



The  
Most Holy  
Rosary  
of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary

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Meditations of St. Louis de Montfort

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and offensive arms.

4. Ave Maria: its miracles as prefigured in the rod of Moses which caused water to flow from the rock, calmed the waters, divided the seas and performed miracles.
5. Ave Maria: its holiness as prefigured by the Ark of the Covenant which contained the law, the manna and the rod and also by the psalter of David which prefigured the Rosary.
6. Ave Maria: its light as shown in the columns of fire during the night and the shining cloud during the day which guided the Israelites.
7. Ave Maria: its sweetness as shown in the honey found in the mouth of the lion.
8. Ave Maria: its fruitfulness as shown in the net that St. Peter by order of Our Lord threw into the sea and which though filled with 153 fish did not break.
9. Ave Maria: its marvelous fruitfulness as shown in the parable of the mustard seed which, although so small in appearance, becomes a great tree in which the birds of the air make their nests.
10. Ave Maria: its richness as shown in the parable of the treasure hidden in a field for which a wise man must give up all he has to possess it.

### The Finding of Jesus

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fifth decade in honor of your being found in the temple by Mary; through this mystery and her intercession we ask for true wisdom. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus Holy of holies".

May the grace of the mystery of the Finding of Jesus come into our souls. Amen.

At the end of this first Rosary the *Magnificat* is said.

### The Sorrowful Mysteries

#### The Agony

9. We offer you, Lord Jesus, this sixth decade in honor of your Agony in the Garden of Olives; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for sorrow for our sins. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus in Agony".

May the grace of the mystery of the Agony of Jesus come into our souls. Amen.

## The Scourging

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this seventh decade in honor of your cruel Scourging; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for the grace to mortify our senses. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus being scourged".

May the grace of the mystery of the Scourging of Jesus come into our souls. Amen.

## The Crowning with Thorns

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this eighth decade in honor of your being Crowned with Thorns; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for contempt of the world. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus crowned with thorns".

May the grace of the mystery of the Crowning with Thorns come into our souls. Amen.

## The Carrying of the Cross

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this ninth decade in honor of

# Meditation 5

*150 Motives Impelling us to say the Rosary*

Pater Noster: Eminence of the Rosary

Ave Maria: the daily Rosary

Ave Maria: the ordinary Rosary

Ave Maria: perpetual Rosary

*Pater Noster: Excellence of the holy Rosary as prefigured in the Old Testament and the parables of the New.*

1. Ave Maria: the strength of the holy Rosary against the world, as prefigured by that small stone, which, thrown by no hand of man, fell upon the statue of Nebuchadnezzar and broke it into pieces.
2. Ave Maria: its strength against the devil, as prefigured by the sling of David with which he overcame Goliath.
3. Ave Maria: its power against all sorts of enemies of salvation, as prefigured by the power of David which contained innumerable kinds of defensive

## Pater Noster. Different methods of saying the holy Rosary.

1. Ave Maria: The holy Rosary can be said in a straightforward manner, saying only the Pater Nosters and Ave Marias with the intentions of the mysteries.
2. Ave Maria: We can add a word to each mystery of the decade.
3. Ave Maria: We can make a little offering at each decade.
4. Ave Maria: We can make a more important offering at each decade.
5. Ave Maria: We can have a special intention for each Ave Maria.
6. Ave Maria: We can recite it inwardly without speaking.
7. Ave Maria: We can genuflect at each Ave Maria.
8. Ave Maria: We can prostrate at each Ave Maria.
9. Ave Maria: We can give ourselves a stroke of the discipline.
10. Ave Maria: We can commemorate the saints at each decade and blend with one of the above-mentioned methods as the Holy Spirit inspires.

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2. Hail Mary: The joy and the added glory that heaven received through her triumphant entry.
3. Hail Mary: To acknowledge her as queen of heaven and earth, of angels and men.
4. Hail Mary: As treasurer and dispenser of the graces of God, the merits of Jesus Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
5. Hail Mary: Mediatrix and advocate of men.
6. Hail Mary: Exterminator and destroyer of the devil and of heresies.
7. Hail Mary: Safe refuge of sinners.
8. Hail Mary: Nurturing Mother of sinners.
9. Hail Mary: The joy and delight of the just.
10. Hail Mary: Refuge for all the living, all-powerful relief for the afflicted, for the dying and for the souls in purgatory.

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# Meditation I

## Offering of the Decades

1. Say the *Come Holy Spirit* and then make this offering of the Rosary: I unite with all the saints in heaven and with all the just on earth; I unite with you, my Jesus, to praise your holy Mother worthily and to praise you in her and by her. I renounce all the distractions that may come to me while I am saying this Rosary. O Blessed Virgin Mary, we offer you this creed to honor the faith you had upon earth and to ask you to permit us to share in that same faith. O Lord, we offer you this Our Father to adore you in your oneness and to acknowledge you as the first cause and the last end of all things. Most Holy Trinity, we offer you these three Hail Marys to thank you for all the graces which you have given to Mary and which you have given to us through her intercession.

Our Father, three Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

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your carrying the Cross; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for patience in all our crosses. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus carrying his Cross".

May the grace of the mystery of the Carrying of the Cross come into our souls. Amen.

