

# *The Scriptural Rosary for Vocations*

## *Joyful Mysteries*

In the name + of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Opening Intention**

O Lord, I unite my heart with all the Saints in heaven and with all the Just on earth; I unite with You, my Jesus, to praise Your holy Mother worthily and to praise You in her and through her. I renounce all the distractions that may come to me while I am praying this rosary.

O Lord, I offer You this rosary for the increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the permanent diaconate and for a strengthening of all current vocations, lay or religious.

O Lord, I offer You this opening Creed to honor the faith You brought to Your Apostles upon this earth and to ask You to permit me to share in that same faith.

Most Holy Trinity, I offer You this opening Our Father to adore You in Your oneness and to acknowledge You as the first cause and the last end of all things.

O Heavenly Father, I offer You these three opening Hail Mary's to thank You for all the graces which You have given to Mary and which You have given to Your followers through her intercession. O Jesus, may Your Mother Mary watch over and protect all young men and women considering a vocational call to priestly or religious life

### **Opening Prayers**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, 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, full of Grace, The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst 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

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+ 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.

**The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation** - Mary answers "Yes" to God's call. Even though it was unexpected and the Archangel Gabriel gives her only the details she needs to know at the present moment, she responds generously. Let us offer this decade for those who are being called to the priesthood or religious life that they, like Mary, may have the grace to respond whole-heartedly...

✠ Our Father...

*The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

(Luke 1:26-27)

Hail Mary...

*Rejoice, so highly favored! The Lord is with you.'* (Luke 1:28)

Hail Mary...

*She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean.* (Luke 1:29)

Hail Mary...

*But the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favor.'*

(Luke 1:30)

Hail Mary...

*'Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.'*

(Luke 1:31)

Hail Mary...

*'He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and his reign will have no end.'* (Luke 1:32,33)

Hail Mary...

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*Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?'*

(Luke 1:34)

Hail Mary...

*'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.'* (Luke 1:35)

Hail Mary...

*'And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God.'* (Luke 1:35)

Hail Mary...

*'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.'*

(Luke 1:38)

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☀ **(Fatima Prayer)** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls into Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

**The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation** - Mary wastes no time in acting upon the grace of her vocation. Through her cooperation the plan of salvation is already unfolding. Let us offer this decade for those who have been called but are hesitating. May God's grace hurry them forward to answer the call and thus begin to labor for the harvest...

✠ Our Father...

*Mary set out at that time and went to the hill country. And she went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.* (Luke 1:39-40)

Hail Mary...

*Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.* (Luke 1:41)

Hail Mary...

*She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'* (Luke 1:42)

Hail Mary...

*'Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'* (Luke 1:45)

Hail Mary...

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*And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my savior; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.'* (Luke 1:46-48)

Hail Mary...

*'Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.'* (Luke 1:48-49)

Hail Mary...

*'Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.'* (Luke 1:49)

Hail Mary...

*'He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.'* (Luke 1:51)

Hail Mary...

*'He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.'* (Luke 1:52)

Hail Mary...

*'The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.'* (Luke 1:53)

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☀ O my Jesus...

**The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity** - Our Savior comes to us in the midst of a family. How crucial is the role of the family! Let us offer this decade for all parents that they may provide an atmosphere of love and faith in the home. May parents thus help foster their children's vocations...

✠ Our Father...

*Now while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem the time came for her to have her child.* (Luke 2:6)

Hail Mary...

*And she gave birth to a son, her firstborn, and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes.* (Luke 2:7)

Hail Mary...

*And she laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.* (Luke 2:7)

Hail Mary...

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*In the countryside close by there were shepherds and the angel of the Lord appeared to them. (Luke 2:8-9)*

Hail Mary...

*'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.'* (Luke 2:10)

Hail Mary...

*'Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'* (Luke 2:11)

Hail Mary...

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favor.'* (Luke 2:14)

Hail Mary...

*And some wise men came from the east, and going in they saw the child with his mother Mary. (Matthew 2:1,11)*

Hail Mary...

*And falling to their knees they did him homage. Then they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)*

Hail Mary...

*And Mary kept in mind all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)*

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☼ O my Jesus...

**The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation** - Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the Temple and dedicated Him to Almighty God. They knew their Son was a gift from God that was to be given back to Him. Let us offer this decade for the grace parents need to recognize the gift of their children and thus offer them to the divine plan of God. May His will determine every moment of their lives...

✠ Our Father...

*Observing the Law of Moses, they took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Luke 2:22)*

Hail Mary...

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*Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man. (Luke 2:25)*

Hail Mary...

*It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. (Luke 2:26)*

Hail Mary...

*And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, he took him into his arms and blessed God. (Luke 2:27-28)*

Hail Mary...

*'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised.' (Luke 2:29)*

Hail Mary...

*'Because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see.' (Luke 2:30-31)*

Hail Mary...

*'A light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' (Luke 2:32)*

Hail Mary...

*And he said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected.' (Luke 2:34)*

Hail Mary...

*'And a sword will pierce your own soul too- so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' (Luke 2:35)*

Hail Mary...

*And they went back to Nazareth, and the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favor was with him. (Luke 2:39-40)*

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☀ O my Jesus...

**The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple** - This mystery tells of a completely unplanned event in the life of Joseph and Mary. For days their hearts ached with sorrow until they found their Son. Let us offer this decade for those parents who find it difficult to understand and thus support their child's vocation as a priest or religious. May they be graced with the faith to support God's

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will for their children and, like Joseph and Mary, to hold the mysterious ways of God in their hearts...

✠ Our Father...

*When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.* (Luke 2:41-42)

Hail Mary...

*When they were on their way home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it.* (Luke 2:45-46)

Hail Mary...

*They went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple.* (Luke 2:45-46)

Hail Mary...

*He was sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions.* (Luke 2:46)

Hail Mary...

*And all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.* (Luke 2:47)

Hail Mary...

*'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'* (Luke 2:48)

Hail Mary...

*'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?'* (Luke 2:49)

Hail Mary...

*But they did not understand what he meant.* (Luke 2:50)

Hail Mary...

*He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.* (Luke 2:51)

Hail Mary...

*And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men.* (Luke 2:52)

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

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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.

*P/.* 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 in 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

In the name + of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Additional Prayers that may be prayed at the conclusion of the Rosary:

### **Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

### **Magnificat**

My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm: He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy; As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever.



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### **Regina Coeli**

O, queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.  
For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia,  
Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.  
For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who, through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through His Virgin Mother, Mary, we may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *(also called the Litany of Loreto)*

Lord, have mercy on us.	Lord have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.	Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.	Lord have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	pray for us.
Holy Mother of God,	pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins,	pray for us.
Mother of Christ,	pray for us.
Mother of divine grace,	pray for us.
Mother most pure,	pray for us.
Mother most chaste,	pray for us.
Mother inviolate,	pray for us.
Mother undefiled,	pray for us.

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Mother most amiable,	pray for us.
Mother most admirable,	pray for us.
Mother of good counsel,	pray for us.
Mother of our Creator,	pray for us.
Mother of our Savior,	pray for us.
Virgin most prudent,	pray for us.
Virgin most venerable,	pray for us.
Virgin most renowned,	pray for us.
Virgin most powerful,	pray for us.
Virgin most merciful,	pray for us.
Virgin most faithful,	pray for us.
Mirror of justice,	pray for us.
Seat of wisdom,	pray for us.
Cause of our joy,	pray for us.
Spiritual vessel,	pray for us.
Vessel of honor,	pray for us.
Singular vessel of devotion,	pray for us.
Mystical rose,	pray for us.
Tower of David,	pray for us.
Tower of ivory,	pray for us.
House of gold,	pray for us.
Ark of the Covenant,	pray for us.
Gate of Heaven,	pray for us.
Morning star,	pray for us.
Health of the sick,	pray for us.
Refuge of sinners,	pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted,	pray for us.
Help of Christians,	pray for us.

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Queen of angels,	pray for us.
Queen of patriarchs,	pray for us.
Queen of prophets,	pray for us.
Queen of apostles,	pray for us.
Queen of martyrs,	pray for us.
Queen of confessors,	pray for us.
Queen of virgins,	pray for us.
Queen of all saints,	pray for us.
Queen conceived without Original Sin,	pray for us.
Queen assumed into Heaven,	pray for us.
Queen of the most holy Rosary,	pray for us.
Queen of peace,	pray for us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us.

*V.* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

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

Grant, we beseech Thee O Lord God, that we Thy Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.