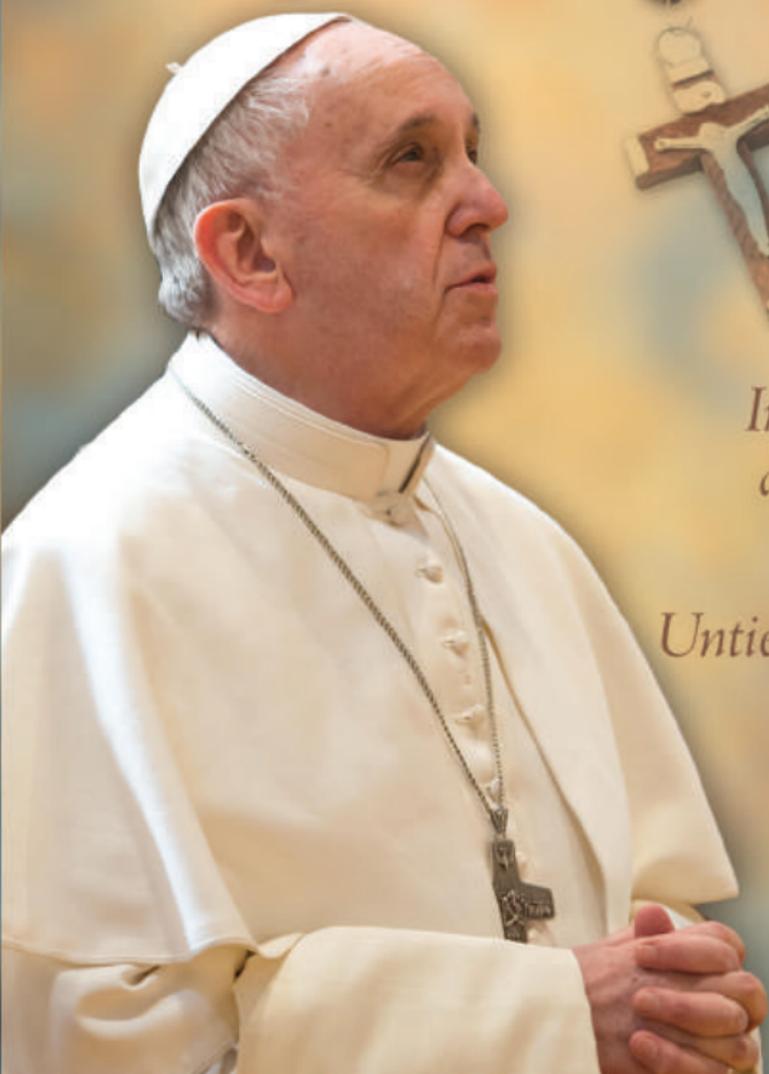


The  
Rosary  
with  
Pope Francis



*Includes the  
devotion to  
Mary,  
Untier of Knots*

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## Introduction

*“The Rosary is a school of prayer;  
the Rosary is a school of faith!”\**

**A**t his Sunday Angelus message on November 17, 2013, Pope Francis distributed 20,000 rosaries to the crowd, saying: “Now I would like to recommend a medicine to you. Some of you may be wondering: ‘Is the Pope a pharmacist now?’ It is a special medicine . . . a medicine that consists of fifty-nine threaded beads. . . . This little box contains the medicine and will be distributed to you by volunteers as you leave the Square. . . . There is a rosary, with which you can [also] pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spiritual help for our souls and for spreading love, forgiveness, and brotherhood everywhere. Do not forget to take it, because it is

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\* Pope Francis, Angelus message of October 6, 2013.

good for you. It is good for the heart, the soul, and for life in general!"

In his simple way, Pope Francis tells us that the Rosary can play a very important part in our spiritual life. It is a remedy for our ills and a means to help us grow. In praying it, we think about the mysteries in the life of Jesus and Mary, and we ask for the grace to imitate their virtues.

This book contains a thought from Pope Francis for each Hail Mary. These thoughts have been culled from various homilies, addresses, and written texts of the Holy Father in which he reflects upon the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The pope's down-to-earth way of explaining things gets right to the heart of the mysteries. The thoughts are meant to help you pray, so use them freely in whatever way you wish. You may choose to read the thought offered before each Hail Mary, or you may prefer to contemplate one or two thoughts for the entire decade or perhaps the entire Rosary. Stay with any of the reflections as long as you wish.

Although we can pray each set of mysteries on any given day, they are generally prayed on certain days of the week, as follows:

Joyful: Monday and Saturday

Luminous: Thursday

Sorrowful: Tuesday and Friday

Glorious: Wednesday and Sunday

Pope Francis has also become known for promoting a devotion to Mary, the Untier of Knots. An explanation of this devotion, along with the pope's prayer to Our Lady under this title, appears after the rosary meditations in this book (see page 88).

## The Prayers of the Rosary

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*(Here we bow until after the words "the Virgin Mary.")*

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 Lord's 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.

## 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.

## Glory

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be forever. Amen.

