

The Prayers of the Rosary (Traditional)

The Nicene 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sitteth 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 Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The 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.

The Glory Be

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

Hail Holy Queen

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.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

Prayer After the Rosary

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; 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.



A Glory Be and The Lord's Prayer and continue around using the same pattern.

A Hail Mary on each of the ten beads

Finish with the Hail Holy Queen

A Glory Be and then the Lord's Prayer

A Hail Mary on each of the three beads

The Lord's Prayer

The Apostle's Creed

The Mysteries of the Rosary (Traditional)

On each of the “decades”—the five sets of ten beads—we are given the opportunity to meditate/contemplate a holy event, usually in the life of Jesus.

The Joyful Mysteries

Prayed on Monday and Saturday

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Prayed on Tuesday and Saturday

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. Jesus carrying the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries

Prayed on Wednesday and Sunday

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven

The Luminous Mysteries

Prayed on Thursday

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Last Supper

The Mysteries of the Rosary (Alternate)

Austin Ferrar, a 20th century theologian offered an alternative set of prayers for the rosary which is less focused on Mary—and more aligned with a Protestant sensibility.

In place of the “Hail Mary,” Ferrar says that one could pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God, Son of Mary,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Mysteries of Obedience

1. Jesus’ Baptism
2. The Temptation in the Wilderness
3. The Transfiguration
4. The Anointing at Bethany
5. The Last Supper

The Mysteries of Grace

1. Water turned to wine
2. Jesus as the Living Water
3. Jesus as the Bread of Life
4. Jesus as the Light of the World
5. Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life