## The Crucifixion

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this tenth decade in honor of your Crucifixion and shameful Death on Calvary; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for the conversion of sinners, perseverance for the just and relief for the souls in Purgatory. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus crucified".

10. In this decade before each Hail Mary we ask God through the intercession of the nine choirs of angels for the graces we stand in need of.

- Holy Seraphim, ask God etc. Hail Mary etc.
- Holy Cherubim, ask etc.
- Holy Thrones, ask etc.

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# Joyful Mysteries

## First Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this first decade in honor of your Incarnation. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for humility of heart.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of the Incarnation come into me and make me truly humble.

## Second Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this second decade in honor of the Visitation of your holy Mother to her cousin Saint Elizabeth. Through this mystery and the intercession of Mary we ask for a perfect love of our neighbor.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of the Visitation come into me and make me truly charitable.

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- Holy Dominations, ask etc.
- Holy Virtues, ask etc.
- Holy Powers, ask etc.
- Holy Principalities, ask etc.
- Holy Archangels, ask etc.
- Holy Angels, ask etc.
- All the Saints of Paradise, ask etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

May the grace of the mystery of the Crucifixion of Jesus come down into our souls. Amen.

11. At the end of the second rosary the following prayers are said kneeling:

### Prayer composed by Fr. de Montfort asking God for divine Wisdom

O God of our fathers, Lord of mercy, Spirit of truth, I, a mere worm of the earth, prostrate before your divine Majesty, acknowledging the great need I have of your divine wisdom which I have lost through my sins and trusting in the unfailing promise you have made to all those who ask with confidence, I come before you today to beg this grace of you with all possible earnestness and the greatest humility. Send us, O Lord, this wisdom which sits by your throne to strengthen our weakness,

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8. Ave Maria: One can be saved without saying the Rosary.
9. Ave Maria: We don't sin if we fail to say it.
10. Ave Maria: It is good, but I have not the time to say it.

### Pater Noster. Manner of saying the Rosary well.

1. Ave Maria: It must be said with a pure heart without attachment to grave sin.
2. Ave Maria: In a worthy manner with good intentions.
3. Ave Maria: With attention avoiding voluntary distractions.
4. Ave Maria: Slowly and calmly with pauses in the prayers.
5. Ave Maria: Devout whilst meditating on the mysteries.
6. Ave Maria: Modestly and in a respectful attitude whether standing or kneeling.
7. Ave Maria: Wholeheartedly and every day.
8. Ave Maria: Secretly, when one says it alone.
9. Ave Maria: Publicly and in two responding groups.
10. Ave Maria: Perseveringly until death.

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1. Hail Mary: To honor the eternal predestination of Mary to be the masterpiece of God's hands.
2. Hail Mary: Her Immaculate Conception and her fullness of grace and reason in the very womb of St. Anne.
3. Hail Mary: Her birth which gladdened the whole world.
4. Hail Mary: Her presentation and her abode in the temple.
5. Hail Mary: Her wonderful life and her exemption from all sin.
6. Hail Mary: Her fullness of preeminent virtue.
7. Hail Mary: Her fruitful virginity and her painless childbearing.
8. Hail Mary: Her divine Motherhood and her relationship with the three persons of the most holy Trinity.
9. Hail Mary: Her precious and loving death.
10. Hail Mary: Her resurrection and triumphant Assumption.

### The Crowning of Mary

Our Father: The unattainable glory of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the triple crown which Mary received from the Holy Trinity.

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7. Ave Maria: The impious who speak against it.
8. Ave Maria: The cowardly who accept it and then abandon it.
9. Ave Maria: Heretics who attack it and run it down.
10. Ave Maria: The devils who hate it and strive to destroy it by numerous tricks.

*Patet Noster. The overcoming of objections that heretics, critics, libertines and those who neglect and ignore the Rosary generally make either to do away with it or to avoid saying it.*

1. Ave Maria: It is a new religious practice.
2. Ave Maria: It is an invention of Religious to make money.
3. Ave Maria: It is a devotion of ignorant women who do not know how to read.
4. Ave Maria: It is superstitious being based on counting prayers.
5. Ave Maria: It is preferable to say the penitential psalms.
6. Ave Maria: It is preferable to make a meditation.
7. Ave Maria: It is too long and too tiresome a prayer.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the truth of God the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son and who is the love of the Godhead.
2. Hail Mary: The sending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles by the Father and the Son.
3. Hail Mary: His descent accompanied by the sound of a great wind which shows his might and power.
4. Hail Mary: The tongues of fire he sent to the apostles giving them an understanding of the scriptures and love of God and neighbour
5. Hail Mary: The fullness of grace which the heart of Mary, his faithful spouse, was privileged to receive.
6. Hail Mary: The marvelous guidance he gave to all the saints and even to the person of Jesus Christ during all his life.
7. Hail Mary: The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit.
8. Hail Mary: The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
9. Hail Mary: To ask especially for the gift of wisdom and the coming of his kingdom into men's hearts.
10. Hail Mary: To be victorious over the three evil spirits that are opposed to him, namely the spirit of the flesh, of the world and of the devil.

### *The Assumption of Mary*

Our Father: The unspeakable generosity of God.

### *Third Decade*

We offer you, Child Jesus, this third decade in honor of your holy Birth. Through this mystery and the intercession of your blessed Mother we ask for detachment from the things of this world, love of poverty and love of the poor.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the Birth of Jesus come into me and make me truly poor in spirit.

### *Fourth Decade*

We offer you, O Lord Jesus, this fourth decade in honor of your presentation in the temple by the hands of Mary. Through this mystery and the intercession of your blessed Mother we ask for the gift of wisdom and purity of heart and body.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of the presentation come into me and make me truly wise and pure.

to enlighten our minds, to inflame our hearts, to speak and to act, to work and suffer in union with you, to direct our footsteps and to fill our souls with the virtues of Jesus Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, for only Wisdom can bring us these gifts. O Father of mercy, God of all consolation, we ask you for this infinite treasure of your divine wisdom, through the tender heart of Mary, through the Precious Blood of your dear Son and through the intense desire you have to bestow your gifts on your poor creatures. Hear and grant our prayers. Amen.

### *Prayer to Saint Joseph*

Hail Joseph the just, Wisdom is with you; blessed are you among all men and blessed is Jesus, the fruit of Mary, your faithful spouse. Holy Joseph, worthy foster-father of Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners and obtain divine Wisdom for us from God, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

This prayer is said three times.

## Fifth Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fifth decade to honor Mary's finding you in the temple among the learned men after she had lost you. Through this mystery and the intercession of your blessed Mother we ask you to convert us and all sinners, heretics, schismatics and pagans.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of the Finding of Jesus in the temple come into me that I may be truly converted.

## Sorrowful Mysteries

### Sixth Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this sixth decade in honor of your intense agony in the garden of Olives. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for perfect sorrow for our sins and perfect conformity to your holy will.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

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## The Glorious Mysteries

### The Resurrection

13. We offer you, Lord Jesus, this eleventh decade in honor of your glorious Resurrection; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother, we ask for love of God and fervour in your service. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus risen from the dead".

May the grace of the mystery of the Resurrection come into our souls. Amen.

### The Ascension

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this twelfth decade in honor of your triumphant Ascension; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for an ardent desire for heaven, our true home. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus ascending to heaven".

May the grace of the mystery of the Ascension come into our souls. Amen.

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6. Ave Maria: Among the bishops: St. Francis de Sales.
7. Ave Maria: Among religious: St. Ignatius, St. Philip Neri, St. Felix of Cantalice.
8. Ave Maria: Among kings and queens: St. Louis, Philip I, King of Spain, Queen Blanche.
9. Ave Maria: Among the learned: Albert the Great, Navarre, etc.
10. Ave Maria: Among saintly people: the famous holy women of Rome, Sister Mary of the Incarnation.

*Pater Noster. The vanquished enemies of the Rosary prove its fame to us.*

1. Ave Maria: Those who neglect it.
2. Ave Maria: Those who say it with indifference and without attention.
3. Ave Maria: Those who say it in haste and to get it over with.
4. Ave Maria: Those who say it with unrepentant mortal sin.
5. Ave Maria: Those who say it out of hypocrisy, lacking any devotion.
6. Ave Maria: Critics who strive ingeniously to do away with it.

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2. Hail Mary: The gathering of all his disciples on the Mount of Olives.
3. Hail Mary: The blessings he gave them as he rose from the earth towards heaven.
4. Hail Mary: His glorious ascension by his own power into heaven.
5. Hail Mary: The welcome and triumphant acclaim which he received from God, his Father and from all the heavenly court.
6. Hail Mary: The triumphant power with which he opened the gates of heaven through which no mortal had passed.
7. Hail Mary: His being seated at the right hand of his Father as his beloved Son equal to his Father.
8. Hail Mary: The power he received to judge the living and the dead.
9. Hail Mary: His last coming upon earth when his power and majesty will appear in all their magnificence.
10. Hail Mary: The justice he will mete out at the last judgment when he rewards the just and punishes the wicked for all eternity.

### Pentecost

Our Father: The all-embracing Providence of God.

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saying of the Rosary.

6. Ave Maria: Indulgence for those who receive communion in the church of the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month.
7. Ave Maria: Indulgence on the occasion of the procession.
8. Ave Maria: Indulgence for those who say the Mass of the Rosary.
9. Ave Maria: Indulgence for certain good works.
10. Ave Maria: Indulgence for those who are unable to visit the church of the Rosary, or receive Communion, or take part in a procession.

*Pater Noster. The Rosary is sanctioned by the example given to us by the saints.*

1. Ave Maria: St. Dominic, its origination.
2. Ave Maria: Blessed Alan de la Roche who restored it.
3. Ave Maria: The saintly Dominicans who propagated it.
4. Ave Maria: Among the popes: Pius V, Innocent III, and Boniface VIII who had it embroidered in satin.
5. Ave Maria: Among the cardinals: St. Charles Borromeo.

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2. Hail Mary: The joy and the release of the ancient fathers who were in limbo.
3. Hail Mary: The re-uniting of his body and soul in the tomb.
4. Hail Mary: His miraculous emergence from the tomb.
5. Hail Mary: His victories over death and sin, the world and the devil.
6. Hail Mary: The four qualities of his glorious body.
7. Hail Mary: The power that he received from his Father in heaven and on earth.
8. Hail Mary: His appearances to his Mother, his apostles and disciples.
9. Hail Mary: His discourses on heaven and the meal that he had with his disciples.
10. Hail Mary: The peace, the authority and the mission he gave them to go out into the whole world.

