

CELEBRATION OF THE LIVING ROSARY MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

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INTRODUCTION:

Good (morning/afternoon) and welcome to our celebration of the Living Rosary. We are now in the month of May/October. May/October is the month when Catholics honour Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, in a special way. And so, we turn to Mary today by praying the Rosary, knowing that she listens to all her children's prayers.

When we were baptized, we became one with Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. With Jesus, we look to Mary as our Mother, and God as our Father. We ask Mary to teach us and help us by her prayers to live as God's children.

As we pray the Rosary today, we greet Mary our Mother with the words of the angel Gabriel saying, "Hail Mary..." As Mary's sons and daughters, we ask her to pray for us "now, and at the hour of our death," that we might be good followers of Jesus, and share in His gift of eternal life.

Let us begin this wonderful prayer with the sign of our faith:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED, OUR FATHER, 3 HAIL MARYS, GLORY BE

The Apostles' Creed

LEADER:

We begin the Rosary with The Apostles' Creed, saying "I believe." When we say these words, we tell everyone that we believe the Good News of Jesus that comes to us from the Apostles. Let us begin:

I believe in God
The Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was 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.

ALL:

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.

Our Father

LEADER:

Our Father, who art in Heaven
 Hallowed be thy name,
 Thy Kingdom come
 Thy will be done
 On earth, as it is in heaven.

ALL:

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.

Three Hail Marys

LEADER: Now we pray three Hail Marys. We ask Mary to pray that God will strengthen the gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity we received at Baptism.

Hail Mary,
 Full of grace
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 And blessed is the fruit
 Of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL:

Holy Mary,
 Mother of God
 Pray for us sinners,
 Now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen.

Two more Hail Marys

Glory Be:

Glory be to the Father,
 And to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

As it was in the beginning,
 Is now and ever shall be,
 World without end.
 Amen.

THE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

FIRST MYSTERY OF LIGHT

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River

In this mystery, we remember with Mary how Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Jesus followed his Father's will, and humbled himself before John. The sky opened, and the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove. Then, God the Father's voice spoke from heaven saying: "This is my beloved Son." At Baptism, we became one with Jesus. We too are God's beloved sons and daughters. We ask Mary our mother to help us to be humble like Jesus and to follow God's loving will always.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be

- ❖ O My Jesus,
Forgive us our sins
Save us from the power of hell
Lead all souls to heaven,
Especially those in most need of
Thy mercy.

SECOND MYSTERY OF LIGHT

Jesus changes Water into Wine (The Wedding at Cana)

In this mystery, we join Mary in remembering Jesus' first miracle. Mary and Jesus were at a wedding and the people ran out of wine. Mary knew Jesus would help them if she asked him. Mary asked Jesus to help them. Then, she told the people: "Do whatever Jesus tells you." Jesus told them to fill six jugs with water. They did this and he turned it into wine. We ask Mary, our mother to help us do whatever Jesus tells us. She will always pray for us when we ask her, and Jesus will always listen.

- Our Father
- Ten Hail Marys

- Glory Be
- O My Jesus

THIRD MYSTERY OF LIGHT

Jesus Preaches the Kingdom of God

In this mystery, we remember with Mary how Jesus told everyone about the Kingdom of God. Jesus said that his Father's Kingdom of love will grow in hearts that listen to his words. We ask Mary, our mother to pray for us so that we might have a changed heart, to love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us.

- Our Father
- Ten Hail Marys

- Glory Be
- O My Jesus

FOURTH MYSTERY OF LIGHT

The Transfiguration

In this mystery, we join Mary in remembering Jesus' transfiguration. Jesus went up a hill with Peter, James and John to pray. As he prayed, his face and clothes became bright white, like snow. Two people who had died long ago were talking to Jesus. They were: Moses, who gave God's holy law, and Elijah who spoke God's word. Jesus, the light of the world lived God's law and God's word perfectly. Then a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then Jesus went back down the mountain with Peter, James and John to preach God's word, heal the sick and suffer on the cross. We ask Mary to pray for us so that we can follow Jesus in happy times and in hard times.

- Our Father
- Ten Hail Marys
- Glory Be
- O My Jesus

FIFTH MYSTERY OF LIGHT

The Institution of the Eucharist

In the mystery, we join Mary in remembering how Jesus gave us his body and blood at the Last Supper. Jesus sat down with his apostles for a special supper to remember how God saved his people long ago. Jesus took bread and wine and gave them to the apostles saying "This is my body ... this is my blood." Then he said: "Do this in memory of me." We call this meal the Eucharist, which means thanksgiving. At Eucharist, we remember how Jesus gave his body and blood on the cross to save us. At Eucharist, Jesus still gives us his body and blood. This is the food we need to follow Jesus, to love God and each other.

- Our Father
- Ten Hail Marys
- Glory Be
- O My Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER:

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

(This prayer is traditionally recited at the end of the Rosary)

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, 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.

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

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen