Why should I pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is a special set of prayers to God that helps us to remember the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus.

There are a total of 20 Mysteries that tell the story of Mary and Jesus. Each group of 10 Hail Marys is called a decade, and each decade is a different mystery.

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 power of 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 rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated 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.

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 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 your 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.

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<td>Luke 1:26-38</td>
<td>John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit proclaimed Jesus as God’s son.</td>
<td>Knowing one of his friends had betrayed him, Jesus went to a garden to pray for strength. Though he was afraid, he found the courage to die for our sins.</td>
<td>Jesus was placed in a tomb after his death. When Mary Magdalene came for him, an angel told her he had risen from the dead as he had promised.</td>
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<td>Luke 1:39-45</td>
<td>Jesus changed water to wine because his mother, Mary, asked him to help. The disciples saw this miracle and believed in Jesus.</td>
<td>2. scourging at the Pillar Pilate, the Roman leader, ordered soldiers to whip and beat Jesus.</td>
<td>2. Ascension Jesus went with his mother and friends to a place near Bethany. He blessed those with him and God took him to heaven.</td>
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<td>Luke 2:2-20</td>
<td>Mark 1:14-15</td>
<td>3. Crowning of Thorns After whipping Jesus, the soldiers took his clothes and placed a scarlet cloak around him. Calling him “king of the Jews,” they put a crown of thorns on his head.</td>
<td>3. Descent of the Holy Spirit Jesus promised his followers that he would always be with them. On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to them and they were filled with God’s peace.</td>
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<td>Luke 2:21-35</td>
<td>4. Transfiguration of Jesus The Apostles were on Mount Tabor with Jesus when they saw the glory of God shining from Jesus. God said to them, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”</td>
<td>4. Carrying the Cross Though he was in pain, Jesus was made to carry the heavy wooden cross to Calvary. Along the way he saw his mother and friends, who were crying, and Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus with his cross.</td>
<td>4. Assumption of Mary When Mary died Jesus took her body and spirit to heaven to be with him. Mary looks down from heaven and cares for us.</td>
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<td>Luke 2:41-52</td>
<td>Matthew 26:25</td>
<td>5. Institution of Eucharist At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the Apostles’ feet, knowing already that Judas had betrayed him. He then offered his body and blood under the signs of bread and wine.</td>
<td>5. Coronation of Mary Jesus and the angels welcomed Mary when she entered heaven. She was crowned the Queen of Heaven and the Universe. In heaven she appears with a robe made of the sun, the moon under her feet and a crown of 12 stars on her head.</td>
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The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary.