



Rosary for Priests

The Holy Eucharist is totally dependent on the priesthood – no priesthood, no Eucharistic Sacrifice, no Holy Communion, no Eucharistic Adoration.

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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Conclude with (Say 3 Times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion – inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

www.catholicity.com/prayersdevotions/divinemeracy.html

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Our Blessed Mother

Indulgences for Praying the Rosary

An indulgence is defined in the *Code of Canon Law* (can.992) and in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1471): “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed *conditions* (see 5 below), and the performance of certain (charitable) *works* (like the praying of the Holy Rosary).

An indulgence is either PLENARY or Partial, depending upon whether it frees one from the whole or from a part of the temporal punishment due sin.

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Begin with the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed:

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Then, on the large bead before each decade:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade, say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin

(cont.)

In Paschal Time:

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. *For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.*

Let us pray. – O God, who didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ: grant, we beseech Thee, that, through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **R.** *Amen.*

[The Roman Missal \(1962\)](#)
Replacement of Holy Ghost with Holy Spirit

Receiving an Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted, if the Rosary (5 decades) is recited in a church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious community or pious association; a partial indulgence is granted in other circumstances.

Also to gain a plenary indulgence, the following must be performed:

1. Five decades of the Rosary must be prayed continuously.
2. The prayers of the Rosary must be prayed vocally and one must meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
3. If the recitation of the Rosary is public, the Mysteries of the Rosary must be announced.
4. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.
5. To gain a Plenary Indulgence, three other conditions must be filled:
 - A sacramental confession (within 20 days of the indulgence, and one confession suffices for many days of indulgences provided that the participant remains in grace).
 - Worthy reception of Eucharistic Communion.
 - Prayers for the Pope's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be or Apostle's Creed).

In addition, one must be free of all attachment to sin, even venial sin. If this is not present or if all the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence is only partial.

6. Both the plenary and partial indulgences may be applied to either oneself or to a deceased person in Purgatory, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

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The 15 Promises of the Rosary

Given by the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Dominic and
Blessed Alan de la Roche

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise My special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin

(cont.)

During Advent:

- V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. *And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Let us pray. – Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **R.** *Amen.*

From Christmas to the Purification:

- V.** After childbirth thou didst remain a pure Virgin.
R. *Intercede for us, O Mother of God.*

Let us pray. – O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we have deserved to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. **R.** *Amen.*

Litany of the Blessed Virgin

(cont.)

Queen assumed into heaven, *pray for us.*

Queen of the most holy Rosary, *pray for us.*

Queen of Families, *pray for us.*

Queen of peace, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

From the Purification to Easter and after Pentecost:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray. – Grant that we thy servants, Lord, may enjoy un failing health of mind and body, and through the prayers of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary in her glory, free us from our sorrows in this world and give us eternal happiness in the next. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** *Amen.*

The 15 Promises of the Rosary

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(Cont.)

8. Those who are faithful in reciting the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory, those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of Me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by Me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from My Divine Son, that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors, the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are My sons, and brothers of My only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of My Rosary is a great sign of pre-destination.

www.fatima.org/new.fatima.org/essentials/requests/promises.asp
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How to Pray the Rosary

1. Prior to beginning the Rosary, the following prayers **may** be said: “Totally Yours” and “Memorare.”
2. Say the “Prayer Before the Rosary.”
3. Start the Rosary by making the “Sign of the Cross.”
4. Recite the “Apostles Creed.”
5. Say one “Our Father.”
6. Say three “Hail Marys” (for the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity).
7. Say one “Glory Be.”
8. Announce the First Mystery; then say the “Our Father.”
9. Say ten “Hail Marys,” while meditating on the Mystery.
10. Say the “Glory Be.”
11. Say the “Fatima Prayer” after each decade.
12. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the “Our Father.” Repeat steps 9-11 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries (through the Twenty Mystery, if desired) in the same manner.
13. After completion of five mysteries (5 decades), or 15 or 20, the following is customarily said: “Hail Holy Queen” and “Prayer After the Rosary.”
14. After completion of the “Prayer After the Rosary,” the following prayers **may** be said: “Prayer to Saint Joseph,” “Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel,” “Prayer to Saint Benedict,” “Prayer to Saint Gertrude the Great,” “Prayer for Priests,” “Prayer for Priestly Vocations” and “Prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father.”

