



## How to Pray the World Mission Rosary

# World Mission Rosary

In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a *The Catholic Hour* radio address, inaugurated a World Mission Rosary. "We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different color to represent the continents." Praying this Rosary, Archbishop Sheen said, would "aid the Holy Father and his Society for the Propagation of the Faith by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor mission territories of the world."

Each decade of the World Mission Rosary calls to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission:

**GREEN** for the forests and grasslands of AFRICA;

**BLUE** for the ocean surrounding the ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC;

**WHITE** symbolizing EUROPE, the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world;

**RED** calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the AMERICAS

**YELLOW**, the morning light of the East, for ASIA.

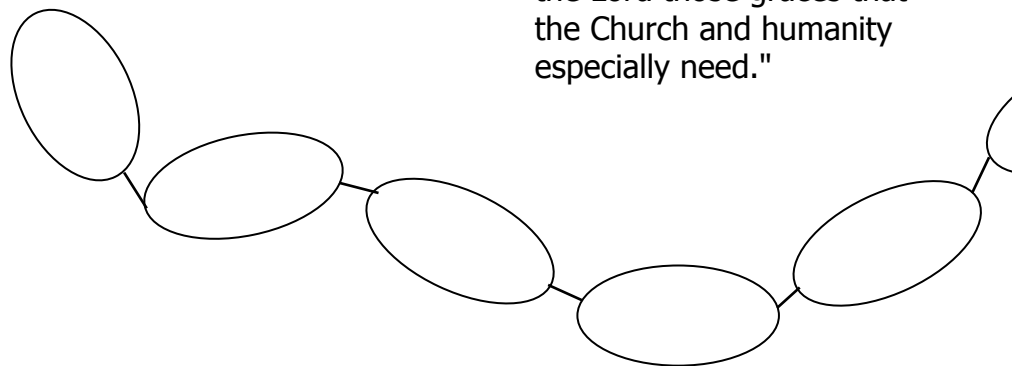
Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, encouraged everyone to "intensify your praying of the Rosary...to obtain from the Lord those graces that the Church and humanity especially need."



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## How to say the Rosary

Begin the rosary by holding the Crucifix and making the Sign of the Cross. Then pray the Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 the life everlasting. AMEN.

On the first bead, pray the 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

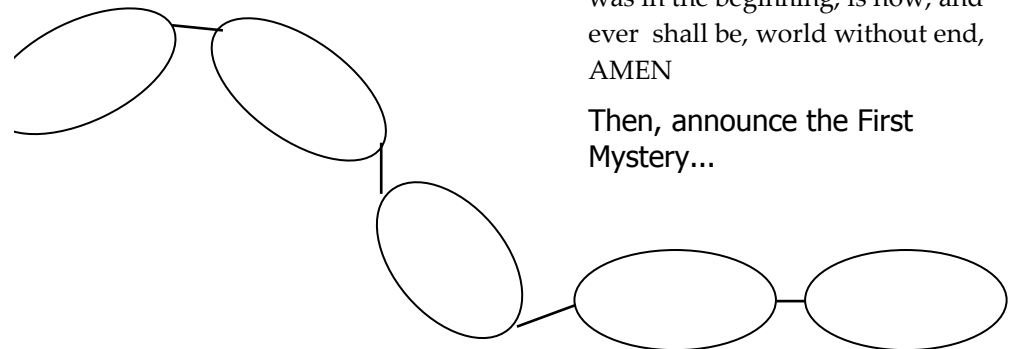
On the next three beads, recite the Hail Mary:

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.

On the next bead, pray the Glory Be:

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

Then, announce the First Mystery...



# The Joyful Mysteries

Said on Monday and Saturday

## The first Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation  
The archangel Gabriel announces to Mary that she shall conceive the Son of God.

### Mission Intention

That the good news of a Savior, first announced to Mary, may be proclaimed to all the world.

### Reflection

You listened to the word of God announced by the angel Gabriel. You believed and became the Mother of God. Teach me to listen to the Word and keep it. May it take root in my heart, grow and blossom, for my life and that of others too.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy, AMEN

On the next large bead, announce the second Mystery...

