

Quick Guide for praying the Rosary with children

Prayers of the rosary

Apostle’s Creed – said in unison

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.

The Our Father

- Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- All:** 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.

The Hail Mary

- Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
- All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

The Glory Be

- Leader:** Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- All:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

The Salve Regina – Hail Holy Queen – said in unison

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you 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.

- Leader:** O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
- All:** Pray for us that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

How to say the Rosary

The Introductory Prayers

- The Sign of the Cross
- The Apostles Creed
- The Our Father
- 3 Hail Mary
- The Glory Be

Five Decades each containing

- The Leader announces the mystery
- The Our Father
- 10 Hail Mary
- The Glory Be

The Closing Prayer

- Hail Holy Queen

The Sign of the Cross

In 1917 the optional Fatima Prayer was added to the Rosary. If said it is said at the end of each decade.

Fatima Prayer – said in unison or by the leader

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

The Mysteries of the Rosary for young children

The Joyful Mysteries

Leader: Today when we pray our rosary we are going to think about happy the times in Mary's life. We call these the Joyful Mysteries.

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity

The Presentation

Finding Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Leader: Today when we pray our rosary) we are going to think about the difficult time in Jesus's life, which made Mary sad. We call these the Sorrowful Mysteries.

The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning of Thorns

Jesus carries the cross

The Crucifixion

☆ The Luminous Mysteries

Leader: Today when we pray our rosary we are going to think about the things Jesus did to help us understand how much God loves us. We call these the Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light.

The Baptism of Jesus

The Wedding at Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom

The Transfiguration

The Giving of the Eucharist

The Glorious Mysteries

Leader: Today when we pray our rosary we are going to think about the wonderful times in Jesus' life and in Mary's life after the Crucifixion. We call these the Glorious Mysteries.

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption

The Coronation – Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven

☆ The Luminous Mysteries were added to the Rosary by Pope John Paul II in 2002