### *The Ascension of Jesus Christ*

Our Father: The unlimited omnipresence of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the promise that Jesus Christ made to his apostles to send them the Holy Spirit and the command he gave them to prepare to receive him.

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May the grace of the Agony of Jesus come into me and make me truly contrite and perfectly obedient to the will of God.

### *Seventh Decade*

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this seventh decade in honor of your cruel Scourging. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for the grace to mortify our senses.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the Scourging of Jesus come into me and make me truly mortified.

### *Eighth Decade*

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this eighth decade in honor of being crowned with Thorns. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for a deep contempt of the world.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of Our Lord's Crowning with Thorns come into me and make me truly opposed

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### *The Pentecost*

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this thirteenth decade in honor of the mystery of Pentecost; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask that the Holy Spirit may come into our souls. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus filling us with the Holy Spirit".

May the grace of the mystery of Pentecost come into our souls. Amen.

### *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fourteenth decade in honor of the Resurrection and triumphant Assumption of your holy Mother into heaven; through this mystery and her intercession we ask for a tender devotion to so good a Mother. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus raising thee up".

May the grace of the mystery of the Assumption come into our souls. Amen.

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to the world.

## Ninth Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this ninth decade in honor of your carrying the Cross. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for great patience in carrying our cross after you all the days of our life.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of the carrying of the Cross come into me and make me truly patient.

## Tenth Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this tenth decade in honor of your Crucifixion on Mount Calvary. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for a great horror of sin, a love for the Cross and the grace of a holy death for us and for those who are now in their last agony.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the Death and Passion of Our Lord

## The Coronation of Mary

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fifteenth and last decade in honor of the Coronation of your holy Mother; through this mystery and her intercession we ask for perseverance in grace and the crown of glory. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus crowning thee".

14. In this decade before each Hail Mary we ask God through the intercession of all the saints for the graces we stand in need of.

- St. Michael the Archangel and all the holy angels, ask of God etc. Hail Mary etc.
- St. Abraham and all the holy Patriarchs, ask of God etc.
- St. John Baptist and all the holy Prophets, ask of God etc.
- St. Peter and St. Paul and all the holy Apostles, ask of God etc.
- St. Stephen, St. Lawrence and all the Martyrs, ask of God etc.
- St. Hilary and all the holy Pontiffs, ask of God etc.
- St. Joseph and all the holy Confessors, ask of

7. Ave Maria: For mutual help at the hour of death which is so difficult and so important.
8. Ave Maria: To be supported at the hour of judgment by as many intercessors as there are members of the confraternity of the Rosary.
9. Ave Maria: To be given relief after death and speedily released from the pains of purgatory by the Masses and prayers which are offered up.
10. Ave Maria: To form an army arrayed as for battle to destroy the empire of the devil and establish that of Jesus Christ.

*Pater Noster. The Rosary is a great store of indulgence accorded by popes outdoing one another.*

1. Ave Maria: Plenary indulgences of the stations of Rome and Jerusalem by going to Communion on certain days.
2. Ave Maria: Plenary indulgence on enrollment in the confraternity.
3. Ave Maria: Plenary indulgence at the hour of death.
4. Ave Maria: Indulgence for the recitation of the Rosary.
5. Ave Maria: Indulgence for those who organize the

## The Crucifixion

Our Father: Fearful Justice of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the five wounds of Jesus Christ and the shedding of his blood on the Cross.
2. Hail Mary: His pierced heart and the Cross upon which he was crucified.
3. Hail Mary: The nails and the lance which pierced him, the sponge, the gall and the vinegar which he was given to drink.
4. Hail Mary: The shame and the ignominy he endured in being crucified naked between two thieves.
5. Hail Mary: The compassion of his Blessed Mother.
6. Hail Mary: His seven last words.
7. Hail Mary: His abandonment and his silence.
8. Hail Mary: The distress of the whole universe.
9. Hail Mary: His painful and shameful death.
10. Hail Mary: His being taken down from the Cross and his burial.

## The Resurrection

Our Father: The eternity of God without a beginning.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the descent of the soul of Our Lord into hell.

8. Ave Maria: For the procession of the holy Rosary and the oil lamp of the holy Rosary.
9. Ave Maria: For its devout recitation.
10. Ave Maria: To carry it on one's person with devotion.

*Pater Noster. The holy Rosary is most excellent because it was established for very noble ends which give great glory to God and are very salutary for the soul.*

1. Ave Maria: By being enrolled in this Confraternity we are strengthened in a wonderful way by joining millions of brothers and sisters.
2. Ave Maria: We thus preserve a continuous remembrance of the mysteries of Jesus and Mary.
3. Ave Maria: We are able to praise God at every moment of the day and night and in every place on earth, which one could not do on one's own.
4. Ave Maria: To thank Our Lord for all the graces he is giving us at every moment.
5. Ave Maria: To be ever asking pardon for our daily sins.
6. Ave Maria: To make our prayers more powerful by being united with others.

