

The Holy Rosary

Mary's Prayer



What is the Holy Rosary?

The Rosary is a form of prayer used especially in the Catholic Church.

It is named after the string of prayer beads which some people use to count the parts of the prayer.

The Rosary Prayer is very important to Catholics for many reasons, including their devotion to Mary.

The Rosary Prayer can be said alone or in groups.

Praying a Rosary for the dead is part of the funeral tradition.

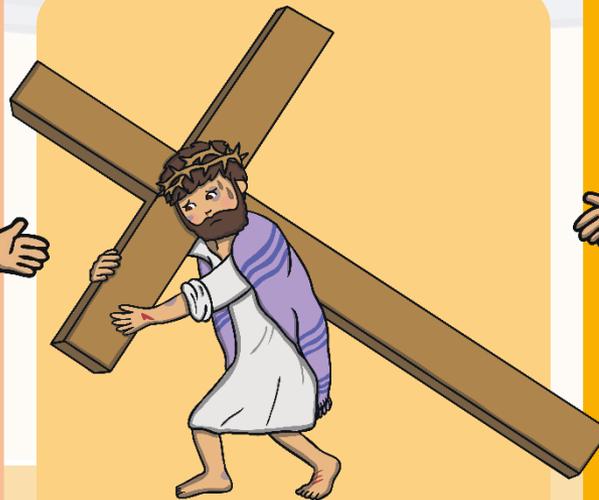


What is the purpose of Holy Rosary?

The purpose of the Rosary is to help people remember the events in the lives of Jesus and Mary and to thank and praise God for them.

The Rosary Prayer is a little bit like a history lesson!

The main focus is on Jesus - his birth, life, death and resurrection.



The Rosary Prayer

The main parts of the Rosary Prayer are:

1. Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



2. The Our Father Prayer

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

The Rosary Prayer Cont.

3. The Hail Mary Prayer (Ten times)

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

4. The 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

5. The Our Father Prayer

6. The Hail Mary Prayer (ten times)

7. The Glory Be to the Father



What are Rosary Beads?



The Rosary Beads provide a method of keeping count of the different parts of the Rosary Prayer.

The fingers are moved along the beads as the prayers are said.

By not having to keep track of the count mentally, the mind is free to meditate.

The Roman Catholic Rosary is made up of a cross or crucifix, a medal, large beads and small beads.

Some sets of Rosary Beads have five groups of ten beads and other sets of Rosary Beads contain fifteen groups of ten beads.

The prayers of the Rosary can also be said using any type of counting device or by counting on the fingers.

Using The Rosary Beads



1. Sign of the Cross

2. The Our Father Prayer

3. The Hail Mary Prayer (x10)

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5. The Hail Mary Prayer (x10)

6. Glory be to the Father

The Mysteries of The Rosary



The Rosary Prayer focuses on the life of Christ from the Bible.

During these prayers, people meditate on different aspects of Christ's life.

The beads of the Rosary are divided into five decades (or sections); each decade represents an event from the life of Christ.

These five events are grouped into a set of four mysteries, each focused on an important part of the life of Christ.

The four mysteries are named after the type of events in that mystery:

Joyful - The Nativity

Luminous - The Baptism of the Lord

Sorrowful - The Crucifixion

Glorious - The Resurrection

Challenge: Can you find out some more of the life events in each mystery?

The Mysteries of The Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation – Mary is told by the angel Gabriel that she is to be the Mother of God.

2. The Visitation – Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who rejoices in Mary being chosen to be the Mother of God.

3. The Nativity – Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

4. The Presentation -The Baby Jesus is presented in the Temple.

5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple – Jesus is lost for three days and is found by Mary and Joseph in the temple with the teachers listening and asking questions.



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Luminous Mysteries – Mysteries of Light (Thursdays)

1. **Baptism of Jesus** – Jesus is baptised in the River Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist.

2. **Wedding at Cana** – Jesus' miracle at the Wedding of Cana by turning water into wine.



3. **Proclamation of the Kingdom of God** – Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God.

4. **Transfiguration** – Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

5. **Institution of the Eucharist** – Jesus gives us his Body and Blood.

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The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden – Jesus goes with his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar – Jesus is brought to Pilate for trial.

3. The Crowning of Thorns – Jesus is taken by the soldiers who strip him and place a crown of thorns on his head.

4. The Carrying of the Cross – Jesus carried his cross to the Place of the Skull, called Golgotha in Hebrew.

5. The Crucifixion – Jesus is nailed to the cross.



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The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Saturday)

1. The Resurrection – Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. An angel appeared to them and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead.

2. The Ascension – Jesus appears to two of his followers on the road to Emmaus.

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit – The followers and disciples of Jesus were gathered together on the day of Pentecost.

4. The Assumption – After the death of Mary the Mother of Jesus, she was taken body and soul into heaven.

5. The Coronation – Mary the Mother of Jesus is crowned Queen of Heaven.

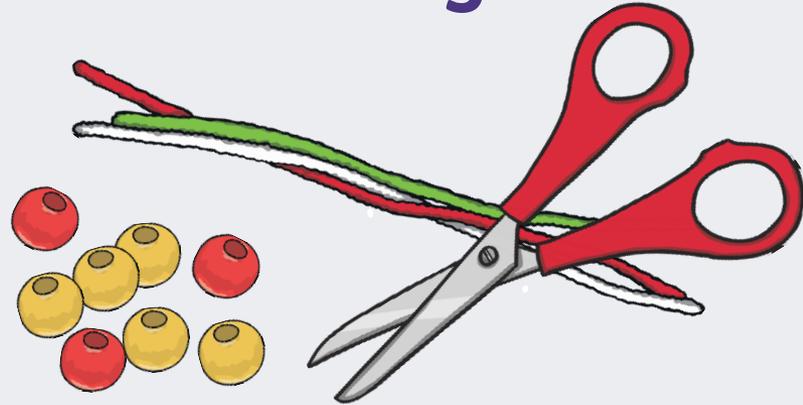


Make Your Own Rosary



You will need:

- Pipe cleaners
- Small craft beads
- Scissors



1. Place 10 beads of your choice onto a pipe cleaner.

2. Bring the pipe cleaner around into a circle and twist it shut.

3. Place on one more bead for the Our Father.

4. Cut off the extra piece and twist it around to make the cross.

5. Trim off the excess where necessary.

