THE PRAYERS & MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

THE PRAYERS

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, where he sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. * I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. * Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FATIMA PRAYER (Recited at the end of each decade.)

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

HAIL HOLY OUEEN

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 towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH (Often recited after the Rosary.)

To Thee, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our tribulations and while imploring the aid of Thy Most Holy Spouse, we confidently invoke Thy patronage also. By that love which united Thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the fatherly affection with which Thou didst embrace the Infant Jesus, we humbly beseech Thee graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood; and to help us in our necessities by Thy powerful intercession. Protect, O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving Father all taint

of error and corruption; graciously assist us from Heaven, O most powerful protector in our struggle with the powers of darkness; and as Thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent peril to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us with Thine unceasing patronage, that imitating Thine example and supported by Thine aid, we may be enabled to live a good life, die a holy death, and secure everlasting happiness in Heaven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (To be said after the daily Rosary.)

(Repeat each of the four invocations twice.)

- O Lord, grant us priests!
- O Lord, grant us holy priests!
- O Lord, grant us many holy priests!
- O Lord, grant us many holy religious vocations!
- V. St Pius X
- R. Pray for us.

THE MYSTERIES

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 1. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 2. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St Elizabeth
- 3. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 4. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
- 5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- 1. The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden
- 2. The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3. The Crowning with Thorns
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion of Our Lord

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- 1. The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 2. The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles
- 4. The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
- 5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven