

THE MISSIONARY ROSARY

The Missionary Rosary was inaugurated in February 1951 by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a radio address (The Catholic Hour). He said, "We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different color to represent the continents."

Each decade of the Missionary Rosary, each of a different color, calls to mind the five continents and their peoples and the Church evangelizing mission:

GREEN is dedicated to AFRICA. The green color reminds us of the immense African rain forests.

RED represents the continent of the AMERICAS inhabited by the legendary red-skinned indigenous. WHITE invites us to pray for EUROPE and for the Caucasian peoples living there.

BLUE reminds us of AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA and the vast expanse of islands dotting the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean.

YELLOW stands for ASIA, the morning light of the East, with its huge population, a greater part of which belongs to the yellow race.

The 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, sits 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.

The Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays & Saturdays)

The Annunciation of the Lord
The Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth
The Nativity of Jesus
The Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays & Fridays)

The Agony of Christ in the Garden
The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

The Mysteries of Light

(Thursdays)

The Baptism of Our Lord
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays & Sundays)

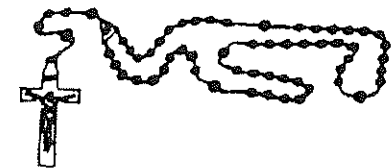
The Resurrection of our Lord
The Ascension of the Lord into heaven
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.

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.

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



LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*
Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy*
Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy*
Christ hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*

Response: *Have mercy on us...*
God the Father in heaven
God the Son, Redeemer of the world
God the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, one God,

Response: *Pray for us...*
Holy Mary
Holy Mother of God
Holy Virgin of Virgins
Mother of Christ
Mother of Divine Grace
Mother most pure
Mother most chaste
Mother inviolate
Mother undefiled
Mother most lovable
Mother most admirable
Mother of good counsel
Mother of our Creator
Mother of our Savior
Virgin most prudent
Virgin most venerable
Virgin most renowned
Virgin most powerful
Virgin most merciful
Virgin most faithful
Mirror of justice
Seat of wisdom
Cause of our joy
Spiritual vessel
Vessel of honor
Singular vessel of devotion
Mystical rose
Tower of David
Tower of Ivory
House of gold
Ark of the covenant



Gate of heaven
Morning star
Health of the sick
Refuge of sinners
Comfort of the afflicted
Help of Christians
Queen of Angels
Queen of Patriarchs
Queen of Prophets
Queen of Apostles
Queen of Martyrs
Queen of Confessors
Queen of Virgins
Queen of all Saints
Queen conceived without original sin
Queen assumed into heaven
Queen of the most holy Rosary
Queen of Peace

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

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 you, that meditating on these Mysteries in the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it done to me according to your word.
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

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

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Your 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. Amen.

REGINA COELI

L. Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia
All *For he whom you merited to bear, Alleluia*
L. Has risen as He said, Alleluia
All *Pray for us to God. Alleluia*
L. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia
All *For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia*
L. Let us pray.
All O God, who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen