

The Holy Rosary for the Healing of the Victims of Sexual Abuse and the Purification of the Church

We are the Church, the body of Christ. Let us pray together for the victims of sexual abuse by the clergy and others, that the victims may be heard, comforted, and fully healed of their afflictions. Let us also pray for the Church, that it may be strengthened and purified, “that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it....” *1 Corinthians 12:25-26*

The Rosary is one of our most powerful weapons. Let us resolve to pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of healing and purification. Commencing this October and continuing through December 2018, let us meditate every Tuesday on the **Mysteries of Healing and Purification**, which are outlined below.

All other days, we will continue to meditate on the mysteries as follows:

Joyful Mysteries on Mondays and Saturdays;

Sorrowful Mysteries on Fridays;

Glorious Mysteries on Wednesdays and Sundays; and

Luminous Mysteries on Thursdays.

The Holy Rosary



At the Crucifix: Make the sign of the Cross and recite the Apostles' Creed.

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

The Apostles' 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; 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.

First Bead: Pray the *Our Father*.

Three Beads: For the intentions of faith, hope, and charity, pray three *Hail Marys* (one on each bead).

Glory Be Bead: Recite the Glory Be: *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.*

The Five Decades: For each decade, announce the mystery and pray the Intention Prayer, one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys*, the *Glory Be*, and the *Fatima Prayer*. (Fatima Prayer: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)

First Decade: First Mystery of Healing and Purification – **Jesus heals the sick.** *Matthew 15:30-31.*

Intention Prayer: *Dear Jesus, you have healed many from their afflictions. In your never-ending love, please fully heal the afflictions of the victims of sexual abuse. Grant us the grace to accompany each other in our sufferings.*

Pray one *Our Father* and ten *Hail Marys*. Conclude the decade with one *Glory Be* and the *Fatima Prayer*.

Second Decade: Second Mystery of Healing and Purification – **Jesus casts out demons.** *Luke 8:26-33.*

Intention Prayer: *Dear Jesus, you have the power to cast out demons. Please cast Satan out of the Church and purify it. Grant us the grace to live holy lives.*

Pray one *Our Father* and ten *Hail Marys*. Conclude the decade with one *Glory Be* and the *Fatima Prayer*.

Third Decade: Third Mystery of Healing and Purification – **Jesus calms the storm.** *Mark 4:35-41.*

Intention Prayer: *Dear Jesus, when your disciples were terrified by the storm, you calmed the wind and the sea, and asked them to have faith. Please give us faith and courage in the middle of the storm during these difficult times. Grant the faithful renewed faith and courage during the storm facing the Church.*

Pray one *Our Father* and ten *Hail Marys*. Conclude the decade with one *Glory Be* and the *Fatima Prayer*.

Fourth Decade: Fourth Mystery of Healing and Purification – **Jesus tells his disciples “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”** *John 16:33.*

Intention Prayer: *Dear Jesus, in your last discourse with the apostles before you were to take the cross, you desired to strengthen the apostles. Please give our priests, deacons, and those in religious orders the necessary strength and courage to follow you, not the world. Grant them the grace to live holy lives. Jesus, we trust in you.*

Pray one *Our Father* and ten *Hail Marys*. Conclude the decade with one *Glory Be* and the *Fatima Prayer*.

Fifth Decade: Fifth Mystery of Healing and Purification – **Jesus asks Peter to feed his sheep and to follow him.** *John 21:15-19.*

Intention Prayer: *Dear Jesus, three times Peter denied you. Three times you asked him to feed and tend your sheep. Please give the Pope the graces needed to follow you and to feed and tend the sheep with life-giving truth.*

Pray one *Our Father* and ten *Hail Marys*. Conclude the decade with one *Glory Be* and the *Fatima Prayer*.

Conclusion: Conclude the Rosary with the following prayers:

The 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 valley 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.*

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

Closing Prayer: *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 thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer To Saint Michael The Archangel: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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

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