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
www.rosary-center.org/howto.htm

Litany of the Blessed Virgin

(cont.)

Virgin most merciful, *pray for us.*
Virgin most faithful, *pray for us.*
Mirror of justice, *pray for us.*
Seat of wisdom, *pray for us.*
Cause of our joy, *pray for us.*
Spiritual vessel, *pray for us.*
Vessel of honour, *pray for us.*
Singular vessel of devotion, *pray for us.*
Mystical rose, *pray for us.*
Tower of David, *pray for us.*
Tower of ivory, *pray for us.*
House of gold, *pray for us.*
Ark of the covenant, *pray for us.*
Gate of heaven, *pray for us.*
Morning star, *pray for us.*
Health of the sick, *pray for us.*
Refuge of sinners, *pray for us.*
Comfort of the afflicted, *pray for us.*
Help of Christians, *pray for us.*
Queen of Angels, *pray for us.*
Queen of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*
Queen of Prophets, *pray for us.*
Queen of Apostles, *pray for us.*
Queen of Martyrs, *pray for us.*
Queen of Confessors, *pray for us.*
Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*
Queen of all Saints, *pray for us.*
Queen conceived without original sin, *pray for us.*

Litany of the Blessed Virgin

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*
Holy Virgin of virgins, *pray for us.*
Mother of Christ, *pray for us.*
Mother of the Church, *pray for us.*
Mother of divine grace, *pray for us.*
Mother most pure, *pray for us.*
Mother most chaste, *pray for us.*
Mother inviolate, *pray for us.*
Mother undefiled, *pray for us.*
Mother most lovable, *pray for us.*
Mother most admirable, *pray for us.*
Mother of good counsel, *pray for us.*
Mother of our Creator, *pray for us.*
Mother of our Saviour, *pray for us.*
Virgin most prudent, *pray for us.*
Virgin most venerable, *pray for us.*
Virgin most renowned, *pray for us.*
Virgin most powerful, *pray for us.*

The Mysteries of the Rosary

All four (4) Mysteries of the Rosary may be prayed at once or divided throughout the week.

The Joyful Mysteries

Said on Mondays and Saturdays, the Sundays of Advent, and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent.

The Luminous Mysteries

Said on Thursdays.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Said on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year; and daily from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday.

The Glorious Mysteries

Said on Wednesdays, and the Sundays from Easter until Advent.

[Pray the Rosary: by Rev. J.M. Lenen, Ph.D.](#)

Prayers of the Rosary

APPENDIX

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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall 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 live everlasting. Amen.

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Prayers/creed2.htm

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.

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/pater2.htm

Additional Prayers following Rosary (cont.)

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless Thy Church with many vocations to the Holy priesthood: men who will serve Thee with their whole strength and gladly spend their lives for Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Priests, obtain for us many holy priests.

[Pittsburgh Latin Mass Community](#)

Prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father

One "Our Father"
One "Hail Mary"
One "Glory Be"

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

Prayers of the Rosary (Cont.)

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.

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/mary3.htm
Replacement of among with amongst

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.

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/glory2.htm

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.

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

Prayers in Preparation for Rosary

Totally Yours

Immaculate Conception, Mary, my Mother. Live in me. Act in me. Speak in and through me. Think your thoughts in my mind. Love, through my heart. Give me your dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide me to Jesus. Correct, enlighten and expand my thoughts and behavior. Possess my soul. Take over my entire personality and life. Replace it with yourself. Incline me to constant adoration and thanksgiving. Pray in me and through me. Let me live in you and keep me in this union always. Amen.

- Pope John Paul II

www.motherofallpeoples.com

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/prayers/Memorare.htm

Replacement of clemency with mercy

Additional Prayers following Rosary

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Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of Thy priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

O Loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

- John J. Cardinal Carberry

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Additional Prayers following Rosary

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Prayer to Saint Gertrude the Great

St. Gertrude the Great is invoked for souls in purgatory and for living sinners. Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to living sinners as well.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=424

Pray Before the Rosary

Queen of the Holy Rosary, you have deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three shepherd children the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may be enriched with its fruits and obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners and of Russia, and the favor which I ask of you in the Rosary. *(Here mention your request.)* I ask it for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of souls, especially for my own. Amen.

