Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy . . . Christ have mercy . . . Lord have mercy.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us.
Mother of Christ . . .
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good Counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,

Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of the family,
Queen of peace, pray for us.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may be blessed with health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may we be freed from present sorrow, and rejoice in eternal happiness with You, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Scriptural Rosary

Pray the Rosary to Know the Gospel:
A Bible Verse for Each “Hail Mary”

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary is a prayer loved by countless Saints and is officially encouraged by the Church. Simple, yet profound, it remains a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a prayer centered on Christ. It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a summary. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

Pope John Paul II, introduction to his Apostolic Letter: "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary"

How to Pray the Rosary

The most important "instruction" is to simply speak to God from your heart, with love! Before you begin, you might want to call to mind special intentions of people or special needs in your life and in the world to present to God. You may want to express thoughts of thanksgiving, or sorrow for sin, or you may want to simply praise Him and tell Him that you love Him.

Basically, all you have to do to pray the Rosary is to call to mind something about Jesus Christ, his life, his words, his gift of salvation to us. Then pray one “Our Father,” ten “Hail Mary’s,” and one “Glory Be.” It’s just that simple and does not need to be any more complicated than that.

The following "mysteries" are themes for you to reflect upon for each group of ten prayers. The rest of this booklet suggests Bible verses you can say alone or in a group before each individual "Hail Mary."

It is a common practice to begin the Rosary with the Apostles Creed, and then one Our Father and three Hail Mary’s, asking for Faith, Hope and Love, and concluding the entire rosary with the Salve Regina.

The Coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

1. The king loved Esther more than all other women, and she won grace and favor in his sight more than all other virgins, so he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen.  Esther 2:17
2. Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.  James 1:12
3. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.  Rev 2:10
4. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.  2Tim 4:7
5. When the chief shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of glory that will never fade away.  1Peter 5:4
6. A great sign appeared in the sky. A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.  Rev 12:1
7. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. He has looked with favor on his lowly servant. All generations will call me blessed.  Lk 1:48
8. The Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is his name. His mercy extends from age to age upon those who fear him.  Lk 1:50
9. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered the proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones but has lifted up the lowly.  Lk 1:52
10. Blessed are you, daughter, by God Most High, above all the women on earth.  Judith 13:18
Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit from On High
1. Jesus said, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you always." (Jn. 14:16)
2. "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn. 14:26)
3. "Within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts. 1:5)
4. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and even to the ends of the earth." (Acts. 1:8)
5. When the day of Pentecost came it found them gathered in one place. And the Mother of Jesus was there. Suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong driving wind, which was heard all through the house.
6. Tongues as of fire appeared, which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts. 2:3)
7. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them. (Acts. 2:4)
8. Staying in Jerusalem at the time were devout men of every nation. These heard the sound and assembled in a large crowd. They were confused because each heard the disciples speaking in his own language. (Acts. 2:4)
9. Peter stood up and addressed them, "Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sins may be forgiven; then you too will receive the Holy Spirit." (Acts. 2:38)
10. Those who accepted his message were baptized; some three thousand were added that day. (Acts. 2:41)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Heaven
1. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (Jn. 17:24)
2. I pray that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me. (Jn. 17:25)
3. Come to me all you who labor and find life burdensome and I will give you rest. (Mt 11:28)
4. Those who seek me find me. For he who finds me finds life, and wins favor from the Lord. (Prov. 8:17-35)
5. He has delivered me from all my troubles, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes. (Psalm 54:7)
6. My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live on in hope. (Psalm 16:10. Acts 2:27)
7. Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your Holy One undergo decay & corruption. (Ps 16:10)
8. Then God's temple in heaven was opened and within His temple was seen the Ark of the Covenant. (Rev 11:19)
9. Glorious is the King's daughter. Dressed in gold she is led to the King; her virgin companions follow her. They are led in with joy and gladness; they enter the palace of the king. (Psalm 45:14)
10. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come! (Song of Songs 2:10)

The Apostle's 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; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall 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.

The Lord's Prayer
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. Amen.

The Angelic Salutation ("Hail Mary")
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are 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. Amen.

"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.

Salve Regina
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, 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 valley of tears. Turn then most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy upon us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and it runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of prayers, in violation of the admonition of Christ, "When you pray do not babble on like the pagans who think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them." (Mt 6:7). The recitation of the rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping us to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord.

