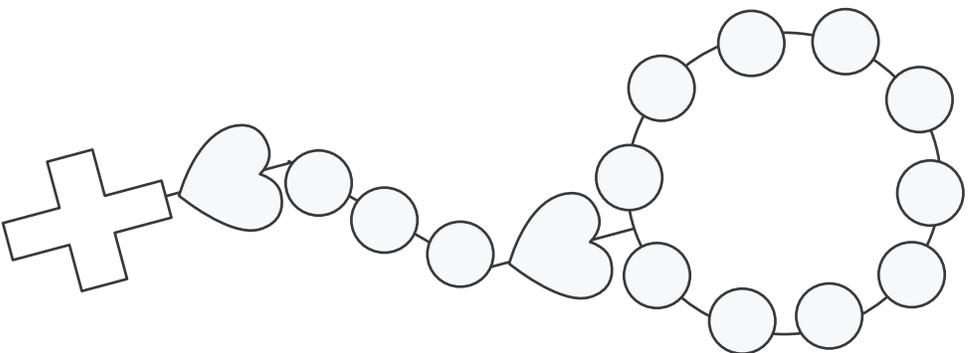


The Children's Rosary



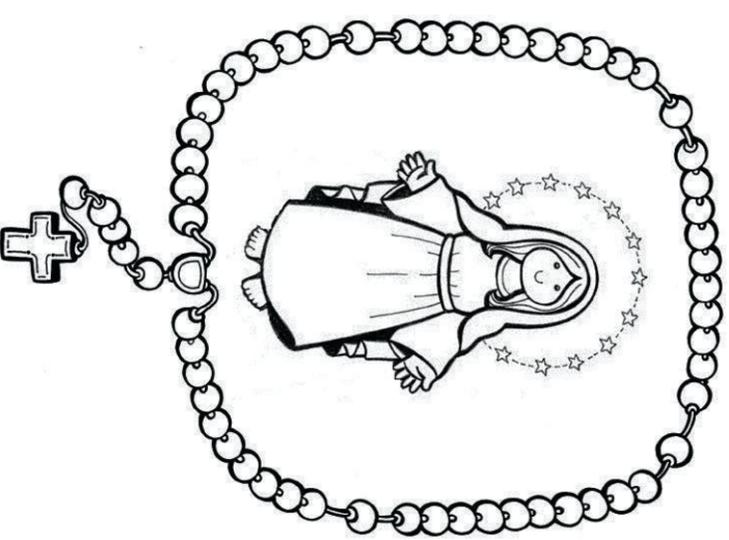
This shortened version of the Rosary is perfect for small children, or even for any of us who are short on time but still wish to pray.

The prayers are the same, but you only pray the beginning of the Rosary, as well as only one decade of the Rosary instead of all 5.

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. On the Crucifix, pray The Apostles' Creed. On the heart bead, pray The Our Father. On the first three beads, pray a Hail Mary. On the second heart bead, pray the Glory Be, followed by reading the first Mystery. Then, pray a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads that follow. Finish on the center heart bead once more, this time praying the Hail Holy Queen. End your prayer with the Sign of the Cross.

Let's Pray Together

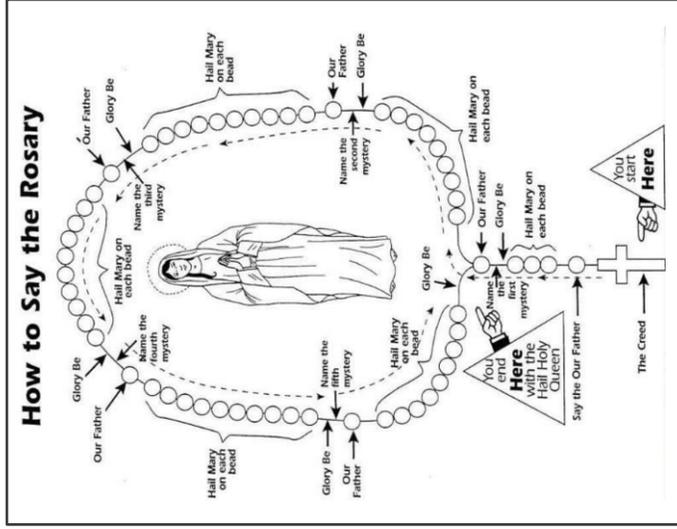
The Rosary



About the Rosary

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Saint John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.



The Five Joyful Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and, during the season of Advent, on Sundays: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation in the Temple, The Finding in the Temple. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays, and, during the season of Lent, on Sundays: The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning with Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross, The Crucifixion and Death.

The Five Glorious Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Wednesdays and, outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Sundays: The Resurrection, The Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption, The Coronation of Mary.

The Five Luminous Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Thursdays: The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, The Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God, The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Eucharist.

The Prayers of the Rosary

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE 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 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. 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 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.

THE HAIL MARY: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN: Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