Pray the Rosary: by Rev. J.M. Lenen, Ph.D.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation



The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary, a virgin, that she will become the Mother of God, Word made Flesh. For all centuries to come, Jesus will become flesh in the Holy Eucharist to nourish us in a most intimate union with Him.

We pray for all priests who daily, through the words of the consecration at Mass, and through Holy Communion, bring us the Body and Blood of Christ.

We pray for all future priests now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical and spiritual harm, and come to Ordination as God intends.

We pray for all future generations of priests.

We pray also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

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Additional Prayers following Rosary

(cont.)

Graciously obtain for me from God those favors and graces which I need so much in the trials, miseries and afflictions of life. Your heart was always full of love, compassion and mercy toward those who were afflicted or troubled in any way. You never dismissed without consolation and assistance anyone who had recourse to you. I therefore invoke your powerful intercession, confident in hope that you will hear my prayers and obtain for me the special grace and favor I earnestly implore. *(mention your petition)*

Help me, great Saint Benedict, to live and die as a faithful child of God, to run in the sweetness of His loving will, and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven. Amen.

www.catholic-forum.com/saints/pray0441.htm

Additional Prayers following Rosary

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Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/prayers/michael.htm

Prayer to Saint Benedict

Glorious Saint Benedict, sublime model of virtue, pure vessel of God's grace! Behold me humbly kneeling at your feet. I implore you in your loving kindness to pray for me before the throne of God. To you I have recourse in the dangers that daily surround me. Shield me against my selfishness and my indifference to God and to my neighbor. Inspire me to imitate you in all things. May your blessing be with me always, so that I may see and serve Christ in others and work for His kingdom.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Visitation



Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary as the living tabernacle for their Divine Lord.

We pray especially for priests who bring Holy Communion to the sick, the shut-ins, and Viaticum to the dying.

We pray for all priests who minister to the sick in other ways, counsel, comfort and console them.

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THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Nativity of Jesus



Jesus is born in Bethlehem. The angels announce His birth; kings and shepherds come to adore Him.

We pray that all seminarians grow in knowledge and love of God to become holy priests.

We pray especially for those who will be ordained soon, that they may remain faithful all their lives to the sublime privilege of being “other Christs” among us.

We pray that everyone will come to value the Eucharistic Feast and the Priesthood as among God’s greatest gifts to us.

We pray that every priest will consider himself a member of the Holy Family, a true son of Mary and Joseph, and a brother-priest of Jesus, the great High Priest.

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Additional Prayers following Rosary

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Prescribed by HH. Pope Leo XIII, for the month of October, after the recitation of the Rosary.

To thee, O blessed Joseph, we fly in our tribulation and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His precious blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness; and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen.

[The Roman Missal \(1962\)](#)

Prayer After the Rosary

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, meditating upon 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.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Pray the Rosary: by Rev. J.M. Lenen, Ph.D.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Presentation in the Temple



Mary and Joseph, in obedience to the Law, bring Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. Simeon expresses his gratitude to God for revealing the Messiah to him before he dies.

We thank God for all priests who, like Simeon, have given us decades of faithful service. We pray that they may be rewarded for their generosity and self-sacrifice.

We pray also for all priests whose hearts are pierced by loneliness, depression and rejection.

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THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Finding Jesus in the Temple



Jesus is found among the teachers in the temple; He returns home and is obedient to Mary and Joseph.

We pray that priests will always be found going about their Father's business, and will be obedient to the teaching magisterium of the Church, our Holy Father and the bishops in communion with him.

We pray for all young priests that the love and dedication they experience in the first years of their priesthood may increase with time.

We pray for all priests who teach the Faith to children and adults.

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Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Coronation



Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and earth; she is rewarded for her faithfulness to God.

We pray that Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will be their model of faith and joy, and constant guide until they reach Heaven where a crown, jeweled with the many souls entrusted to them on the day of Ordination, will be their reward for faithful and loving service.

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THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of the Lord



Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became “sin” for our sake (2 Corinthians 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son (Matthew 3:17), while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out.

We pray for all priests; that they be lifted up and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for their public ministry.

We pray that priests always are assured of God’s permanent relationship with His people and celebrate in gratitude for the gift of faith.

[Apostolic Letter “Rosarium Virginis Mariae” of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II](#)
www.sesnaperville.org/season/prayerforpriestsrosary.pdf

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Wedding at Cana



The first of the signs, given at Cana (John 2:1-12), when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers.

