

Mary & The Rosary

MORNING PRAYER

Monday

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

REFLECTION

Mary was a human being like us.

She had no special knowledge of what would happen to her Son Jesus in his life on earth.

His story was hidden from her in its details. All she knew and believed was that her son was the Son of Almighty God, that he would be great, and would rule a Kingdom that would last forever.

That faith of hers remained unshaken. She was always there for Jesus, believing in him, even on Good Friday when his disciples had fled and left her standing at the foot of the Cross, gazing into the face of her crucified Son.

She was still able to whole-heartedly believe in Him, even in that darkest moment.

Before he died, Jesus gave his Mother to us when he said to his beloved disciple: *'behold, your mother.'*

We are his beloved disciples, and we believe he wants us to make a place for his Mother in our hearts.

Mary's spiritual role is to be a mother of all the human race, for all time.

Until the end of time, it's as if Mary is in motherly labour on *our* behalf, devoting her prayers to us, praying that we allow her Son's Heart to touch our hearts, and to engage our hearts in loving her Son as our own brother.

In that she is our mother too.

PRAYERS

Let us ask Mary, conceived without sin, to pray for us who have need of her prayers.

Hail Mary....

St. Philip: **Pray for us.**

House Saint: **Pray for us.**

In the name...

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REFLECTION

Since ancient times, Mary, whom we call '*Our Lady*', has appeared to various people all over the world.

Over the last two hundred years, there have been three highly publicized apparitions of Mary, which were accompanied by prophecies that came true, along with a great number of miracles.

The first of these apparitions was in a Convent in Paris, to a young nun called Catherine Labouré.

Then there were the apparitions to Bernadette, a young girl in Lourdes, in the south of France.

Lastly there were the apparitions to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, three poor children from Fatima in Portugal.

All these apparitions have something in common. In them Mary always seems to appear to those who are pure in heart. In them all, she leads them towards her Son, who is at the heart of her messages.

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In the name of the Father...

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REFLECTION

At the heart of the Hail Mary is the holy name of Jesus. The first half of the *Hail Mary* builds up to the name of Jesus, repeating words which were said to Mary in the Scriptures: *Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee* was said by Archangel Gabriel to her at the Annunciation. *Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb*, was said to her by her cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. And then, from the name *Jesus* onwards, the second half of the prayer is *our* prayer: First, we say... *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.* As we pray to her that she prays for us, we address Mary by her earliest original title as 'Mother of God'. Then lastly we ask her to pray of us... *Now and at the hour of our death.* These are the two most important moments in our life, when we most need her prayers. The present moment, which is more important than any other... But one day that present moment will be the moment we pass from this life. We especially ask for her prayers at that fateful moment.

PRAYERS

Let us pray to be inspired by the simplicity of Mary's love for her Son.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those in our school whose families are broken and unloving;

May they draw near to Mary and ask for her prayers.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

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Hail Mary.... In the name...

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Thursday

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ROSARY REFLECTION

Let us pray the Rosary today, thinking of Mary our Mother as Queen of Heaven, seated above all the Angels and Saints, lifting up our prayers to her Son, and so involving herself in our salvation.

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

1x *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....*

10x *Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

1x *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was....In the name..*

Friday

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

FRIDAY PRAYER

Remember that you can go to the chapel for confession this lunchtime if you wish to receive God's loving forgiveness.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote a prayer to Mary in the 11th Century. It is known as the '*Memorare*,' which means '*Remember*.'

We ask Mary to remember us in her prayers to Jesus, just as we remember to think of her as our Mother in heaven.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that it is a thing unheard of
that anyone ever had recourse to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession and was left forsaken.
Filled therefore with confidence,
I fly to thee, O Mother, Virgin of virgins; to thee do I come; before
thee I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my words O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.