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Scripture Rosary*



## The Scripture Rosary The Five Joyful Mysteries

### Sign of the Cross

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, *Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**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.*

For the gift of faith to increase in us and in the whole world:

**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.*

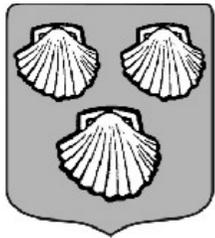
For the gift of hope to increase in us and in the whole world:

**Hail Mary** ~

For the gift of charity to increase in us and in the whole world:

**Hail Mary** ~

**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.*



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## The First Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation

Heavenly Father, we thank you for choosing Mary to be the mother of Our Lord. Just as she was willing to obey, help us we pray to be obedient to you day by day.

### **Our Father~**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin; and the virgin's name was Mary.  
(Lk 1:26-27)

### **Hail Mary~**

He came to her and said, 'Hail, O favoured one! The Lord is with you.' (Lk 1:28)

### **Hail Mary~**

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean.  
(Lk 1:29)

### **Hail Mary~**

But the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour.'  
(Lk 1:30)

### **Hail Mary~**

'Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.' (Lk 1:31)

### **Hail Mary~**

'He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and his reign will have no end.' (Lk 1:32-33)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' (Lk 1:34)

### **Hail Mary~**

'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.' (Lk 1:35)

### **Hail Mary~**

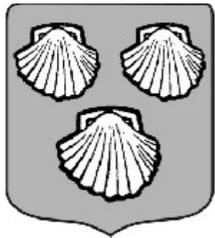
'And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God.' (Lk 1:35)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary said; 'I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word'  
(Lk 1:38)

### **Hail Mary~**

**Glory be to the Father ~**



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## **The Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation of Our Lady to Elizabeth**

Heavenly Father, may we who have accepted Christ learn how to share our joy with others we meet day by day.

### **Our Father~**

Mary set out at that time and went to the hill country. And she went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk 1:39-40)

### **Hail Mary~**

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:41)

### **Hail Mary~**

Elizabeth gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.' (Lk 1:42)

### **Hail Mary~**

'Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' (Lk 1:45)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary said: 'My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.' (Lk 1:46-48)

### **Hail Mary~**

'Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.' (Lk 1:48-49)

### **Hail Mary~**

'Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.' (Lk 1:49-50)

### **Hail Mary~**

'He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.' (Lk 1:51)

### **Hail Mary~**

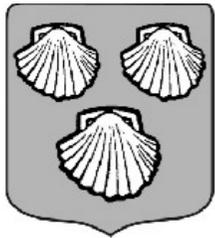
'He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.' (Lk 1:52)

### **Hail Mary~**

'The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.' (Lk 1:53)

### **Hail Mary~**

**Glory be to the Father ~**



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## The Third Joyful Mystery – The Nativity of Our Lord

Heavenly Father, day by day may we share the same mind as was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself of all greatness and took upon himself the form of a servant.

### **Our Father~**

Now while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem the time came for her to have her child. (Lk 2:6)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary gave birth to a son, her firstborn, and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes. (Lk 2:7)

### **Hail Mary~**

She laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. (Lk 2:7)

### **Hail Mary~**

In the countryside close by there were shepherds and the angel of the Lord appeared to them. (Lk 2:8-9)

### **Hail Mary~**

The angel said; ‘Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.’ (Lk 2:10)

### **Hail Mary~**

‘Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’ (Lk 2:11)

### **Hail Mary~**

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.’ (Lk 2:14)

### **Hail Mary~**

Some wise men came from the east, and going in they saw the child with his mother Mary. (Mt 2:1, 11)

### **Hail Mary~**

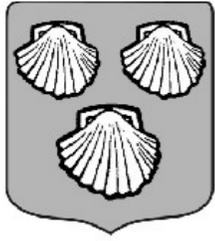
Falling to their knees they did him homage. Then they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Mt 2:11)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary kept in mind all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Lk 2:19)

### **Hail Mary~**

**Glory be to the Father ~**



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## The Fourth Joyful Mystery – The Presentation of Jesus

Heavenly Father, Simeon recognised the light of Christ in one small baby: teach us to recognise Christ in those we encounter day by day.

### **Our Father~**

Observing the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Lk 2:22)

### **Hail Mary~**

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man. (Lk 2:25)

### **Hail Mary~**

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. (Lk 2:26)

### **Hail Mary~**

When the parents brought in the child Jesus, Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God. (Lk 2:27-28)

### **Hail Mary~**

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised.’ (Lk 2:29)

### **Hail Mary~**

‘Because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see.’ (Lk 2:30-31)

### **Hail Mary~**

‘A light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.’ (Lk 2:32)

### **Hail Mary~**

And Simeon said to Mary; ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel’ (Lk 2:34)

### **Hail Mary~**

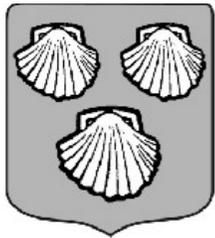
He is destined to be a sign that is rejected, and a sword will pierce your own soul also’ (Lk 2:35)

### **Hail Mary~**

They went back to Nazareth, and the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him. (Lk 2:39-40)

### **Hail Mary~**

**Glory be to the Father ~**



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## The Fifth Joyful Mystery – The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Heavenly Father, may we not be led astray in our own supposed cleverness, but grant us the humility to listen to the wisdom of Christ and follow him day by day.

### **Our Father~**

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. (Lk 2:41-42)

### **Hail Mary~**

When the pilgrims set out on their way home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. (Lk 2:43)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple. (Lk 2:45-46)

### **Hail Mary~**

Jesus was sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

### **Hail Mary~**

All those who heard Jesus were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. (Lk 2:47)

### **Hail Mary~**

Mary said, ‘Child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.’ (Lk 2:48)

### **Hail Mary~**

Jesus said, ‘Why did you have to look for me? Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father’s affairs?’ (Lk 2:49)

### **Hail Mary~**

Joseph and Mary did not understand what he meant. (Lk 2:50)

### **Hail Mary~**

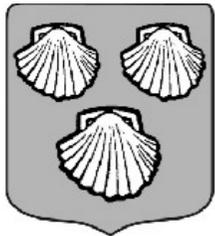
Jesus then went down with them to Nazareth and lived under their authority. (Lk 2:51)

### **Hail Mary~**

Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men. (Lk 2:52)

### **Hail Mary~**

**Glory be to the Father ~**



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### Concluding Prayers:



*O Lord Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.*

*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, 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 vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the Blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen*

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, by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain thy promises, through the same Christ our Lord Amen.

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