



World Youth Day
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Rosary – WYD Lisbon 2023

Meditations on the Rosary

Pastoral Direction and Main Events
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Introduction

Dear friends,

The path that leads to WYD is filled with dream, lots of preparation, lots of goals to reach. Just like Mary left from Nazareth to Judaea, to Elizabeth's house, we also leave, following the calling of Pope Francis to the summer of 2023. With Mary we also carry Jesus, who wants to reach many through us. This convinces us that only with Jesus and Mary we will reach the goal of WYD. That is why praying the Rosary is so important, especially now.

The four series of the Rosary Mysteries – Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious – are marks of the spiritual path that we want to follow with Jesus, from the birth to the announcement of the Kingdom, from giving life to the glory that can only be reached through it. A path that we want to follow with Mary, who was the first one to follow Him, from Annunciation to Cana, from Cana to the Cross and from the Cross to the perfect participation of the Resurrection of Her Son. WYD will also be like that, from the announcement to the realization and from difficulties to the compensation that God will give us all.

The Rosary will be the guide and the motivation of the path we will make!
Walking and praying with you,

+ Manuel Clemente

How do we pray the Rosary?

In the beginning

(Sign of the Cross)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Each 10 Hail Marys

Enunciation and meditation on the mystery of the life of Christ

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Our Father

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10 Hail Marys

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Doxology (Glory) and Jaculatories:

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.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.



O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

At the end

3 Hail Marys

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Hail Holy Queen

Mysteries

To each day of the week, there are the different mysteries of Christ's life

Sundays and Wednesdays: Glorious Mysteries

Mondays and Saturdays: Joyful Mysteries

Tuesdays and Fridays: Sorrowful Mysteries

Thursdays: Luminous Mysteries

Glorious Mysteries

Introduction

“The contemplation of Christ's face cannot stop at the image of the Crucified One. He is the Risen One!” The Rosary has always expressed this knowledge born of faith and invited the believer to pass beyond the darkness of the Passion in order to gaze upon Christ's glory in the Resurrection and Ascension. Contemplating the Risen One, Christians rediscover the reasons for their own faith (cf. 1 Cor 15:14) and relive the joy not only of those to whom Christ appeared – the Apostles, Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road to Emmaus – but also the joy of Mary, who must have had an equally intense experience of the new life of her glorified Son (St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 20).

1st Mystery | Jesus Resurrection

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”» (Luke 24:1-6)

We pray that the joy of the Resurrection reaches the heart of every person, especially those who are most sad, lonely or without a purpose to live.

2nd Mystery | Jesus Ascension to Heaven

«Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;



and they were continually in the temple blessing God» (cf Luke 24:50-53).

Let us pray for Bishops, giving thanks for their helping us to live with our eyes focused on Heaven.

3rd Mystery | The Holy Spirit descends

«When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them.» (Acts 2:1-4).

Let us pray for those who are preparing themselves for Baptism and Confirmation.

4th Mystery | Ascension of Our Lady to Heaven

«What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability and this mortal body must put on immortality. » (1 Cor 15:50-51,53).

We pray for all mothers, that, inspired by Our Lady, they may raise their children well and that they might guide them to our heavenly Father, always.

5th Mystery | The Coronation of Our Lady

«A great sign appeared in heaven: a Woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars» (Rev 12:1)

We pray for our country and for our leaders, that they may lead us always consciously committed to the common good.

Final prayer: WYD Lisbon 2023 prayer

Joyful Mysteries

Introduction

The first cycle, the 'joyful mysteries,' is marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation. This is clear from the very first mystery, the Annunciation, where Gabriel's greeting to the Virgin of Nazareth is linked to an invitation to messianic joy: 'Rejoice, Mary.' The whole of salvation history, in some sense the entire history of the world, has led up to this greeting. [...] Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, *euangelion*, "good



news,” which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Savior of the world. (St. John Paul II, Apostolic letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 20).

1st Mystery | Annunciation of the Angel to Our Lady

«In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said: “Hail, you who are full of grace, the Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. » (Luke 1: 26-31).

We pray for all pregnant women that, enlightened by the “yes” of Our Lady, they might say “yes” to the new life growing in their womb.

2nd Mystery | Visitation to Elizabeth

«In those days, Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. » (Luke 1:39-41).

We pray for every couple that cannot have children, so that, totally trusting in God, they might experience the fruitfulness of life and their conjugal union.

3rd Mystery | Jesus birth in Bethlehem

«In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord surrounded them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! For behold I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” » (Luke 2:8-11).

We pray for all unborn babies and for the end of abortion in the world.

4th Mystery | Presenting Jesus at the Temple

«When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons” » (Luke 2:22-24)

Let us pray for those who are preparing themselves for First Communion, so that, by being living tabernacles, they might carry Him to all those who cross their path.

