

A Million Children Pray the Rosary

Today, we are joining children throughout the world who will be taking part in the great prayer campaign A Million Children Pray the Rosary. We will be praying for peace and unity throughout the world and we warmly invite you to join us. We believe that if we faithfully recite the Rosary together, then the holy Mother of God will lead us all as one great family into the loving arms of our heavenly Father.

When we see all the wars and wickedness, the persecution, disease and fears that weigh upon our world, people might well ask, 'Is God really in control?' Yes he is, but we must also reach out for his outstretched hands and cling to Him. God has reached out to us, through Mary, by sending us his Son and his Holy Spirit into the world with the gift of his infinite love, to save us from the power of evil. As we pray the Rosary, our Blessed Mother pours new hope into our hearts that, as children of the One Father, we can indeed live together in peace and security.

And let us especially entrust to the powerful and loving hands of the divine Father and the mighty intercession of the Mother of God those countries where war, violence and deep poverty prevail – as in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nigeria, the Sahel region of Africa, Pakistan and all those places where people are unable to live in peace.

And so we start our Rosary, using the Joyful Mysteries, instead of Tuesday's usual Sorrowful Mysteries.

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

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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. 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 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. Amen x3

Glory be to the Father 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.

1. Mary conceives Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Archangel Gabriel is sent by God the Father to Mary with the most important message ever - God wants his Son to be born of Mary, as a human being, just like you and me. Mary immediately says YES to God.

Heavenly Father, you have given us your Son, Jesus, through Mary - and so now we can call you Abba - Father - and truly be your children. We pray to you for all people who do not yet know you as their Father and are afraid of you.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... x 10

Glory Be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

2. Jesus is carried in Mary's womb to her cousin Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth greets her, Mary joyfully praises the greatness of our heavenly Father, who loves us infinitely and wants to protect the world from all evil.

Heavenly Father, we thank you, as Mary did in her song of praise, and ask you to make the rich and powerful people open their hearts to the poor and weak and share the gifts of your creation with everyone. So then no one will have to go poor and hungry any more.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... x 10

Glory Be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

3. Jesus is born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary.

When Jesus is born in Bethlehem the Angels praise the goodness of God the Father and sing: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

Heavenly Father, we pray for all the countries where people suffer war and violence. Help us to stay faithful to your commandments so that everyone can live in peace and safety.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... x 10

Glory Be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

4. Jesus is presented by Mary in the Temple.

Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the Temple and 'offer' him back to the Father. At the same time they make a traditional offering of thanksgiving. Two very old people, Simeon and Anna, are guided by God to recognise that this Child is the promised Saviour of the world.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all families. Please help parents to love and accept their children as a gift from God and teach them to love You and all mankind.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... x 10

Glory Be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

5. Jesus is 'found' again in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

Jesus is 12 years old. Mary and Joseph search anxiously for him and when they find him in the Temple, he asks them: 'Did you not know that I must do my Father's business?'

Heavenly Father, Jesus always did your will, even when it meant dying for us on the Cross. Mary and Joseph also shared in his suffering when they spent three days searching for him anxiously. We pray for all those who have died, that none may be lost but that all may find you and come home to you in the end.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... x 10

Glory Be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

Children's Consecration to Our Lady

Mary, my Mother, today I come to you with joy, to give you my whole heart. I give you everything I have and everything I do, my whole life. To you I bring every single person, that I hold in love in my heart: my parents, my brothers and my sisters, all my friends, but also those who have hurt me. Be a Mother to us all, bless and protect us. I wish to be your child, to love you as my Mother and pray faithfully to you. Help me to remember, each day, that I belong to you. Mother, I am yours, now and for all eternity. With you and through you I want to belong completely to Jesus. Amen.

Immaculate Mary, our hearts are on fire. That title so wondrous fills all our desire.

Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.