

The Rosary



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The Rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life of Jesus and grow closer to Him through prayer. Each mystery of the Rosary helps us meditate on important moments in His life, inviting us to think about His love, His sacrifice, and His mission. These mysteries are not just stories from the past—they teach us how to live our faith every day!



In this booklet, we'll walk through the mysteries of the Rosary, offering reflections and simple questions to help children understand and connect with them in a meaningful way.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.”

Luke 1:30-31

Mary’s Yes - One day, while praying, Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel. He told her that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus. Surprised, she asked, “How can this be?” However, she trusted God’s plan and replied, “Let it be done to me as you say.” At that moment, Jesus came into the world. Mary’s example shows us the power of trust in God. Her “yes” to God’s will changed the world, teaching us that trusting in God, even when we don’t understand everything, is the key to fulfilling His plan.

Reflection Question: *What is one way you can say “yes” to God in your life, even when it’s hard or when you don’t understand His plan?*



The Visitation

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she



exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

Luke 1:41-42

Mary’s Kindness - Even though Mary was chosen to be the Mother of God, she didn’t think of herself first. She hurried to help her cousin Elizabeth, who was expecting a baby. Instead of seeking praise, Mary served with love and humility. Her actions remind us that true greatness is found in helping others and showing love, especially to those in need.

Reflection Question: *How can you help someone in need today, just like the Blessed Virgin Mary helped her cousin Elizabeth?*

The Nativity of Jesus

And she gave birth to her son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7



Mary’s Trust - Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem, but there was no room for them anywhere. So, Jesus, the Son of God, was born in a simple stable. Mary wrapped Him in cloth and laid Him in a manger. Though He is the King of the world, He came in humility and love. His birth teaches us that true greatness isn’t about riches or comfort—it’s about love. Mary shows us how to accept God’s plan with faith and find joy in simplicity.

Reflection Question: *What are some simple things in your life that bring you joy, just like the humble birth of Jesus?*

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:22



Mary's Obedience - Mary, though pure and without sin, follows God's law and brings Jesus to the temple. She doesn't seek special treatment—she humbly obeys. Her example teaches us that following God's will, even when it requires sacrifice, is a true act of love. To love God is to trust and obey Him completely, just like Mary.

Reflection Question: *How can you show God your love through obedience, even when it might be hard?*

Finding of Jesus in the Temple

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:48-49



Mary's Search - Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for three days and searched for Him with deep sorrow. When they found Him in the temple, He reminded them that He must do His Father's will. Mary teaches us to seek Jesus always and to trust that, even in our worries, God's plan is greater than we understand.

Reflection Question: *How can you keep searching for Jesus and trust that He is always with you, even when you can't see Him?*

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony in the Garden

He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."

Mark 14:33-34



Mary's Prayer - In the Garden, as Jesus prays with all His heart, we see His deep sorrow. Throughout His life, Mary was always there for Jesus, helping Him through His pain. When we face hard times, we should pray and trust in God's will, just like Mary stayed close to Jesus in His suffering. We can do the same for those we love by offering our prayers and support.

Reflection Question: How can you pray and trust God when you feel sad or worried, just like Mary did

Scourging at the Pillar

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.

John 19:1



Mary's Suffering - When Jesus is beaten and mocked, we feel the pain through Mary's heart. She watches her Son suffer and endures this pain with love and patience. Mary shows us how to endure suffering with love and strength. Even when things are difficult, we can stay strong in our faith and trust that God is with us.

Reflection Question: How can you stay strong and trust in God when you face challenges or pain?

Crowning with Thorns

Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”



Matthew 27:29

Mary’s Humility - As Jesus is crowned with thorns, we witness His humility. Through Mary’s eyes, we see how He embraced suffering without complaint, teaching us to remain humble and find strength in gentleness, even when we face injustice. Mary reminds us to stay humble, even in difficult situations, and to trust that God’s way is always best.

Reflection Question: *How can you be humble and gentle, even when you face challenges or unfairness?*

Carrying of the Cross

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.



John 19:16-17

Mary’s Strength - As Jesus carries the heavy cross, Mary’s heart is filled with sorrow. Yet, she doesn’t turn away. She stands by Jesus, even when it’s painful. Mary teaches us that love means staying close to those we care about, even in their suffering, and that we can find strength in love and faith.

