

## Rosary for Life

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### The Joyful Mysteries

#### **The First Joyful Mystery -- The Annunciation of Our Lord**

As an angel proclaimed the conception of Christ in Mary's virginal womb, so do mothers and fathers learn every day of the conception of their child. Let us pray to the Mother of all the Living that every child be treasured and protected from the first moment of conception as an inestimable and wondrous gift of God... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

#### **The Second Joyful Mystery -- The Visitation**

As the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy when the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with the Son of God, came to meet her, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life promised in every expectant mother ... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

#### **The Third Joyful Mystery -- The Nativity of Jesus**

In the birth of every child we see the birth of Christ Jesus in the Bethlehem stable. Let us commend all new mothers and fathers and every newborn child to the protection and intercession of the Mother of God and Mother of all Christians... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional)*

#### **The Fourth Joyful Mystery -- The Presentation in the Temple**

As Christ was consecrated to God at his presentation in the temple, so many we consecrate all children to that holiness, purity, and innocence by which they lead us to God. "A little child shall lead them." ... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

#### **The Fifth Joyful Mystery -- The Finding in the Temple**

As the Christ Child was found in the temple by the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, so we pray for all children, especially those lost and forgotten. May the Gospel of Life impel us to find them when they are most in need and to lead them home to a place where they are treasured, protected, and loved... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### The Luminous Mysteries

#### **First Mystery of Light -- Baptism in the Jordan**

The Lord Jesus is Baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, as a voice cries to us from the heavens: "This is my beloved Son, hear him!" Let us listen to Christ and, with his grace, work for the protection of every person from conception to natural death... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **The Second Mystery of Light -- Self Manifestation at the Wedding at Cana**

When they had run out of wine, Jesus blessed water and turned it into wine. May Jesus transform the darkness of sin and death in the proclamation of the Gospel of Life ... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Third Mystery of Light -- Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**

Jesus called the crowds to conversion, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. May this world choose life and turn from all that leads to darkness and death.... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Fourth Mystery of Light -- Transfiguration**

The Lord Jesus led Peter, James and John with him to the top of the mountain where he was transfigured in light, and his garments shown whiter than snow. May Christ's glorious light shine on all who dwell in the shadow of darkness and sin... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Fifth Mystery of Light -- Institution of the Eucharist**

On the night before he suffered, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body.. When supper was ended he took a cup filled with wine, gave it to them, and said, Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood. Strengthened by the Holy Eucharist, may we work to proclaim the Gospel of life and defend all who are endangered by the culture of death... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

## **The Sorrowful Mysteries**

### **The First Sorrowful Mystery – The Agony in the Garden**

Jesus comes with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane and prays to be delivered from his Passion, but most of all, to do the Father's will. Let us pray that Christ might hear the prayers of all who suffer from the culture of death, and that he might deliver them from the hands of their persecutors... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **The Second Sorrowful Mystery – The Scourging at the Pillar**

Falsely accused before Pilate, Jesus is cruelly tied to a pillar and scourged, then clothed in a cloak of purple and mocked. Let us pray for all innocent victims, that by the merits of his most holy Passion, Christ might deliver them and grant them eternal life... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **The Third Sorrowful Mystery – The Crowning with Thorns**

Pilate mocks the Christ by asking him if he is the King of the Jews. Let us pray for the mothers and fathers of aborted children. So many of them suffer deep grief and regret over a choice they can never reverse... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery – The Carrying of the Cross**

Three times Christ falls under the weight of the Cross as he carries our sins to Calvary. Let us pray for all who struggle to live the Gospel of Life, that they might pick up their crosses and walk

the way of sorrows with the Savior of the world... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery – The Crucifixion**

Innocent and without sin, Jesus opens his arms upon the cross out of love for us. Let us join our sufferings, and the sufferings of the whole world, to his one perfect sacrifice of praise... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

## **The Glorious Mysteries**

### **First Glorious Mystery -- The Resurrection**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the third day after his passion and death, rose again in glory, victorious over death and never to die again. That all who are dying might join themselves with Christ who died and rose for them... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Second Glorious Mystery -- The Ascension**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his Resurrection, ascended into heaven with triumph and great glory, in the sight of his most holy mother and all his disciples. For run-aways, throw-aways and children who live on the street... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Third Glorious Mystery -- Pentecost**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, sitting at the right hand of the Father, sent the Holy Spirit into the upper chamber where the apostles were gathered together, with the most Holy Virgin Mary. For those whose lives are given in the defense of life and for all who study and preach the Gospel of Life... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Fourth Glorious Mystery -- Assumption of Mary**

The Most Holy Virgin, twelve years after the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, passed from this life, and was assumed by the angels into heaven. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers.... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*

### **Fifth Glorious Mystery -- Coronation of Mary**

The Most Holy Virgin was crowned in heaven by her divine Son as the saints rejoiced in glory around her throne. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.... *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be, 1 Fatima Prayer (optional).*