesus**  
Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River.



**The Wedding at Cana**  
Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding celebration.



**The Proclamation of the Kingdom**  
Jesus talks about putting God first in our lives.



**The Giving of the Eucharist**  
Jesus gives us His Body and Blood for the first time at the Last Supper.



**The Transfiguration**  
Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up on a mountain. He talks with Moses and Elijah. He is shining.



## Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays and Fridays)

As we pray the Hail Mary over and over again, we think about the very difficult times in Jesus' life. We call these the Sorrowful Mysteries.



**The Agony in the Garden**  
Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, but His disciples fall asleep.



**The Crowning of Thorns**  
The soldiers take a thorny vine, wind it in circles, and press it on Jesus' head.



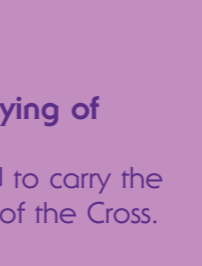
**The Carrying of the Cross**  
Jesus is forced to carry the heavy wood of the Cross.



**The Crucifixion**  
Jesus is nailed to the cross.



**The Scouring at the Pillar**  
Jesus is arrested and taken to the jail where the soldiers make fun of Him and whip Him.



**The Descent of the Holy Spirit**  
The Holy Spirit comes as a wonderful gift from Jesus to reach our hearts and minds about God.



**The Resurrection**  
Jesus rises from the dead.



**The Assumption**  
Mary is taken up into heaven, body and soul.



**The Coronation**  
God gives Mary a special place in heaven, crowning her as Queen of Heaven and Earth.



**The Ascension**  
Jesus ascends to heaven after telling His disciples that He will be with them in Spirit forever.