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8. Hail Mary: The abuse and insults that were hurled at him.
9. Hail Mary: The blood which poured from his adorable head.
10. Hail Mary: His hair and beard which they tore at.

### *The Carrying of the Cross*

Our Father: Limitless omnipotence of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor Our Lord being presented to the people at the "Ecce Homo."
2. Hail Mary: The preferring of Barabbas to Jesus.
3. Hail Mary: The false testimonies given against him.
4. Hail Mary: His being condemned to death.
5. Hail Mary: The love with which he embraced and kissed the Cross.
6. Hail Mary: The dreadful sufferings he endured in carrying it.
7. Hail Mary: His falling through weakness under its weight.
8. Hail Mary: His sorrow on meeting his Mother.
9. Hail Mary: The veil of Veronica on which his face was imprinted.
10. Hail Mary: His tears and those of his Mother and the pious women who followed him to Calvary.

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and Saviour Jesus Christ come into me and make me truly holy.

## *Glorious Mysteries*

### *Eleventh Decade*

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this eleventh decade in honor of your triumphant Resurrection. Through this mystery and through the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for a lively faith.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the Resurrection come into me and make me truly faithful.

### *Twelfth Decade*

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this twelfth decade in honor of your glorious Ascension. Through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for a firm hope and a great longing for heaven.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of the mystery of the Ascension of Our

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God etc.

- St. Catherine, St. Therese and all the holy Virgins, ask of God etc.
- St. Anne and all holy Women, ask of God etc. Glory be to the Father etc.

May the grace of the mystery of the Crowning in glory of Mary come into our souls. Amen.

15. At the end of the third Rosary the following prayer is said:

### *Prayer to the Blessed Virgin*

Hail Mary, well-beloved daughter of the eternal Father, admirable Mother of the Son, most faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit, glorious temple of the Blessed Trinity. Hail, sovereign Queen, to whom everyone is subject in heaven and on earth. Hail sure Refuge of sinners, our Lady of mercy, who has never repelled anyone. Sinner as I am, I cast myself at your feet and beg you to obtain from Jesus, your dear Son, contrition and pardon for all my sins and the gift of divine wisdom. I consecrate myself to you with all that I have. I choose you today as my Mother and Mistress; treat me then as the weakest of your children and the most submissive of your servants. Hear, O my Queen, the prayers of a heart that

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Lord come into me and prepare me for heaven.

### Thirteenth Decade

We offer you, O Holy Spirit, this thirteenth decade in honor of the mystery of Pentecost. Through this mystery and the intercession of Mary, your most holy spouse, we ask for your holy wisdom that we may know, taste and practice your truth and share it with everyone.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

May the grace of Pentecost come into me and make me truly wise in the eyes of God.

### Fourteenth Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fourteenth decade in honor of the Immaculate Conception of your holy Mother and her assumption into heaven body and soul. Through these two mysteries and her intercession we ask for the gift of true devotion to her in order to live a good life and have a happy death.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

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desires to love and serve you faithfully. Let it not be said that of all who have ever had recourse to you, I was the first to be unheeded. O my hope, my life, my faithful and immaculate Virgin Mary, hear me, protect me, strengthen me, instruct me, save me. Amen.

Praised, adored and loved be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar. Forever and ever.

O Jesus, my dear Jesus, O Mary, Mother of Jesus, my beloved Mother, give us your holy blessing. Amen.

Support us in our troubles, hear us when we pray, preserve us from the world and the devil. Amen.

The superior says, "Nos cum prole pia benedicat Virgo Maria. Amen".

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*Pater Noster. The Rosary is the tree of life which bears marvelous fruits all the year round.*

1. Ave Maria: The Rosary enlightens blind and hardened sinners.
2. Ave Maria: It brings back obstinate heretics.
3. Ave Maria: It sets prisoners free.
4. Ave Maria: It heals the incurable.
5. Ave Maria: It enriches the poor.
6. Ave Maria: It supports the weak.
7. Ave Maria: It consoles the afflicted and the dying.
8. Ave Maria: It reforms lax religious orders.
9. Ave Maria: It checks the effects of God's anger.
10. Ave Maria: It makes good people better.

*Pater Noster. The Rosary is a practice that God has sanctioned by many miracles.*

1. Ave Maria: Miracles in the conversion of sinners.
2. Ave Maria: In the conversion of heretics.
3. Ave Maria: In the cure of all sorts of diseases.
4. Ave Maria: In favor of the dying brethren.
5. Ave Maria: In the sanctification of devout people.
6. Ave Maria: In the release of souls from purgatory.
7. Ave Maria: In the reception into the Confraternity.

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- robe.
5. Hail Mary: His being stripped of all his clothes.
6. Hail Mary: The scorn and insults he received from his tormenters because of his nakedness.
7. Hail Mary: His being beaten and flayed with rods of thorn and cruel whips.
8. Hail Mary: The pillar to which he was bound.
9. Hail Mary: The blood he shed and the wounds he received.
10. Hail Mary: His collapse through weakness into a pool of his own blood.

### The Crowning with Thorns

Our Father: Unspeakable beauty of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor his being stripped a third time.
2. Hail Mary: To honor His crown of thorns.
3. Hail Mary: The veil with which they blindfolded him.
4. Hail Mary: The blows and the spittle rained upon his face.
5. Hail Mary: The old robe they put over his shoulders.
6. Hail Mary: The reed they put into his hand.
7. Hail Mary: The rough stone upon which he was made to sit.