5th Mystery | Jesus lost and found in the Temple

«Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus



stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of it. Thinking he was in the caravan, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers» (Lk 2: 41-47).

We pray, in this mystery, for all migrants and refugees, so that they can feel welcomed, find shelter and feel they are much loved sons and daughters.

Final prayer: WYD Lisbon 2023 prayer

Sorrowful Mysteries

Introduction

“The Gospels give great prominence to the sorrowful mysteries of Christ. From the beginning, Christian piety, especially during the Lenten devotion of the Way of the Cross, has focused on the individual moments of the Passion, realizing that here is found the culmination of the revelation of God's love and the source of our salvation. The Rosary selects certain moments from the Passion, inviting the faithful to contemplate them in their hearts and to relive them. [...] The sorrowful mysteries help the believer to relive the death of Jesus, to stand at the foot of the Cross beside Mary, to enter with her into the depths of God's love for man and to experience all its life-giving power.” (St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 22).

1st Mystery | The agony of Jesus in the garden

«Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” » (Matt 26:36-38).

Let us pray for those who live in loneliness, that Our Lord help us to be their company and mirror His Presence in their lives.

2nd Mystery | Flagellation

«“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!” “Why? What crime has He committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man's blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” All the people answered, “May his blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. » (Matt 27:22-26).

Let us pray for all Christians who are persecuted and prevented from living their faith, that they can be respected in their freedom and remain firm in God who never leaves them.



3rd Mystery | The Crowning of Thorns

«And then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. » (Matt 27:29).

We pray for all the Consecrated, that their vocation can be a luminous sign of the Kingdom of God in the world.

4th Mystery | The road to Calvary

«So, the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha) » (John 19:16b-17).

We pray for the sick, that they can identify themselves with our Lord in their path of pain, feeling His strength and support in their suffering.

5th Mystery | Crucifixion and death of Jesus

«When He had received the vinegar, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, He bowed his head and gave up his spirit. » (John 19: 30).

We pray for all victims of this pandemic and for their families, that they can find the light of eternal life in the Crucified Christ.

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Luminous Mysteries

Introduction

«Moving on from the infancy and the hidden life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called in a special way "mysteries of light". Certainly, the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the "light of the world" (John 8:12). Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life, when he proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom. [...] In these mysteries, apart from the miracle at Cana, the presence of Mary remains in the background. [...] Yet the role she assumed at Cana in some way accompanies Christ throughout his ministry. The revelation made directly by the Father at the Baptism in the Jordan and echoed by John the Baptist is placed upon Mary's lips at Cana, and it becomes the great maternal counsel which Mary addresses to the Church of every age: "Do whatever he tells you" » (John 2:5). (St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 21).

1st Mystery | The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River

«Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased”» (Luke 3:21-22).



We pray for those who are preparing to receive Baptism and for all catechists.

2nd Mystery | The wedding Feast of Cana

«On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine". "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." » (Jo 2, 1-5).

We pray for all couples who are getting ready for the sacrament of matrimony so that their life as a couple might be full of the joy brought by the wine transformed by Jesus.

3rd Mystery | The Announcement of the Kingdom of God

«After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," He said. "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" » (Mark. 1:14-15).

We pray for the seminarians, deacons and priests, that the testimony of their vocation might be an announcement of God's Kingdom and a constant invitation to conversion.

4th Mystery | The Transfiguration of Jesus

«After six days, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. » (Matt 17:1-2)

We pray for all prisoners, that they feel called to start a new life, changed by the encounter with God's merciful love.

5th Mystery | The Institution of the Eucharist

«And He took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you" » (Luke 22:19-20)

We pray for all those who participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and those who minister it, that communing in Lord's Body, they may form one single body and live as one heart and soul.

Final prayer: WYD Lisbon 2023 prayer



World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 - Prayer

Our Lady of Visitation

You that left in haste to the mountain to meet Elizabeth

Make us also leave to meet the ones who are waiting for us

So that we can take them the living Gospel:

Jesus Christ, Your Son and Our Lord

We will go in a hurry, without distraction or delay

But with readiness and joy.

We will go peacefully, since the one who carries Christ carries peace,

And doing good is the best well-being.

Our Lady of Visitation

With your inspiration, this World Youth Day

Will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we carry, as you once did.

Let it be an occasion of testimony and sharing,

Togetherness and thanksgiving

Looking for the one who always awaits.

With you we will keep on this path of gathering

So that our world may find itself

In fraternity, justice, and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of Visitation

To take Christ to all, obeying to the Father in the love of the Spirit.

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Rosary - WYD – short version



Amen

"Mary rose up and went with haste" (LK 1, 39)