

The Scriptural Rosary for Vocations

Sorrowful 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 Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden - Jesus asked His Apostles to pray "that you may not undergo the test." Our Lord knew they needed to pray in order to endure what would soon happen. Let us offer this decade for those men and women whom God is calling to be priests and religious, that they might have a deep and abiding life of prayer. Through the strength given to them through their spiritual life may they respond courageously to God's call...

✠ Our Father...

Jesus came with them to Gethsemane and sadness came over him, and great distress. (Matthew 26:36-37)

Hail Mary...

Then he said, 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.' (Matthew 26:38)

Hail Mary...

Then he withdrew from them, and knelt down and prayed. (Luke 22:41)

Hail Mary...

'Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, may your will be done, not mine.' (Luke 22:42)

Hail Mary...

Then an angel appeared to him, coming from heaven to give him strength. (Luke 22:43)

Hail Mary...

In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly. (Luke 22:44)

Hail Mary...

And his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. (Luke 22:44)

Hail Mary...

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Then he came back to his disciples and found them sleeping, and he said, 'So you had not the strength to keep awake with me for even one hour?' (Matthew 26:40)

Hail Mary...

'You should be awake, and praying no to be put to the test.' (Matthew 26:41)

Hail Mary...

'The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' (Matthew 26:41)

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 Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar - Our Lord's suffering during the scourging was excruciating. For our sake Jesus offered Himself to obtain our salvation. Let us offer this decade for the grace that many young people might feel the desire in their hearts to offer themselves to God as priests and religious...

✠ Our Father...

They had Jesus bound and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' (Mark 15:1-2)

Hail Mary...

Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; but yes, I am a king.'

(John 18:36-37)

Hail Mary...

'I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' (John 18:37)

Hail Mary...

'Truth?' said Pilate, 'What is that?'; and with that he went out again to the Jews and said, 'I find no case against him.' (John 18:38)

Hail Mary...

'So I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' Pilate then had Jesus taken away and scourged. (Luke 23:16, John 19:1)

Hail Mary...

Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows. (Isaiah 53:3)

Hail Mary...

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Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly, like a lamb that is led to the slaughterhouse.
(Isaiah 53:7)

Hail Mary...

Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. (Isaiah 53:5)

Hail Mary...

Ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. (Isaiah 53:4)

Hail Mary...

On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☼ O my Jesus...

The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns - Jesus endured the terrible ridicule and mockery of the soldiers even to the point of accepting the painful crown of thorns. Let us offer this decade for those who have a calling to the priesthood or religious life but find it difficult to say "yes" because of fear or other painful obstacles in their lives. May peer pressure or concern over other people's reactions never stand in their way of following God's will...

✠ Our Father...

The soldiers led him away to the Praetorium. Then they stripped him and dressed him up in purple. (Mark 15:16-17, Matthew 27:28)

Hail Mary...

And having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. (Mt 27:29)

Hail Mary...

To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' (Matthew 27:29)

Hail Mary...

And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. (Matthew 27:30)

Hail Mary...

Then Pilate took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' (Matthew 27:24)

Hail Mary...

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Jesus then came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. (John 19:5)

Hail Mary...

'Here is your king,' said Pilate. 'Take him away!' they said. 'Crucify him!' (John 19:15)

Hail Mary...

'Why, what harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'

(Mark 15:14)

Hail Mary...

'Do you want me to crucify your king?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king except Caesar.' (John 19:15)

Hail Mary...

So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, handed him over to be crucified. (Mark 15:15)

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☀ O my Jesus...

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross - On the way to Calvary, our Lord found comfort and assistance from a number of people: Simon of Cyrene, the women of Jerusalem, His Mother, and Veronica. How much those acts of love must have meant to Jesus! Let us offer this decade for the grace to always support, with our prayers and sacrifices, those whom God is calling to become priests and religious. May God find us seriously engaged in this very important apostolate!

✠ Our Father...

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.' (Luke 9:23)

Hail Mary...

'And take up his cross every day and follow me.' (Luke 9:23)

Hail Mary...

And carrying his own cross they led him out to crucify him. (John 19:16; Mark 15:21)

Hail Mary...

And they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. (Luke 23:26)

Hail Mary...

'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me.' (Matthew 11:29)

Hail Mary...

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'For I am gentle and humble in heart.' (Matthew 11:29)

Hail Mary...

'And you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

(Matthew 11:29-30)

Hail Mary...

Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. (Luke 23:27)

Hail Mary...

But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children." (Luke 23:28)

Hail Mary...

'For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' (Luke 23:31)

Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☀ O my Jesus...

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion and death of Our Lord - At the foot of the Cross, there came into existence a new type of family. Before Jesus died He entrusted to the maternal care of Mary all of humanity, represented in the person of the "beloved disciple." Through the New Covenant the notion of family is greatly enlarged, it takes on a different dimension. Let us offer this decade for those who are being called but are hesitant because of fears of not being able to have a family and living a lonely life. Help them, O Lord, to see that in serving You as a priest or religious, their desires for family will indeed be completely fulfilled...

✠ Our Father...

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him. (Luke 23:33)

Hail Mary...

Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' (Luke 23:34)

Hail Mary...

One of the criminals crucified with him said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' (Luke 23:39, 42; Mark 15:32)

Hail Mary...

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'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' (Luke 23:43)
Hail Mary...

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and the disciple he loved. (John 19:25-26)
Hail Mary...

Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' (John 19:26-27)
Hail Mary...

And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home. (John 19:27)
Hail Mary...

And a darkness came over the whole land, and the earth quaked; and the veil of the Temple was torn in two. (Luke 23:44; Matthew 27:51)
Hail Mary...

And Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.'
(Luke 23:46)
Hail Mary...

And bowing his head he breathed his last. (John 19:30, Luke 23:46)
Hail Mary...

+ Glory be...

☀ O my Jesus...

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

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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.

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.

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Christ, hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Christ, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on us.

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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.
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.

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Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.

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

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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.