## The second Joyful Mystery

The Visitation  
Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist

### Mission Intention

That missionaries who travel long roads bearing Christ may be strengthened in faith and holiness.

### Reflection

Mary, you visited Elizabeth in her need. Each of you was moved by the Holy Spirit to praise God for what God had done for you. Teach me to be attentive to how the Spirit is present in my life and the lives of others.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the third Mystery...

## The third Joyful Mystery

The Nativity of Jesus  
Jesus is Born!

### Mission Intention

For the children of the world, especially those who are poor and homeless, that they may know the love of Jesus.

### Reflection

Mary, you gave birth to Jesus, God's own son. At the foot of His cross, you became my mother. Raise me as your own child. Raise me as God's own child. Take care of all of God's children, especially those who do not know God.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the fourth Mystery...

## The fourth Mission Mystery

Jesus sends out His Disciples  
Jesus sends His followers to bring the Good News to others.

### Mission Intention

That all who bring the Good News to others may do so with the same love and enthusiasm of the first missionaries of Jesus.

### Reflection

The disciples went to others, heedless of the danger to themselves and filled with the Holy Spirit. Help me to consider my own missionary vocation whether it be in my own home or somewhere far away.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the fifth Mystery...

# The Mission Mysteries

Said for the missions on special occasions

## The fifth Mission Mystery

The Conversion of Paul  
In a very stunning change, through the grace of God, Paul stops persecuting Christians and starts preaching the Good News.

### Mission Intention

May we experience true conversion of heart daily through our prayer and good works.

### Reflection

Paul transformed the Church from a small sect of Judaism to a truly universal church, teaching us that we must never dismiss others as beyond God's reach, even when their previous actions show them to be our enemies.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

Now, say the closing prayers...

## Concluding the Rosary

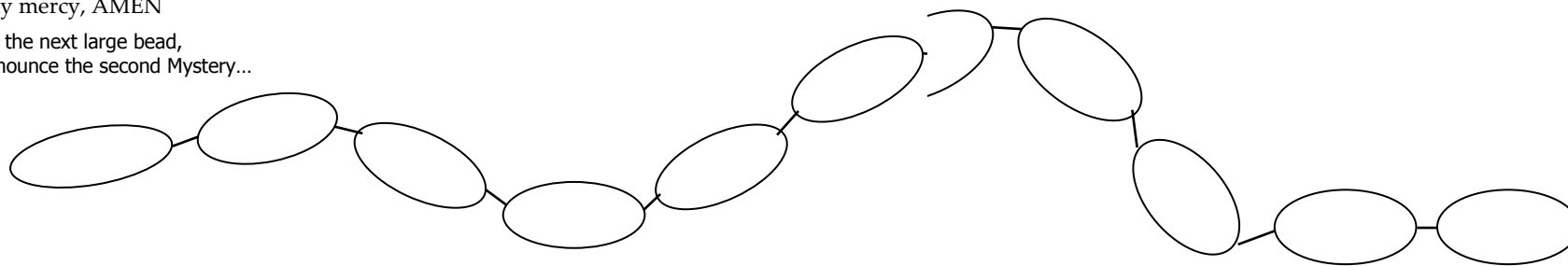
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Make the Sign of the Cross.



# The Mission Mysteries

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## The first Mission Mystery

The Visit of the Magi  
Three strangers arrive from the east.

### Mission Intention

That all who seek Jesus will find Jesus.

### Reflection

The Magi were astrologers from Persia. When Jesus was born, they read in the stars that there was a newborn King of the Jews. This mission teaches us that all who seek God with an open heart will be guided to the Lord

### Pray the Our Father...

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### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy, AMEN

On the next large bead, announce the second Mystery...

## The second Mission Mystery

Jesus speaks with the Samaritan Woman  
Jesus speaks to someone considered unworthy.

### Mission Intention

Father, help us to understand that all people are Your children and that all people deserve respect.

### Reflection

Jesus scandalized his followers by speaking to a woman and a non-Jew. But Jesus knows all of God's children are worthy of respect and love. In addition, Jesus gave the woman a deep desire to know God and to have her people know God too.

### Pray the Our Father...

Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the third Mystery...

## The third Mission Mystery

Jesus cures the Centurion's Servant  
Jesus cures the servant of a Roman soldier.

### Mission Intention

That all who are ill, especially those who face the hardship of poverty, come to know Jesus' healing presence.

### Reflection

The Romans and the Jews were enemies. Yet, this centurion was friendly to the Jews. He was desperate to save his servant. His faith impressed Jesus. And Jesus used this example to teach the people of God.

### Pray the Our Father...

Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the fourth Mystery...

## The fourth Joyful Mystery

The Presentation  
Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple.

### Mission Intention

That Catholic families throughout the world, by the example of their lives, may show the love of Christ to their neighbors.

### Reflection

Mary, when Jesus was a little boy, you offered him to the service of God. We pray also to be servants of God and servants of each other.

### Pray the Our Father...

Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the fifth Mystery...

# The Joyful Mysteries

Said on Monday and Saturday

## The fifth Joyful Mystery

Finding Jesus in the Temple  
Mary and Joseph find the young Jesus teaching the Rabbis in the Temple.

### Mission Intention

That all the people of the world that live in sorrow may find in the Gospel message of Jesus new life and peace.

### Reflection

Mary, when you lost Jesus, you searched and found him. When I am lost, help me to find Jesus. Teach me to help others experience the joy of finding Jesus in their lives.

### Pray the Our Father...

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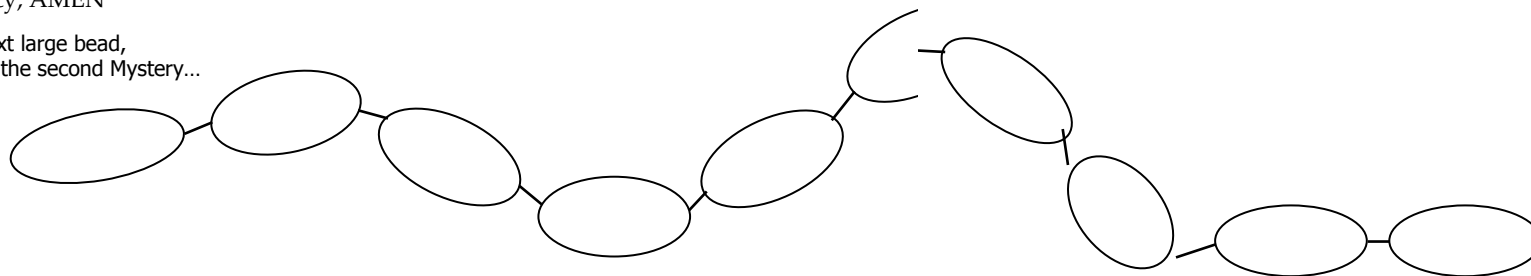
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Make the Sign of the Cross.



# The Sorrowful Mysteries

Said on Tuesday and Friday

## The first Sorrowful Mystery

The Agony in the Garden  
Jesus sweats water and blood while in prayer on the night before his passion.

### Mission Intention

That all in the world who persevere in faith may feel the presence of the Lord.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, you accepted being like us even to the point of death. In prayer, you realized that this was the Father's will. We pray that our suffering and weaknesses and those of all humanity may be sanctified by your Spirit and united to your suffering for the life of the world.

### Pray the Our Father...

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### Pray the Glory Be:

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On the next large bead, announce the second Mystery...

## The second Sorrowful Mystery

The Scourging at the Pillar  
Pilot has Jesus whipped.

### Mission Intention

That all who suffer in body, especially the hungry, may be fed through our sharing.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times I have been indifferent to the sufferings of my brothers and sisters around the world. Help me offer my own pain and suffering on behalf of all who serve in the missionary work of the Church.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the third Mystery...

## The third Sorrowful Mystery

The Crowning with Thorns  
Roman soldiers crown Jesus' head with thorns.

### Mission Intention

That all who suffer in despair, especially refugees, may find hope in Christ's promise of eternal happiness.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, I am sorry for all the times I hurt you by hurting others. Teach me to grow in kindness and generous love so that I may grow to become more like you.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the fourth Mystery...

## The fourth Luminous Mystery

The Transfiguration  
Christ is transfigured as the Father, Son, and Spirit.

### Mission Intention

That those whose faith in God is tested every day through the struggles of their daily lives may be an example to others who doubt, yet do not struggle for the basics of life.

### Reflection

Lord, your disciples saw who You really are, the Son of God. I want to be Your disciple. I want to listen to You, learn from You and become like You. May Your Spirit transform me into Your likeness.

### Pray the Our Father...

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### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

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# The Luminous Mysteries

Said on Thursday

## The fifth Luminous Mystery

The Institution of the Eucharist  
Jesus offers the first Mass at the Last Supper establishing the Sacramental foundation for all Christians.

### Mission Intention

The Mass reminds us that we who eat Christ's Body and drink His Blood are sent to continue His mission to the world. May we take to heart this mandate.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, You gave Your life for us. You prepare a table for all people to share in Your life. Make me a server and sharer at this banquet.

### Pray the Our Father...

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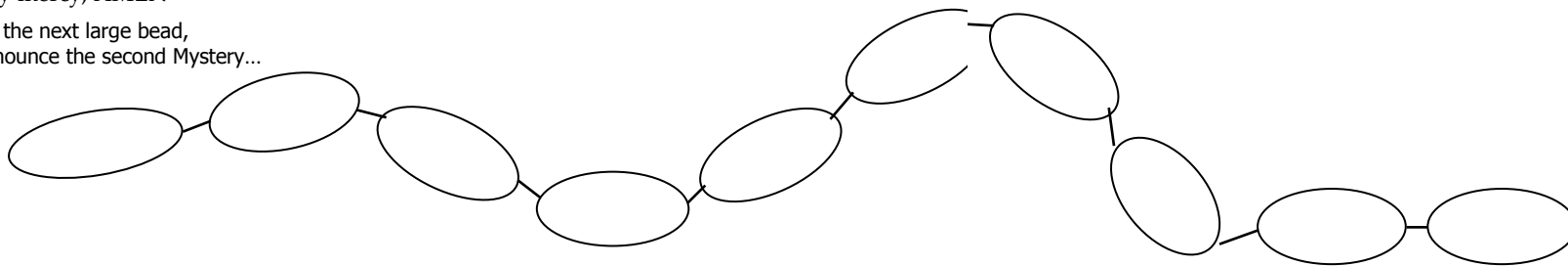
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Make the Sign of the Cross.



# The Luminous Mysteries

Said on Thursday

## The first Luminous Mystery

The Baptism in the Jordan  
The Father declares Jesus the Beloved Son.

### Mission Intention

That all who do not know Jesus, especially the children, can come to hear of his great love.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, You were baptized by John. You befriended all people. Free me from feeling I'm better than others. May all of us get closer to You.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

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On the next large bead, announce the second Mystery...

## The second Luminous Mystery

The Wedding at Cana  
Jesus changes water into wine, His first public miracle.

### Mission Intention

Father, we hear often of the generosity of the poor to the poor, may all come to know the joy of giving from their need and not only from their surplus.

### Reflection

Jesus, You introduced Your disciples to Your mother at the wedding in Cana. She teaches us to follow Your will. Show me Your love so that I may too believe.

### Pray the Our Father...

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### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

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## The third Luminous Mystery

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and Call to Conversion

Jesus calls to conversion and forgives the sins of all who draw near to Him.

### Mission Intention

Father, we know that missionaries come from all cultures. Help us to understand that we too are missionaries by virtue of our baptism.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, rule in my heart and help me spread the Good News of Your love and peace throughout the world so that someday all may be one in Your name.

### Pray the Our Father...

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### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

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## The fourth Sorrowful Mystery

Jesus Carries the Cross.  
Jesus meets his mother and falls three times on this way to Calvary.

### Mission Intention

For the church in the United States, that through prayer and sacrifice we may help bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters worldwide and that we may see and celebrate their gifts to the church.

### Reflection

Lord, you accepted the burden of the cross. Give me the grace, courage and sincere desire to take up my cross daily and follow you.

### Pray the Our Father...

**Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...**

### Pray the Glory Be:

### Pray the Fatima Prayer:

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# The Sorrowful Mysteries

Said on Tuesday and Friday

## The fifth Sorrowful Mystery

The Crucifixion  
Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies before his mother and John the Apostle

### Mission Intention

That those who hunger and thirst for justice may work peacefully and successfully toward their goal.

### Reflection

Lord, help me remember how great your love is from me and the world. Teach me to love myself as you love me and to love others as you love them.

### Pray the Our Father...

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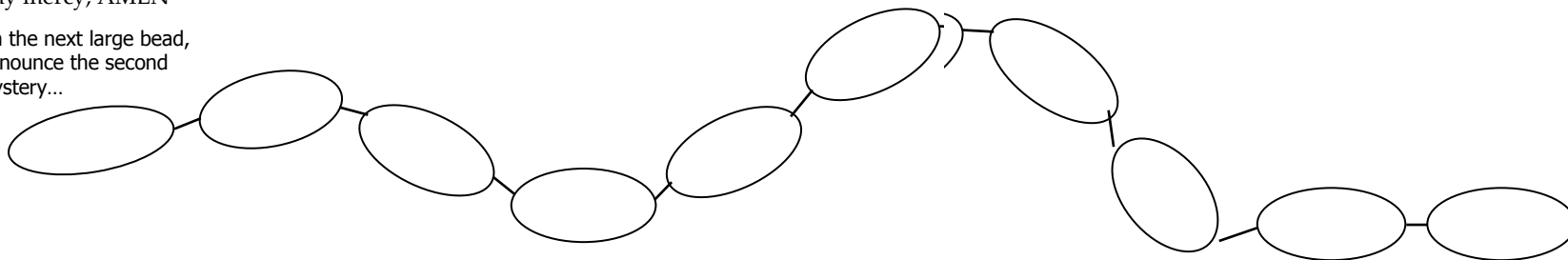
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Make the Sign of the Cross.



# The Glorious Mysteries

Said on Wednesday and Sunday

## The first Glorious Mystery

The Resurrection

Jesus rises from the dead.

### Mission Intention

For the Church worldwide, that our faith in the risen Christ may draw others to Him.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, help me experience the joy of the resurrection each day and to share this joy with others.

## Pray the Our Father...

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Pray the Glory Be:

Pray the Fatima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy, AMEN

On the next large bead, announce the second Mystery...

## The second Glorious Mystery

The Ascension

Jesus leaves the Apostles and, bodily, ascends into heaven.

### Mission Intention

That Christ, who lived as man and returned to the Father, will grant to all people knowledge of the way to eternal life.

### Reflection

Lord Jesus, by your Holy Spirit, draw me up towards Yourself and to all that is good, holy and true. I offer this prayer for all people, especially those who have yet to hear the Good News.

## Pray the Our Father...

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Pray the Glory Be:

Pray the Fatima Prayer:

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## The third Glorious Mystery

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Apostles receive the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire in the upper room with Mary.

### Mission Intention

For our Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit will grant him wisdom, fortitude and holiness as he leads our church.

### Reflection

Lord, please send your Spirit upon me. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit help me be a better missionary so I may help bring about Your Kingdom.

## Pray the Our Father...

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# The Glorious Mysteries

Said on Wednesday and Sunday

## The fourth Glorious Mystery

The Assumption

Mary is taken, bodily, into heaven by God.

### Mission Intention

That Mary, who gave the human body of Christ to the world, inspire us who form the body of Christ on Earth to proclaim God's message to all peoples.

### Reflection

Mary, you were glorified, sharing completely in God's own life, because of your obedience to God's word. Help me to follow God's word and do God's will.

## Pray the Our Father...

Say a Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads...

Pray the Glory Be:

Pray the Fatima Prayer:

On the next large bead, announce the fifth Mystery...

## The fifth Glorious Mystery

The Coronation

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

### Mission Intention

That through the intercession of Mary, young men and women will offer their lives to God as priests, religious sisters & brothers and lay missionaries in service to their neighbors.

### Reflection

Mary, I want you to be my queen, to reign in every aspect of my life, so that you may submit me to the reign of your Son Jesus.

## Pray the Our Father...

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