We pray that just as Mary was there at the beginning of Her Son's public ministry; that all priests are assured and hold in their hearts the fact that She remains for all time for all priests as their special intercessor and guide.

We pray that priests are always reminded and guided by the image of Mary's fidelity to Her Son and Jesus' fidelity to Her.

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THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Assumption



Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. While she was on earth, she loved and prayed for the Apostles, the first priests.

We pray that priests will be devoted to Mary and find in her the love and comfort of a mother, the most powerful intercession of our greatest Saint, and the surest refuge against Satan and his cohorts who seek destruction of priests and the priesthood.

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THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Descent of the Holy Spirit



The Holy Spirit comes down upon the Apostles, who are gathered with Mary.

We pray that priests may be open to the graces of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for the task of bringing souls to God and God to souls.

We pray that they may be on fire to convert the most hardened sinners, and to bring God's love to the whole world.

Ecclesia Dei: A Rosary for Priests
Replacement of Holy Ghost with Holy Spirit

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Proclamation of the Kingdom



Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion (Mark 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (Mark 2:3-13; Luke 7:47-48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church (John 20:22-23).

We pray that all priests are blessed by this call to conversion and inspired by the graces they receive to live lives of holiness.

We pray that when priests feel helpless or in need that they are always reminded that God's kingdom is at hand and reminded of God's mystery of mercy and reconciliation.

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The Transfiguration



The Transfiguration is traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35) and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit.

We pray that all priests be likewise transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit and lifted up by the awesome presence of God in their lives.

We pray also that priests be always assured that His mercy endures forever.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Ascension



Jesus instructs His Apostles and returns to His Father in Heaven.

We pray that priests may carry out Jesus’ instructions to evangelize the whole world, instructing and baptizing countless souls.

We pray for missionaries who live lives of utter poverty and deprivation to bring the Gospel to all the people.

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The Resurrection



Jesus arises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.

At times, priests may suffer from depression and despair that plague them when they see so little from their labors.

We pray that priests will remember: the Crucifixion is followed by the Resurrection; darkness is always followed by Light.

We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God's designs for the salvation of the whole world.

We pray that all priests may share the joy of the Risen Christ.

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The Transfiguration

(cont.)

We pray that priests be continually called and strengthened to live a life of conversion and spiritual courage as examples for us all.

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The Institution of the Eucharist



Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies “to the end” his love for humanity (John 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice.

We pray that the gift, graces, and joy of consecrating simple bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ be spiritual fuel to nurture and strengthen priests’ lives.

We pray that priests manifest their love of the Eucharistic Lord as they live their lives as “persona Christi” for us.

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THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Jesus Dies on the Cross



Jesus sheds His last drops of Precious Blood to redeem us from sin and death.

We pray for all priests who are in their last agony and those who will die today.

We pray for those who thirst for the salvation of souls.

We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God’s designs for the salvation of the whole world.

We pray that priests may take Mary into their hearts, as St. John the Apostle, one of the first priests, took Mary into his home.

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Jesus Carries His Cross



Bruised, bleeding and exhausted Jesus is forced to drag Himself and His cross up the hill of Calvary.

We pray for all priests with heavy crosses; those who are weak, lonely, or have fallen from God's grace in some way.

We pray for the Holy Father, who perhaps has the heaviest of crosses: the widespread persecution and abandonment of the Church from within and without.

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The Agony in the Garden



The Apostles fall asleep; Jesus sweats blood at the thought of His coming passion and death; angels come to comfort Him.

We pray that all priests who are suffering and on the way to Calvary may be comforted by God's presence; those who have betrayed or denied the Faith through weakness may repent and return to the warmth of God's love.

We pray that all priests may live only to do our Father's will, as Jesus always did.

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THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Jesus is Scourged



Jesus is cruelly scourged and beaten by the soldiers.

We pray for priests who are persecuted, physically or mentally abused; those who are imprisoned or prevented from offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or receiving Holy Communion.

We pray for those priests living under Communist oppression.

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THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Jesus is Crowned with Thorns



Jesus is mocked as king and His precious Head is cruelly pierced by thorns.

We pray for priests who suffer for defending authentic Catholic doctrine.

We pray that all Bishops will uphold the true teachings of the Catholic Church and resist temptations to compromise doctrine in the face of cultural and social pressures.

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