

The Rosary — a way to pray for global and personal intentions

Speaking about the Rosary, Blessed John Paul II said:

“The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns: in it I have always found comfort. The Rosary is my favorite prayer. It is marvelous in its simplicity and its depth.”

Concerning the importance of intercessory prayer, the late Anthony de Mello, S.J., said: *“Until the next life we shall not realize how the destinies of persons and nations have been shaped, not so much by the external actions of powerful people and by events that seemed inevitable, but by the quiet, silent, irresistible daily prayer of persons the world will never know.”*

Personally, I find the Rosary to be a wonderful way to pray for a wide range of global, church and personal needs, and a great way to fulfill my promise to pray for people who have asked me to pray for them.

Joyful Mysteries—Mondays/Saturdays

Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38). As we ponder Mary carrying Jesus, let us pray for all women with an unwanted or difficult pregnancy, that they will have the courage and support to choose life.

Mary Visits her Cousin Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-45). For all who visit the sick and homebound. For all who work and live in nursing homes.

Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-8). For all pregnant women. For those seeking to conceive or adopt a child. For parents and adoption agencies.

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:22-28). For parents, that they will dedicate their children to Jesus and raise them in a church family. For all who have asked us to pray for them.

Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-50). For missing children and their grieving parents. For the liberation of children and teenagers forced into slavery or prostitution.

Sorrowful Mysteries—Tuesdays/Fridays

Agony in the Garden (Mk 14:32-42). For all suffering in body, mind and spirit, and for all who work with the suffering.

Scourging at the Pillar (Mt 27:26). For all who live in violent situations. For the apprehension or conversion of violent people. For all engaged in the war against terrorism.

Crowning with Thorns (Mk 15:16-20). For all who are mentally ill and for those who suffer from depression or migraine headaches.

Jesus Carries his Cross (Mk 15:21-22). For all who are carrying a cross at this time and for their loved ones, that the crosses of life will make them better and not bitter. For all who have asked us to pray for them.

Jesus Dies on the Cross (Mk 15:23-41). For all who are dying at this time, that they may have a peaceful death. For hospice workers. For an end to capital punishment and euthanasia.

Mysteries of Light—Thursdays

Baptism of Jesus (Lk 3:21-22). For all who are preparing for Baptism and entry into our Church. For all who have asked us to pray for them.

Wedding Feast of Cana (Jn 2:1-12). For engaged and married couples, especially struggling marriages.

Proclamation of the Kingdom (Lk 4:14-15). For all engaged in the teaching and preaching ministry of the Church.

Transfiguration (Lk 9:28-36). For all who work and minister in retreat houses. For spiritual directors and retreatants.

Institution of the Eucharist (Lk 22:19). For Catholics who no longer come to Mass. In thanksgiving for our Adoration Chapel and for all who help us to maintain prayer 24/7 on our campus.

Glorious Mysteries—Wednesdays/Sundays

Resurrection (Mk 16:1-20). As we meditate on Jesus' victory over evil, let us pray for all engaged in fighting the forces of evil in our world—poverty, human trafficking, terrorism, abortion. For all who will be preaching in churches next weekend.

Ascension (Acts 1:6-11). For the deceased and living members of our Church family. In thanksgiving for all who give of their time, treasure and talent to our parish and wider community.

Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-13). For a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives. For all making difficult decisions.

Assumption of Mary into Heaven (Rev. 12:1). For the dying and for the souls in purgatory. For all those who have asked us to pray for them.

Mary, Crowned Queen of Heaven (Rev. 12:1). For government and church leaders. For the conversion of unbelievers. For a greater awareness of Mary's presence in our lives