

How to pray the Rosary - Modified for the Byzantine Rite Use

Start at the crucifix:

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls.

From Easter until Ascension leave out Glory to Thee and Heavenly King and instead say three times: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (From Ascension until Pentecost, simply make the sign of the cross — In the Name of the Father)

+ Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (Three times)

+ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit us and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

+ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Then at the first large bead on the pendant:

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.

Lord, have mercy. (*12 times*)

+ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O come, let us worship God our King.

+ O come, let us worship and bow down before Christ, our King and our God.

+ O come, let us worship and bow down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, eternally begotten of the Father. Born of the Father before all ages. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was also crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Then at the first small bead on the pendant (group of three beads):

+ Glory to the Father, who has made us, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Rejoice, Mother of God, Virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you have borne Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of our souls.

Then at the second small bead on the pendant:

+ Glory to the Son, who has redeemed us, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God...

Then at the third small bead on the pendant:

+ Glory to the Holy Spirit, who has enlightened us, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God...

+ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Announce the Mysteries for the day:

JOYFUL Mysteries (Mondays, Thursdays or Saturday): 1- Annunciation, 2- Visitation of Our Lady to St Elisabeth, 3- Nativity of Christ, 4- Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, 5- Finding of the Boy Jesus in the Temple.

SORROWFUL Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays): 1- Agony in the Garden, 2- Scourging at the Pillar, 3- Crowning with Thorns, 4- Jesus Carries the Cross, 5- Crucifixion.

GLORIOUS Mysteries (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays): 1- Resurrection, 2- Ascension, 3- Descent of the Holy Spirit, 4- Dormition/Assumption, 5- Crowning of Our Lady in Glory in Heaven.

LUMINOUS Mysteries (Thursday): 1- Baptism of Christ in the Jordan (Theophany), 2- the Wedding at Cana, 3- Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom, 4- the Transfiguration, 5- the Institution of the Eucharist.

In 2002 the Pope added another set of mysteries that may be prayed on Thursdays, changing Saturday's set to another round of the Joyful ones.

Before praying each decade announce the Mystery for meditation (e.g. the Annuciation /Agony in the Garden / Baptism of Christ / Resurrection – depending on the day you are praying the rosary)

Each decade repeats the same pattern:

- Our Father ... (1 x - on single bead)
- Rejoice, Mother of God, Virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you have borne Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of our souls. (10 x – once for every bead)
- + Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.
- O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. (*Fátima prayer*)

Closing Prayer

We flee to the shelter of your mercy, O Virgin Mother of God. Do not reject our prayers of anguish, but free us from tribulations, O only pure and blessed one. Most Holy Mother of God, save us!

Most holy Mother of God, save us. (Three times with bows)

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.