

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 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.

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

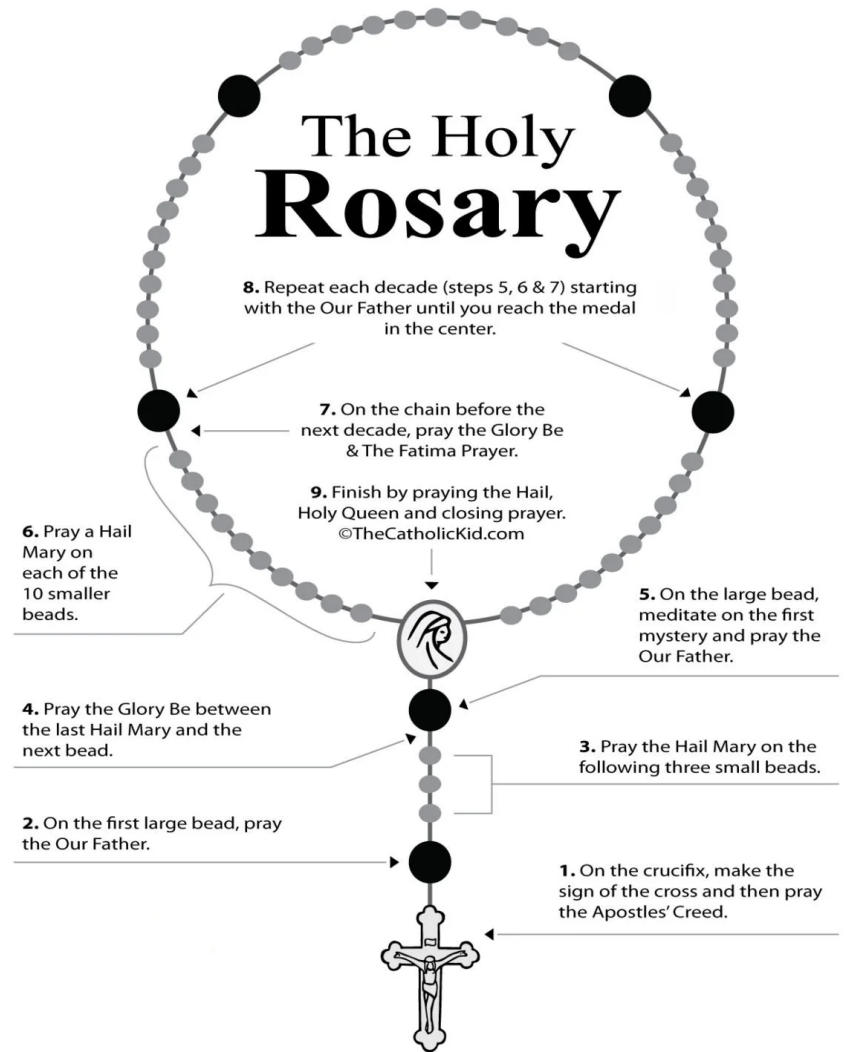
The Glory Be: Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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 have most need of your mercy. Amen

The Hail Holy Queen: 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. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by His Life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mysteries of the Rosary

Each of the five decades of the Rosary highlights a unique moment within the Paschal Mystery. There are four sets of mysteries — Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious — and each contains five pivotal events from the life of Jesus. When praying the Rosary, we enter into one set of these mysteries at a time, meditating on them through the eyes of Mary, the disciple who was closest to Jesus and knew him best. The Church traditionally prays certain mysteries on specific days of the week, as follows:

Joyful Mysteries (Monday, Saturday) 1. The Annunciation; 2. The Visitation; 3. The Nativity; 4. The Presentation; 5. Finding Jesus in the Temple.

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday, Friday) 1. The Agony in the Garden; 2. The Scourging at the Pillar; 3. Crowning with Thorns; 4. Jesus Carries the Cross; 5. The Crucifixion.

Luminous Mysteries (Thursday) 1. The Baptism of Jesus; 2. The Wedding at Cana; 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom; 4. The Transfiguration; 5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday, Sunday) 1. The Resurrection; 2. The Ascension; 3. Pentecost; 4. The Assumption; 5. The Crowning of Mary.



Creating a May Altar for Mary at Home

During the month of May, the Church has long honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary with special devotion. A May Altar in the home becomes a sacred place of prayer, beauty, and reflection — reminding us that Mary always leads us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that Mary is honoured because she is the Mother of God and the perfect disciple of Christ, whose faithful “yes” opened the way for our salvation. Through her example of humility, obedience, and love, Christians learn how to follow Christ more faithfully.

“Do whatever He tells you.” — John 2:5

As families gather before a May Altar, homes are transformed into places of prayer where the Gospel is lived daily.

How to Create a Simple May Altar:

- A small table, shelf, or dedicated corner
- A statue or image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- A white cloth or decorative fabric
- Fresh flowers (especially lilies or roses)
- A Bible
- A candle (battery-operated if preferred)
- Rosary beads or prayer cards

Simple Steps

1. Choose a quiet place in your home where the family can gather for prayer.
2. Cover the table with a clean white cloth to symbolise purity and reverence.
3. Place the image or statue of Mary at the centre.
4. Add flowers and candles as signs of love and honour.
5. Place a Bible nearby opened to a Marian passage such as Luke 1:26–38 or John 19:25–27.
6. Gather daily for prayer — even for just a few minutes to pray the Rosary or a decade of the Rosary.

A Prayer for the Home

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, be close to our family during this month of May. Teach us to love your Son, to pray with faithful hearts, and to bring peace and charity into our home. May our home become a place of prayer, joy, and holiness. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of May – pray for us!