

CELEBRATION OF THE LIVING ROSARY SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

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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:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(*all bow*) *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.

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 SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN

LEADER:

In this First Sorrowful Mystery, we join Mary in remembering Jesus' suffering in the garden of Gethsemane the night before he was crucified. In his deep pain, Jesus began to sweat blood. His friends fell asleep leaving Him alone. He asked God the Father to spare him from death, and then told the Father, "Thy will be done." Let us ask Mary to help us trust God in everything, and to help us stay close to friends and family who need us.

- ❖ **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 SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

LEADER:

In the Second Sorrowful Mystery, we join with Mary in remembering how Jesus was tied to a pillar and whipped by Roman soldiers. Jesus freely gave Himself to suffer for us. In this way, he could draw us to His heart in forgiveness, healing and everlasting life with Him. Let us ask Mary to help us be thankful for the great love of Jesus, and to follow Him in all we do.

- ❖ **Our Father**
- ❖ **10 Hail Marys**
- ❖ **Glory Be**
- ❖ **O My Jesus**

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY: JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS

LEADER:

In the Third Sorrowful Mystery, we remember with Mary how the Roman soldiers put a purple robe over Jesus' bleeding shoulders; they pressed a crown of thorns into His head, blindfolded Him, hit Him and made fun of Him. Let us ask Mary to help us do what is right no matter what, and to always be kind to persons who are suffering.

- ❖ **Our Father**
- ❖ **10 Hail Marys**
- ❖ **Glory Be**
- ❖ **O My Jesus**

**FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY:
JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS**

LEADER:

In the Fourth Sorrowful Mystery, we remember with Mary how Jesus was forced to carry the cross that He would die on. Each heavy step forward was an act of love, to bring us His gift of everlasting joy. Let us ask Mary to help us to be patient with our crosses, and to walk with God's love in our hearts.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be
- ❖ O My Jesus

**FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY:
JESUS IS CRUCIFIED AND DIES**

LEADER:

In the Fifth Sorrowful Mystery, we remember with Mary how Jesus was nailed to the cross. He hung there for three hours until He died. Jesus placed Himself into His Father's hands, then gave up His life to save us. Let us ask Mary to help us follow her Son by serving one another in kindness.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 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