Pope Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation, "Devotion to Mary."
The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation and Incarnation of Jesus, God made Man

1. The Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. (Lk. 1: 26-27)
2. The angel said: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." (Lk. 1: 28)
3. She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant.
4. The angel said: "Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God."
5. "You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus." (Lk. 1: 31)
6. "Great will be his dignity. He will be called Son of the Most High. His kingdom will be without end." (Lk. 1: 32-33)
7. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be since I do not know man?" (Lk. 1: 34)
8. The angel answered: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Lk. 1: 35)
9. "The holy child to be born will be called the Son of God." Nothing is impossible for God. (Lk. 1: 35)
10. Mary said: "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done unto me according to your word." (Lk. 1: 38)

Visitation: Mary Greets Elizabeth, John the Baptist Leaps for Joy

1. Mary set out, proceeding in haste into the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk. 1: 39-40)
2. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb. (Lk. 1: 41)
3. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (Lk. 1: 42)
4. And who am I, that the Mother of My Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1: 43)
5. At the moment your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy! (Lk 1: 44)
6. Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Lk. 1:46)
7. "For he has looked upon his servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed." (Lk. 1:48)
8. "God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is his name." (Lk. 1: 49)
9. "His mercy is from age to age on those who fear him." (Lk. 1: 50)
10. Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home. (Lk 1: 56)

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead

1. As the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene came with the other Mary to the tomb. (Mt 28:1)
2. The angel came to the stone, rolled it back and sat on it. (Mt 28:2)
3. The angel said to the women: "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, the crucified, but he is not here. He has been raised, exactly as he promised." (Mt 28:5-7)
4. "He has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee."
5. On the evening of the first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)
6. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. (Jn 20:20)
7. "Peace be with you." Jesus said again. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
8. “I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to myself. Where I am going you know the way.” (Jn 14:6)
9. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:8)
10. "I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he should die, will come to life." (Jn 11:25-26)

The Ascension of Jesus to the Father in Glory

1. Jesus led His disciples out near Bethany, and with hand upraised, blessed them. (Lk. 24:50)
2. Jesus addressed them in these words: "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth." (Mt. 28:18)
3. "Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28:19)
4. "Know that I am with you always until the end of the world." (Mt. 28:20)
5. "Whoever believes in the Good News and accepts baptism will be saved; whoever refuses to believe will be condemned." (Mk. 16:16)
6. As Jesus blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. (Lk. 24:51)
7. He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took him from their sight.
8. "This Jesus who has been taken from you will return, just as you saw him go up to the heavens." (Acts. 1:11)
9. They fell down to do him reverence, then returned to Jerusalem filled with joy.
10. Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk. 16:19)
Jesus is Crucified and Dies for Our Sins

1. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."
2. One of the criminals said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I say to you; today you will be with me in paradise." (Lk 23: 42-43)
3. Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." (Jn. 19: 26)
4. In turn he said to the disciple, "Behold, your Mother." From that hour onward, the disciple took her into his care. (Jn 19: 27)
5. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt. 27: 46)
6. Realizing everything was now finished, Jesus said to fulfill the Scriptures, "I thirst." There was a jar there, full of common wine. They stuck a sponge soaked in this wine on a stick, and raised it to his lips. (Jn 19: 28)
7. When Jesus tasted it he said, "It is finished." (Jn 19:29)
8. Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." (Lk 23: 46)
9. Darkness came over the whole land with an eclipse of the sun. The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two. (Lk 23: 44-45)
10. They took the body of Jesus and in accordance with Jewish burial custom, bound it up in wrappings of cloth with perfumed oils. (Jn 19: 40)

Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem

1. The angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear. It is by the Holy Spirit that Mary has conceived this child."
2. "She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1: 21)
3. All this happened to fulfill what the Lord said through the prophet: The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son and they shall call him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." (Mt. 1: 22-24)
4. In those days Caesar Augustus ordered a census of the whole world. So Joseph went to David's town of Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David, to register with Mary, his wife, who was with child. (Lk 2:1)
5. She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. (Lk 2: 6)
6. There were shepherds in that region, living in the fields and keeping night watch over their flocks. (Lk. 2: 8)
7. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and said:"Do not be afraid!!" Lk 2: 9-10
8. "I come to proclaim good news to you of great joy. This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, who is Messiah and Lord." Lk 2: 10-11
9. Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." (Lk. 2: 13-14)
10. The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger. Once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. (Lk. 2: 16-17)
Presentation of the Infant Jesus at the Temple

