



ENTRUSTING POPE FRANCIS TO OUR LADY: A ROSARY FOR HIS SOUL

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The Holy Rosary: Glorious Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed at a Catholic funeral vigil or wake. These mysteries focus on the resurrection and remind us of life after death.

Opening Prayers

1. **Sign of the Cross:**

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

2. **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.

3. **Our Father** (For the Pope's intentions)

4. **Three Hail Marys** (For an increase in Faith, Hope, and Charity)

5. **Glory Be**

First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection

After three days in the tomb, Jesus Christ rises from the dead, conquering sin and death. The stone is rolled away, and the empty tomb is discovered by Mary Magdalene and the other women. The angels proclaim, *“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”* (Luke 24:5-6)

The Resurrection is the foundation of our faith, proving that Jesus is truly the Son of God and that eternal life is promised to those who believe in Him. In His victory, we find hope, joy, and the assurance that death has no power over those who belong to Christ.

Intention: We pray for a deep and abiding faith in the Resurrection, that we may always trust in the promises of Christ.

1. Our Father
2. 10 Hail Marys
3. Glory Be
4. Fatima Prayer: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus ascends into Heaven, returning to the right hand of the Father. As the disciples watch, He promises, *“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:20)

The Ascension reminds us that our true home is in Heaven, and that Jesus intercedes for us before the Father. He calls us to live with our hearts set on eternal life, knowing that He will return in glory.

Intention: We pray for the grace to detach from worldly distractions and to seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated in glory.

1. Our Father
2. 10 Hail Marys
3. Glory Be
4. Fatima Prayer: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

On Pentecost, as the disciples gather in prayer with Mary, a mighty wind rushes through the upper room, and tongues of fire rest upon them. They are filled with the Holy Spirit, who empowers them to boldly proclaim the Gospel. *“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”* (Acts 2:4)

The coming of the Holy Spirit marks the birth of the Church and the fulfillment of Christ’s promise to send a Helper and Guide. The Spirit strengthens us with gifts of wisdom, understanding, courage, and love, equipping us for our mission as disciples.

Intention: We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, that we may live with zeal and courage in proclaiming the Good News.

1. Our Father
2. 10 Hail Marys
3. Glory Be
4. Fatima Prayer: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption of Mary

At the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary is taken body and soul into Heaven. The Church teaches that Mary, preserved from sin, is given this privilege as the first to fully share in the Resurrection of her Son. *“A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.”* (Revelation 12:1)

The Assumption reminds us of the dignity of the human body and our calling to eternal life. Mary’s Assumption is a sign of hope, showing us that those who remain faithful to God will one day share in His glory.

Intention: We pray for the grace to live holy lives, so that we, too, may share in the joys of Heaven.

1. Our Father
2. 10 Hail Marys
3. Glory Be
4. Fatima Prayer: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Coronation of Mary

In Heaven, Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth, fulfilling her role as the Mother of the King. As the Queen Mother, she intercedes for us, her children, and leads us closer to Christ. *“On her head, a crown of twelve stars.”* (Revelation 12:1)

Mary’s coronation is the final reward of her perfect fidelity to God. She reigns not with power, but with love, humility, and tenderness, drawing all souls to her Son.

Intention: We pray for a deeper devotion to Mary, that through her intercession, we may grow in holiness and love for Jesus.

1. Our Father
2. 10 Hail Marys
3. Glory Be
4. Fatima Prayer: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Closing Prayers

1. 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!

2. Prayer for Protection:

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 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.

3. Sign of the Cross

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

Important Notes:

- The Hail Mary is the core prayer of the rosary. You pray 10 Hail Marys in each of the five decades. The Glory Be is a prayer that glorifies the Holy Trinity. The Fatima Prayer is a prayer for mercy that Mary gave to three shepherd children in 1917.
- You can announce the mystery at the beginning of each decade. For example, the first glorious mystery is the Resurrection.
- You can pray the rosary in either direction, clockwise or counter-clockwise. You can also count the prayers on your fingers instead of using a rosary.