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**St Mary**  
the Virgin

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# The Rosary: The Prayers



*If we are saying the Rosary together, then the leader says everything in this type*

*And the people say everything in this type*

**Lord Jesus Christ, whose mother  
the Queen of the Holy Rosary,  
witnessed yours sufferings  
and underwent the piercing of her heart  
through love of you:  
inspire in my heart a true love of this devotion  
so that by meditating  
on the mysteries of our redemption  
which are recalled in it,  
I may be enriched with its fruits  
and obtain peace for the world,  
the conversion of sinners,  
and the fullness of your grace.  
I ask this for the greater glory of God,  
for the honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
and for the good of souls, especially my own.**

*Then, holding the crucifix of the rosary, all say:*  
**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.  
The third day he rose again from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth 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.**

*If we are saying the rosary with others, the leader says the first part of the prayer, and we all join in the second half:*

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.**

*At the beginning of the Rosary, an Our Father is followed by  
three Hail Marys and then a Glory Be:*

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.**

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 leader announces the mysteries for meditation. For each  
of the five reflections there is an Our Father, 10 Hail Marys  
and a Glory be. When they have been completed, we may sing:*

**Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,  
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus exules filii Hevæ,  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos  
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.**

*which means:*

*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our  
hope; hail. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you do  
we send up our sighs; mourning and weeping, in this vale of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us. And  
after this exile, show to 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.**

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.**