## Hail, Holy Queen

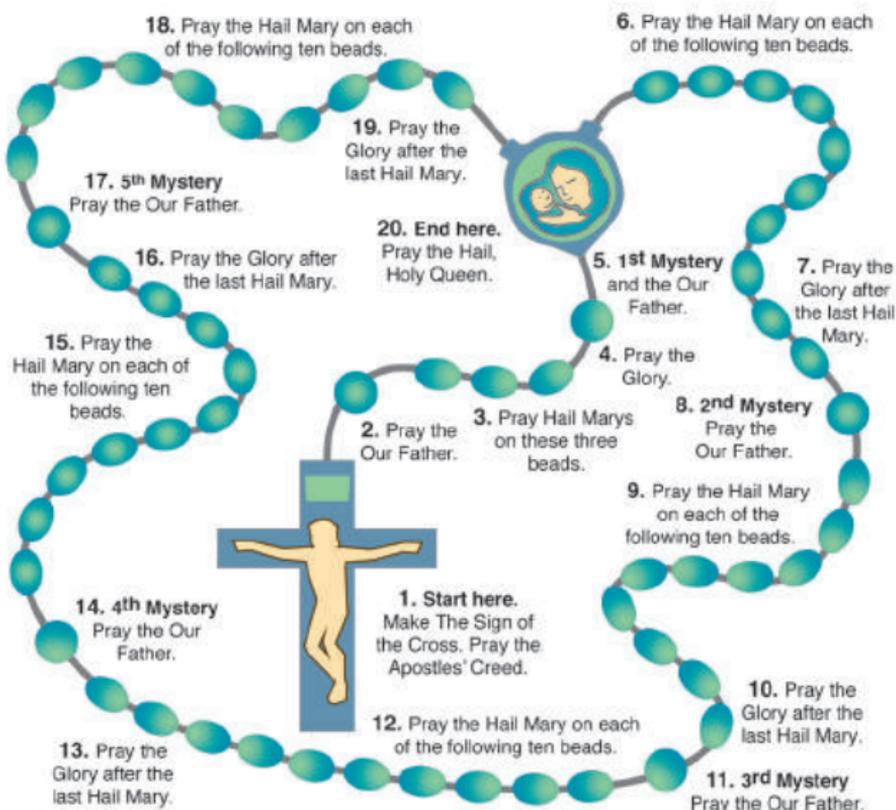
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life,  
our sweetness, and our hope! To you we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve; to you we send  
up our sighs, mourning, and weeping in this val-  
ley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our  
exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your  
womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet  
Virgin Mary.

## Fatima Prayer

*(Often prayed at the end of each decade of the Rosary.)*

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from  
the fires of hell; lead all souls into heaven, espe-  
cially those in most need of your mercy. Amen.

# How to Pray the Rosary



# The Joyful Mysteries





THE FIRST  
JOYFUL MYSTERY

*The Annunciation*



Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38, NRSV)



## Our Father

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary who is the woman of the “yes.” Mary said “yes” throughout her life!

## Hail Mary

Mary learned to recognize Jesus’s voice from the time she carried him in her womb. May Mary, our Mother, help us to know Jesus’s voice better and better and to follow it, so as to walk on the path of life!

## Hail Mary

The *Immaculata* was written in God’s design; she is the fruit of God’s love that saves the world.

## Hail Mary

Our Lady never distanced herself from that love: throughout her life her whole being is a “yes” to that love, it is the “yes” to God. But that didn’t make life easy for her!

### Hail Mary

When the angel calls her “full of grace” (Luke 1:28), she is “greatly troubled,” for in her humility she feels she is nothing before God.

### Hail Mary

The angel consoles her: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus” (Luke 1:30, 31).

### Hail Mary

This announcement troubles her even more because she was not yet married to Joseph; but the angel adds: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you . . . therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

## Hail Mary

Mary listens, interiorly obeys, and responds: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

## Hail Mary

Let us look to her, our mother, and allow her to look upon us, for she is our mother and she loves us so much.

## Hail Mary

Mary is the mother who comforts us, the mother of consolation and the mother who accompanies us on the journey.

## Hail Mary

Glory be





THE SECOND  
JOYFUL MYSTERY

*The Visitation*



*And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.  
(Luke 1:45, NRSV)*



## Our Father

Mary goes to help [Elizabeth], she doesn't go to boast and tell her cousin: "Listen, I'm in charge now, because I am the Mother of God!" No, she did not do that. She went to help!

## Hail Mary

Our Lady is always like this. She is our mother who always hurries to us whenever we are in need.

## Hail Mary

Mary is attentive to God. She listens to God. However, Mary also listens to—that is, she interprets—the events of her life.

## Hail Mary

Mary always goes in haste, she does not forget her children. And when her children are in difficulty, when they need something and call on her, she hurries to them.

### Hail Mary

This is also true in our life: listening to God who speaks to us, and listening also to daily reality, paying attention to people, to events.

### Hail Mary

In prayer before God who speaks, in thinking and meditating on the facts of her life, Mary is not in a hurry; she does not let herself be swept away by the moment; she does not let herself be dragged along by events.

### Hail Mary

However, when she has clearly understood what God is asking of her [and] what she has to do, she does not loiter, she does not delay, but goes “with haste.”

### Hail Mary

Saint Ambrose commented: “There is nothing slow about the Holy Spirit.”

### Hail Mary

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world.

### Hail Mary

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move “with haste” toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus; to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did.

### Hail Mary

### Glory be

