

# Pray the World Mission Rosary!

## What is the World Mission Rosary?

The World Mission Rosary was envisioned by Archbishop John Fulton Sheen, then the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in 1951. He made the request on a radio show that his listeners "Embrace the world in prayer." To do so he introduced this Rosary.

Its uniqueness is in the five colors represented in each of the decades. Color symbolism in a rosary is a gentle reminder on which to focus our prayers.

This rosary honors the work of mission, our call to be missionaries, and world unity and peace through its special emphasis on each of the Earth's regions, where prayers are needed and our brothers and sisters in Christ live and play and pray just like each of us! Each region is represented by a different color; it is not only a beautiful rosary, but rich in symbolism.



## \*\*What are the colors/regions of the Mission Rosary?

- **Green** - for the forests and grasslands of **Africa**
- **Red** - calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the **Americas** (US, Canada, Latin America and Native Americans)
- **White** - symbolizing **Europe**, the home of the Holy Father
- **Blue** - for the ocean surrounding the **Islands of the Pacific** (Australia/Oceania)
- **Yellow** - symbolizing the morning light of the East and 'beginning of civilization' for **Asia/ Middle East**

*\*\*Note: These colors do not need to go in any particular order in the making of the Rosary; it is the colors, not the order that is of significance and makes this Rosary experience special!*

## How do you pray the Mission Rosary?

The Mission Rosary can be prayed in the same way that you would pray any other Rosary, be that in a group, with your family or individually. Begin by praying the Creed, the LORD's Prayer, 3 Hail Mary's and the Glory Be, followed by whichever mysteries you choose to pray at the time and their corresponding prayers for each decade. As you do so, simply keep in mind the area and other people of the world that each decade's color represents, and perhaps offer a special petition relating to that region after you announce the mystery.

The Mission Rosary can also be prayed in an extra special way, using the "**Mission Mysteries**" developed by Maryknoll's mission organization. These mysteries are:

- The 1st Mission Mystery: **The visit of the Magi** (Matthew 2:1,11)
- The 2nd Mission Mystery: **Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman** (John 4:28)
- The 3rd Mission Mystery: **Jesus cures the centurion's servant** (Luke 7:2)
- The 4th Mission Mystery: **The conversion of Paul** (Acts 9:20)
- The 5th Mission Mystery: **Jesus sends out His disciples** (Mark 16:15)

*You can purchase Rosary supplies, including World Mission Rosary kits, online or via telephone from Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Kentucky; visit their website: [www.olrm.org](http://www.olrm.org) Their website also has information on how to make Rosaries.*

# How To Pray the Rosary

## Praying the Rosary

1. While holding the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the first bead and all the single beads, say an Our Father.
3. Pray one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads for an increase in faith, hope, and charity.
4. On the next single bead, pray the Glory Be.
5. Before praying the next set of ten beads (called a decade), first meditate on the first mystery. Announce the mystery, imagine the event, and begin to meditate on it by itself or in association with whatever matter the mystery brings to your heart.
6. Pray an Our Father.
7. Pray a Hail Mary on the first bead of the decade, and on each following bead.
8. After praying the decade, pray the Glory Be. You may also want to add the Fatima invocation.
9. Reflect on the second mystery, then pray an Our Father on the next single bead.
10. Pray the Hail Mary on the next ten beads. Repeat the sequence around the rosary.
11. At the end of the last decade, pray the Hail Holy Queen.

## The Sign of the Cross

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

## The 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.

## The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

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

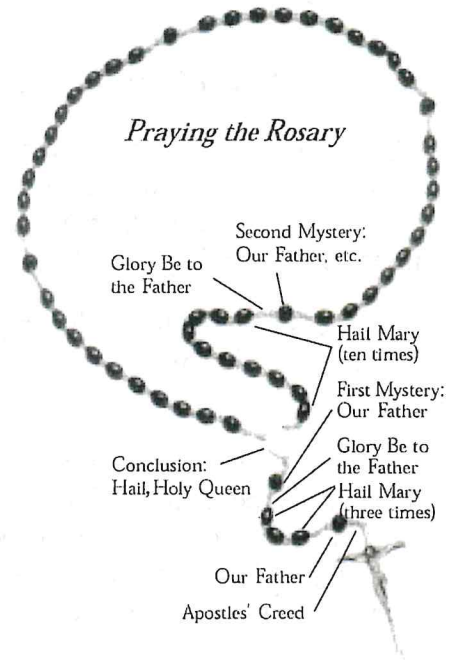
Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## The Glory Be (The Doxology)

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.



## Fatima Invocation

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

## Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

## The Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation of the birth of the Lord to Mary by the archangel Gabriel (Lk 1:26-38).
2. The Visitation of Our Lady with St. Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist (Lk 1:39-56).
3. The Nativity of Our Lord (Mt 1:18-25; Lk 2:1-20).
4. The Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple (Lk 2:22-32).
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-52).

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays and Fridays)

1. The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk 14:32-42).
2. The Scourging of Jesus (Jn 19:1).
3. The Crowning with Thorns (Mk 15:16-20).
4. The Carrying of the Cross (Jn 19:12-17).
5. The Crucifixion (Mt 27:33-56; Mk 15:22-41; Lk 23:26-49; Jn 19:16-30).

## The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan (Mt 3:13-16).
2. The Self-Manifestation of Our Lord at the Wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11).
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mk 1:14-15).
4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Mt 17:1-8; Lk 9:28-29).
5. The Last Supper, when the Eucharist was Instituted (Mt 26).

## The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays and Sundays)

1. The Resurrection (Lk 24:1-12; Jn 20).
2. The Ascension (Lk 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-12).
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Song 2:8-14).
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Mother (Rev 12:1-4).