Reflection Question: *How can you show love to others when they are going through a difficult time, just like Mary stood by Jesus?*

Crucifixion

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

John 19:18



Mary's Sorrow - Mary watches as Jesus is crucified, and her heart is broken with sorrow. Yet, even in her pain, she trusts God's plan. Her deep faith teaches us that even in our deepest sorrow, we can trust that God has a purpose for everything. Mary's love for Jesus never wavered.

Reflection Question: When you feel sad or hurt, how can you trust in God's love, just like Mary trusted during Jesus' crucifixion?

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for? I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

John 20:15,17



Mary's Joy - Mary rejoiced in Jesus' Resurrection! Though she had seen Him suffer, she never lost hope. Now, as He rises from the dead, her heart is full of joy. She teaches us to trust Jesus and to remember that His love is stronger than anything, even death!

Reflection Question: How can you find joy in knowing that Jesus is alive and with you?

The Ascension

"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Acts 1, 11



Mary's Gaze - As Jesus ascends into Heaven, Mary watches with love and trust. She stays with the disciples, encouraging them. Though Jesus is no longer on earth, she knows He is always with us. She teaches us to keep our eyes on Heaven while living faithfully each day.

Reflection Question: How can you stay focused on Heaven while living each day for Jesus, just like Mary did?

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.



Acts 2:2-4

Mary's Fire - At Pentecost, Mary is with the disciples when the Holy Spirit comes like a mighty wind with tongues of fire! She knows the power of the Spirit—He helped her become the Mother of Jesus. She teaches us to welcome the Holy Spirit and let His love shine in us.

Reflection Question: How can you invite the Holy Spirit into your heart to help you love others and follow Jesus?

The Assumption

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.



Luke 1:46-49

Mary's Glory - Mary is taken to Heaven, body and soul, because she always followed God's will. The angels celebrate as she enters her heavenly home! She teaches us that if we stay close to Jesus, we too can share in His glory one day.

Reflection Question: How can you follow God's will in your life, so that one day you can be close to Him, just like Mary?

The Coronation of Mary

*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.*

Revelation 12:1

Mary's Crown- Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. She is not a queen like in fairy tales—her crown is made of love, humility, and trust in God. She teaches us that true greatness comes from loving and serving others, just as she did.

Reflection Question: What is one way you can love and serve others today, following Mary's example?



The Luminous Mysteries

Baptism of Christ

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Luke 3:21-22

Mary's Calling - As Jesus is baptized by John, the Father declares Him as His Beloved Son. We see Jesus beginning His mission. As He is chosen for this mission, we are reminded of our own calling in baptism to live as God's children, just as Mary supported Him through it all.

Reflection Question: *Through baptism, we become part of God's family. What are some ways you can live as a child of God every day?*

Wedding at Cana

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, ...he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

John 2:3, 9-10



Mary's Intercession - At the wedding in Cana, Mary notices the need and brings it to Jesus. Her loving intercession prompts Him to perform His first miracle! Just as Mary interceded for those at Cana, we can turn to her with our own needs, knowing she will bring them to Jesus with her loving care.

Reflection Question: What is one prayer you want to ask Mary to bring to Jesus on your behalf?

Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15



Mary's Message - Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God, teaching everyone about His Father's love. Mary listened to every word He said. Mary teaches us to pay attention to Jesus' words and share the message of His Kingdom with everyone we meet. Like Mary, who lived out God's Word, we are called to share His love and proclaim His Kingdom through our actions and faith.

Reflection Question: How can you share the message of God's love with others, just like Mary did?

Transfiguration

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."



Mark 9:2-3,5

Mary's Hope in Glory - On the mountain, Jesus is transfigured before His disciples, revealing His divine glory. Through Mary's eyes, we see the hope that we too will one day share in His glory. As she stood beside Jesus in His splendour, we are reminded to hold on to the hope of being with Him forever, in His divine light and love.

Reflection Question: What things bring you hope can you hold onto the hope of Heaven, just like Mary did at the Transfiguration?

Institution of the Eucharist

On the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In

the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."



1 Cor 11:23-25

Mary's Love for Jesus - At the Last Supper, Jesus gives us the gift of the Eucharist, offering His body and blood for our salvation. Mary, who cherished Jesus deeply, teaches us to value the Eucharist as the gift of His very presence among us. Just as Mary treasured Him in her heart, we are called to cherish Jesus in the Eucharist, receiving Him with love and gratitude.

Reflection Question: Jesus gives us His own body and blood in the Eucharist. How can you show love and appreciation for this amazing gift?