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5. Ave Maria: The Rosary is the prayer of the angels and saints in heaven because they are engaged in celebrating the life, death and glory of Jesus Christ.
6. Ave Maria: When we say the Rosary we celebrate in one day or one week all the mysteries that the Church celebrates in a year for the sanctification of her children.
7. Ave Maria: Those who say the holy Rosary every day have a share in what the saints are doing in heaven which is the same as they were doing upon earth meritoriously, for they who are on earth are doing what the saints are doing in heaven.
8. Ave Maria: The mysteries of the Holy Rosary are like mirrors for the predestinate in which they see their faults and like torches which guide them in this world of darkness.
9. Ave Maria: They see springs of living water from the Saviour to whom one may go with joy to draw the saving waters of grace.
10. Ave Maria: They are the 15 steps of the temple of Solomon and the 15 rungs of the ladder of Jacob by which the angels descend to them and return to heaven and by which they ascend to heaven.

of Olives.

4. Hail Mary: His weariness of soul during all his life and especially in the Garden of Olives.
5. Hail Mary: The outpouring of blood in which his sorrows bathed him.
6. Hail Mary: The comfort he consented to receive from an angel in his agony.
7. Hail Mary: His conformity to the will of his Father in spite of his natural reluctance.
8. Hail Mary: The courage with which he went to meet his executioners and the power of his words with which he crushed them and then uplifted them.
9. Hail Mary: His betrayal by Judas and his arrest by the Jews.
10. Hail Mary: His desertion by his apostles.

### The Scourging

Our Father: Wonderful patience of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the chains and ropes with which Jesus was bound.
2. Hail Mary: The blow that he received in the house of Caiphas.
3. Hail Mary: The three denials of St. Peter.
4. Hail Mary: The shameful treatment he received at the house of Herod when he was dressed in a white

May the grace of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of Mary come into me and make me truly devoted to her.

### Fifteenth Decade

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fifteenth and last decade in honor of the Crowning in glory of your holy Mother in heaven. Through this mystery and her intercession we ask for perseverance and an increase in virtue up to the moment of our death and thereafter the eternal crown that is prepared for us. We ask for the same grace for all the just and all our benefactors.

Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father....

5. We beseech you, Lord Jesus, by the fifteen mysteries of your life, death, passion and glory, and the merits of your holy Mother, to convert sinners, to help the dying, to free the souls in purgatory, and to give all of us your grace so that we may live well and die well. We pray also for the light of glory to see you face to face and love you during all eternity. Amen.

## Meditation 4

*Summary of the life, death and passion and heavenly glory of Jesus and Mary in the holy Rosary.*

Credo:

Faith in the presence of God.  
 Faith in the gospel.  
 Faith and obedience to the pope as Vicar of Jesus Christ.

Our Father:

Unity of one, living and true God.

Hail Mary:

To honor the eternal Father who conceives his Son in contemplating himself.

Hail Mary:

The eternal Word, equal to his Father and who with him produces the Holy Spirit by their mutual love.

Hail Mary:

The Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son by the way of love.

# Meditation 2

*Celebrating the life, death and heavenly glory of Jesus and Mary in the Holy Rosary and a method of restraining our imagination and lessening distractions.*

6. To do this a word or two is added to each Hail Mary of the decade reminding us of the mystery we are celebrating. This addition follows the name of Jesus in the middle of the Hail Mary:

"and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,"

Decade:

1st "Jesus becoming man"

2nd "Jesus sanctifying"

3rd "Jesus born in poverty"

4th "Jesus sacrificed"

5th "Jesus holy of holies"

6th "Jesus in his agony"

7th "Jesus scourged"

8th "Jesus crowned with thorns"

9th "Jesus carrying his Cross"

10th "Jesus crucified"

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8. Ave Maria: It is the prayer which distinguishes the predestinate from the reprobate.
9. Ave Maria: It is the terror of the devil, the blow which crushes him, the nail of Sisera which pierces his head.
10. Ave Maria: Paraphrase of the Ave Maria.

*Pater Noster. The Rosary is a divine Summary of the mysteries of Jesus and Mary in which we proclaim and commemorate their life, passion and glory.*

1. Ave Maria: Men's misfortune and ruin come from ignorance and neglect of the mysteries of Jesus Christ.
2. Ave Maria: The Rosary provides the knowledge of the mysteries of Jesus and Mary and recalls them to mind in view of applying them to one's life.
3. Ave Maria: The greatest desire of Jesus Christ was and still is that we remember him. With this in mind he instituted the sacrifice of the Mass.
4. Ave Maria: After holy Mass the Rosary is the holiest action and prayer that we can offer because it is a remembrance and a celebration of what Jesus Christ has done and suffered for us.

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Our Father: The incomprehensible holiness of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor his hidden, hard working and obedient life at Nazareth.
2. Hail Mary: His preaching and his being found in the temple among the doctors.
3. Hail Mary: His fasting and his temptations in the desert.
4. Hail Mary: His baptism by St. John Baptist.
5. Hail Mary: His wonderful preaching.
6. Hail Mary: His astounding miracles.
7. Hail Mary: The choice of the twelve apostles and the powers he gave them.
8. Hail Mary: His marvelous transfiguration
9. Hail Mary: The washing of the feet of the apostles.
10. Hail Mary: The institution of the Holy Eucharist.