1. When the day came, according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord. (Lk. 2: 22)
2. There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (Lk. 2: 25)
3. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. (Lk. 2: 26)
4. Simeon came to the temple inspired by the Spirit, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus he took him in his arms and blessed God. (Lk 2: 27-28)
5. "Now Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word." (Lk. 2: 28)
6. "For my eyes have witnessed your salvation, a light for the Gentiles and the glory of Israel" (Lk. 2: 30-31)
7. Simeon said to Mary, "This child is destined to be the downfall and rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed." (Lk. 2: 34)
8. "And you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk. 2: 35)
9. Mary and Joseph returned to Galilee and their own town of Nazareth. (Lk 2: 39)
10. The child grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. (Lk. 2: 40)

Jesus is Lost and then Found in the Temple on the Third Day

1. When Jesus was twelve they went to the Temple for the feast of Passover as was their custom. (Lk. 2: 42)
2. As they were returning at the end of Passover, the child remained behind, unknown to his parents. (Lk 2: 43)
3. Thinking he was among the group, they continued their journey for a day, looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances. (Lk. 2: 44)
4. Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. (Lk. 2: 45)
5. On the third day they came upon Jesus in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligence and his answers. (Lk. 2: 46)
6. His mother said: "Son, why have you done this to us? You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Lk. 2: 48)
7. Jesus said, "Why did you search for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father's house?"(Lk. 2: 49)
8. But they did not grasp what he said to them. (Lk. 2: 50)
9. He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. (Lk. 2: 51)
10. His mother Mary pondered and treasured all these things in her heart. Jesus, for his part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men. (Lk. 2: 51-52)

Jesus is Crowned with Thorns

1. The soldiers led Jesus away into the Praetorium and assembled the courtroom
2. They dressed him in royal purple, then wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head. (Mk. 15: 17)
3. They began to salute him, All hail! King of the Jews! (Mk. 15: 18)
4. Continually striking Jesus on the head with a reed and spitting at him, they genuflected before him and pretended to pay him homage. (Mk. 15: 19)
5. Pilate said to the crowd: "Observe what I do. I am going to bring him out to you to make you realize that I find no case against him." (Jn. 19: 4)
6. When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak, Pilate said to them, "Look at the man!" (John 19: 5)
7. As soon as the chief priests and temple guards saw him they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" (Jn. 19: 6)
8. "Why, what crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him!"(Mk 15:14)
9. Pilate said "Behold your king!" They replied, "We have no king but Caesar."
10. In the end, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. (Jn. 19: 16)

Jesus Carries the Cross

1. When they finished mocking him they stripped Jesus of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to be crucified. (Mt. 27: 31)
2. On their way out they met Simon of Cyrene. They pressed him into service to help carry the cross. (Mt. 27: 32)
3. A great crowd of people followed behind Jesus including women who wailed and lamented him. (Lk. 23: 27)
4. Jesus said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children."
5. Two others who were criminals were led along with Jesus to be crucified.
6. Upon arriving at Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, they gave him wine mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. (Mt. 27: 33-34)
7. When they crucified him they divided his clothes among them by casting lots.
8. Many dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me. They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. (Ps 22:16)
9. "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross every day, and follow after me." (Lk 9: 23)
10. "Whoever would save his life will lose it, whoever loses his life for my sake, will save it."
The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony of the Lord in the Garden of Olives
1. Jesus went to a place called Gethsemane and became filled with sorrow and distress. (Mt. 26: 36)
2. He said: "My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here and stay awake with me." (Mt. 26: 38)
3. He withdrew from them, knelt down and prayed. (Lk. 22:41)
4. "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not as I will it, but as you will it." (Mt. 26: 39)
5. When he returned to his disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour? Be on guard and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt. 26: 40-42)
6. In his anguish, Jesus prayed more earnestly. An angel appeared to him, coming from Heaven to give him strength. (Mt. 26: 45)
7. "The hour is upon us when the Son of Man is to be handed over to the power of evil men." (Mt. 26:45)
8. While he was still speaking, Judas arrived accompanied by a great crowd with swords and clubs. (Mt. 26: 47)
9. Judas went over to Jesus and said, "Peace, Rabbi" and kissed him. (Mt. 26: 49)
10. Jesus said, "Friend, do what you are here for." The soldiers stepped forward to arrest Him. (Mt. 26: 50)

Jesus is Scourged at the Pillar
1. The chief priests had Jesus bound and led away, handing him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him: "Are you the king of the Jews?" (Mk 15: 1-20)
2. Jesus answered, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world." Pilate said, "So then you are a king?" Jesus replied, "It is you who say I am a king. The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth, hears my voice." (Jn 18:36)
3. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces. (Is 53:3)
4. It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. (Is 53:4)
5. He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was placed the punishment that makes us whole. (Is 53:5)
6. All of us, like sheep, had gone astray, each going his own way. The Lord laid on Him the sins of us all. (Is 53:6)
7. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. (Is 53:7)
8. Pilate had Jesus scourged. They blindfolded him, slapped him and taunted him. (Jn. 19:1)
9. After he had Jesus whipped, Pilate handed him over to be crucified. (Mk 15:15)
10. By his stripes we were healed. (Is 53:5)

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus
1. "I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you of all your impurities.
2. "I will give you a new heart to replace your hearts of stone. I will put my Spirit within you. You will be my people and I will be your God." (Ez 36: 26)
3. John said, "I am baptizing you with water for repentance but the one who is coming after me is mightier Than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Lk 3:16)
4. When John saw Jesus coming toward him he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)
5. John said, "I should be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"
6. After Jesus was baptized, he came out of the water. The heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a dove. (Mt 3:16)
7. A voice came from the heavens saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17)
8. Peter proclaimed, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37)
9. Peter wrote, "Baptism saves you. It is not a removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal to God for a clean conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ who has gone into Heaven." (1Pt 3:21)
10. Jesus said, "Go and makes disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)

The Miracle at the Wedding in Cana
1. On the third day there was a wedding at Cana and the mother of Jesus was there. (Jn 2:1)
2. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. (Jn 2:2)
3. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (Jn 2:3)
4. Jesus said to her, "Woman, what is this to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." (Jn 2:4)
5. His mother instructed those waiting on table, "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:5)
6. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them to the brim. (Jn 2:7)
7. Jesus told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." (Jn 2:8)
8. When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine without knowing where it had come from, he called the bridegroom. (Jn 2:9)
9. He said, "Everyone serves good wine first; and then later an inferior one, but you have kept the good wine until now." (Jn 2:9-10)
10. Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana of Galilee, and so revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (Jn 2:11)
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

1. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Mk 1:15
2. As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. He said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17
3. A man with leprosy said to Jesus, "If you are willing, you can heal me." "I do will it" Jesus said, "Be healed!" Mark 1:40
4. What shall we say about the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds. When planted in the ground, it grows and becomes the largest of plants. Mark 4:30
5. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
6. "I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." John 10:11
7. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mt 5:3
8. Blessed are those who show mercy, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Mt 5:6-8
9. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of me. Rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in Heaven. Mt 5:11
10. For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life. Jn 3:16

The Transfiguration of Jesus in Glory

1. Jesus took Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray(Lk 9:28)
2. While he prayed, his face changed and his clothing became dazzling white.
3. And, behold, there were two men talking to him, Moses and Elijah. (Lk 9:30)
4. They appeared in glory, and spoke of his Exodus which he would accomplish in Jerusalem. (Lk 9:31)
5. Peter and his companions were overcome with sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw His glory, and the two men that stood with him. (Lk 9:32)
6. Peter said, "Master, it is good we are here; let us make three tents; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Lk 9:33)
7. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them. They became frightened as they entered the cloud. (Lk 9:34)
8. A voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." (Lk 9:35)
9. After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. (Lk 9:36)
10. They fell silent and did not tell anyone at this time what they had seen. (Lk 9:36)

The Gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper

1. Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world, and he loved them to the end. Jn 13:1
2. Jesus tied a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet. Jn 13:5
3. "Do you understand what I did for you? If I the master have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet." Jn 13:15
4. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:35
5. As they were eating the Passover, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this all of you and eat of it, this is my body." Mat 26:26
6. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you." Mat 26:27
7. "For this is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins." Mat 26:28
8. "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Jn 6:35
9. "I am the living bread come down from Heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." Jn 6:51
10. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." Jn 6:54

The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Anyone who assimilates the mystery of Christ, and this is the goal of the Rosary, learns the secret of peace and makes it his life's project.

The Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, disposing them to receive true peace which is the special gift of the Risen Lord. Furthermore, the Rosary cannot fail to draw our attention to the face of Christ in others, especially in the most afflicted. By focusing our eyes on Christ, the Rosary makes us peacemakers in the world.

The Rosary has always been a prayer of the family and for the family. The Rosary brings the family together. Family members who pray the Rosary together learn to communicate, to look one another in the eye, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God.

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