## *The Agony of Jesus*

Our Father: The essential happiness of God.

1. Hail Mary: To honor the places of retreat that Jesus Christ chose during his life, especially that of the Garden of Olives.
2. Hail Mary: His humble and fervent prayers offered during his life and on the eve of his passion.
3. Hail Mary: His patience and gentleness towards his apostles during his life and especially in the Garden

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8. Ave Maria: Prayer which contains a summary of all we must ask of God.
9. Ave Maria: Prayer whose value is unknown and which is said very badly by the majority of Christians.
10. Ave Maria: Paraphrase of the Pater Noster.

*Pater Noster. The Rosary contains the angelic greeting which is the most pleasing prayer we can offer our Blessed Lady.*

1. Ave Maria: The Ave Maria is a divine compliment which wins over the heart of the Blessed Virgin.
2. Ave Maria: It is the new song of the New Testament which the faithful sing as they escape from the captivity of the devil.
3. Ave Maria: It is the hymn of the angels and saints in heaven.
4. Ave Maria: It is the prayer of the predestinate and of Catholics.
5. Ave Maria: It is a mysterious rose which is a source of joy to the Blessed Virgin and to the soul.
6. Ave Maria: It is a precious stone which embellishes and sanctifies the soul.
7. Ave Maria: It is a valuable piece of money with which to purchase heaven.

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10. Hail Mary: The adoration of the kings and the gifts they brought.

### *The Purification*

Our Father: The eternal wisdom of God.

1. Hail Mary: Obedience of Jesus and Mary to the Law.
2. Hail Mary: The sacrifice that Jesus made of his humanity to the Law.
3. Hail Mary: The sacrifice of her honor the Virgin Mary made to the Law.
4. Hail Mary: The joy and the songs of Simeon and Anne the prophetess.
5. Hail Mary: The ransoming of Jesus by the offering of two turtle doves.
6. Hail Mary: The massacre of the Holy Innocents by Herod the Cruel.
7. Hail Mary: The flight of Jesus to Egypt through St. Joseph's obedience to the voice of the angel.
8. Hail Mary: The mystery of his abode in Egypt.
9. Hail Mary: His return to Nazareth
10. Hail Mary: His growth in age and wisdom.

### *The Finding of Jesus in the Temple*

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- 11th "Jesus risen from the dead"
- 12th "Jesus ascending to heaven"
- 13th "Jesus filling thee with the Holy Spirit"
- 14th "Jesus raising thee up"
- 15th "Jesus crowning thee"

At the end of the first five mysteries we say:

May the grace of the joyful mysteries come into our souls and make us really holy.

At the end of the second:

May the grace of the sorrowful mysteries come into our souls and make us truly patient.

At the end of the third:

May the grace of the glorious mysteries come into our souls and make us eternally happy. Amen.

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### *The Incarnation*

Our Father: Immense charity of God.

1. Hail Mary: To deplore the unhappy state of disobedient Adam; his just condemnation and that of all his descendants.
2. Hail Mary: To honor the desires of the patriarchs and prophets who pleaded for the coming of the Messiah.
3. Hail Mary: To honor the desires and prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring forward the coming of the Messiah; and her marriage with Saint Joseph.
4. Hail Mary: The love of the eternal Father in giving us his Son.
5. Hail Mary: The love of the Son who gave himself up for us.
6. Hail Mary: The mission and the greeting of the angel Gabriel.
7. Hail Mary: The maidenly fear of Mary.
8. Hail Mary: The faith and consent of the Virgin Mary.
9. Hail Mary: The creation of the soul and the formation of the body of Jesus in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit.
10. Hail Mary: The angels adoring the Word Incarnate

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# Meditation 3

*For the use of the Daughters of Wisdom.*

7. I unite with all the saints in heaven, with all the just on earth, and with all the faithful here present. I unite with you, my Jesus, in order to praise your holy Mother worthily and to praise you in her and through her. I renounce all distractions which may arise during this Rosary. I desire to say it with attention and devotion as if it were the last of my life. Amen. We offer you, Lord Jesus, this Creed in honor of all the mysteries of our faith, the Our Father and three Hail Marys in honor of the unity of your being and the Trinity of your persons. We ask of you a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity. Amen.

I believe in God; Our Father; three Hail Marys....

In each mystery, after the word Jesus, add a word to recall and honor the particular mystery. For example: Jesus incarnate, Jesus sanctifying, etc. as it is indicated at each decade.

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in the womb of Mary.

## *The Visitation*

Our Father: The most adorable majesty of God.

- 1.Hail Mary: To honor the joy in the heart of Mary at the Incarnation and the dwelling for nine months of the eternal Word in her womb.
- 2.Hail Mary: The sacrifice of himself that Jesus Christ offered to his Father on coming into the world.
- 3.Hail Mary: The contentment of Jesus Christ in the humble and Virginal womb of Mary and that of Mary in the enjoyment of her God.
- 4.Hail Mary: The doubts of St. Joseph on discovering that Mary was with child.
- 5.Hail Mary: The agreement between Jesus and Mary in her womb on the choice of the elect.
- 6.Hail Mary: The fervour of Mary when visiting her cousin.
- 7.Hail Mary: The greeting of Mary and the sanctification of St. John Baptist and of his mother St. Elizabeth.
- 8.Hail Mary: Mary's thanksgiving to God expressed in her Magnificat.
- 9.Hail Mary: Her charity and humility in the service of her cousin.

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of goodness that we give her by the glorious mysteries.

10. Ave Maria: There are three crowns for the one who recites the Holy Rosary every day:
  - . crown of graces during life
  - . crown of peace at death
  - . crown of glory in eternity

*Pater Noster. The Rosary is a mystical summary of all the most beautiful prayers of the Church.*

1. Ave Maria: The Creed is a summary of the gospel.
2. Ave Maria: It is the prayer of believers.
3. Ave Maria: The shield of the soldiers of Jesus Christ.
4. Ave Maria: The Pater Noster - prayer of which Jesus Christ is the sole author.
5. Ave Maria: Prayer he used when praying to his Father and through which he obtained what he desired.
6. Ave Maria: Prayer which expresses as many mysteries as there are words.
7. Ave Maria: Prayer in which are found all our duties towards God.

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- 10.Hail Mary: The mutual dependence of Jesus and Mary and the dependence we should have upon them both.

## *The Birth of Jesus*

Our Father: The infinite richness of God.

- 1.Hail Mary: To honor the contempt and the rebuffs which Mary and Joseph encountered at Bethlehem.
- 2.Hail Mary: The poverty of the Stable where God came into the world.
- 3.Hail Mary: The deep recollection of the exceeding love of Mary when she was about to give birth to her child.
- 4.Hail Mary: The coming forth of the eternal Word from the womb of Mary without breaking the seal of her Virginitly.
- 5.Hail Mary: The adoration and the singing of the angels when Jesus was born.
- 6.Hail Mary: The ravishing beauty of her divine child.
- 7.Hail Mary: The coming of the shepherds into the stable with their humble gifts.
- 8.Hail Mary: The circumcision of Jesus and his suffering accepted in love.
- 9.Hail Mary: The giving of the name of Jesus and the nobility of this name

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10. Ave Maria: the restoration of the Rosary by  
Blessed Alan de la Roche.

*Pater Noster: The Rosary is the triple crown that we place on the heads of Jesus and Mary and he who recites it every day will receive the same crown.*

1. Ave Maria: Mary possesses three kinds of crown.
2. Ave Maria: The daily Rosary is her great crown.
3. Ave Maria: The reprobate crown themselves with faded roses.
4. Ave Maria: The predestinate crown Jesus and Mary with eternal roses.
5. Ave Maria: The Jews crown Jesus with piercing crowns.
6. Ave Maria: True Christians crown him with fragrant roses.
7. Ave Maria: The first is the bridal crown or crown of excellence which we place on Mary's head by the joyful mysteries.
8. Ave Maria: The second is the crown of triumph or of power that we give her by the sorrowful mysteries.
9. Ave Maria: The third is the royal crown or crown

## The Joyful Mysteries

### The Incarnation

8. We offer you, Lord Jesus, this first decade in honor of your Incarnation in Mary's womb; through this mystery and her intercession we ask for deep humility. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times, adding "Jesus becoming man".

May the grace of the mystery of the Incarnation come into our souls. Amen.

### The Visitation

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this second decade in honor of the Visitation of your holy Mother to her cousin Saint Elizabeth and of the sanctification of Saint John the Baptist; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother we ask for charity towards our neighbour. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus sanctifying".

May the grace of the Visitation come into our souls. Amen.

## The Birth of Jesus

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this third decade in honor of your Birth in the stable at Bethlehem; through this mystery and the intercession of your holy Mother, we ask for detachment from worldly things, contempt of riches and a love of poverty. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus being born".

May the grace of the mystery of the Birth of Jesus come into our souls. Amen.

## The Presentation in the Temple

We offer you, Lord Jesus, this fourth decade in honor of your presentation in the temple and the purification of Mary; through this mystery and her intercession we ask for purity in body and mind. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary ten times. "Jesus sacrificed".

May the grace of the mystery of the Presentation come into our souls. Amen.

*Patet Noster: It is a gift come down from heaven; a great present that God gives to his most faithful servants.*

1. Ave Maria: God is the author of the prayers of which it is composed and of the mysteries which it contains.
2. Ave Maria: it is the Blessed Virgin who gave the Rosary its form.
3. Ave Maria: St. Dominic preached and although he was a saint he converted hardly any sinners.
4. Ave Maria: he was accompanied in his missions by several holy bishops and still his efforts were without fruit.
5. Ave Maria: by the power of prayer and mortification, he received the holy Rosary in the forest of Toulouse.
6. Ave Maria: he entered Toulouse and preached the Rosary and great wonders and great blessings accompanied his preaching.
7. Ave Maria: he continued all his life preaching the Rosary with results never seen before.
8. Ave Maria: the marvelous effects the Rosary has had wherever it was preached.
9. Ave Maria: the decline of the Rosary.