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Rosary – WYD Lisbon 2023

Meditations on the Rosary

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Introduction

Dear friends,

The path that leads to WYD is filled with dream, lots of preparation, lots of goals to reach. Just like Mary left from Nazareth to Judaea, to Elizabeth's house, we also leave, following the calling of Pope Francis to the summer of 2023. With Mary we also carry Jesus, who wants to reach many through us. This convinces us that only with Jesus and Mary we will reach the goal of WYD. That is why praying the Rosary is so important, especially now.

The four series of the Rosary Mysteries – Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious – are marks of the spiritual path that we want to follow with Jesus, from the birth to the announcement of the Kingdom, from giving life to the glory that can only be reached through it. A path that we want to follow with Mary, who was the first one to follow Him, from Annunciation to Cana, from Cana to the Cross and from the Cross to the perfect participation of the Resurrection of Her Son. WYD will also be like that, from the announcement to the realization and from difficulties to the compensation that God will give us all.

The Rosary will be the guide and the motivation of the path we will make!

Walking and praying with you,

+ **Manuel Clemente**

How do we pray the Rosary?

In the beginning

(Sign of the Cross)

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

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.

Each 10 Hail Marys

Enunciation and meditation on the mystery of the life of Christ

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Our Father

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10 Hail Marys

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Doxology (Glory) and Jaculatories:

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.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.



At the end

3 Hail Marys

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Hail Holy Queen

Mysteries

To each day of the week, there are the different mysteries of Christ's life

Sundays and Wednesdays: Glorious Mysteries

Mondays and Saturdays: Joyful Mysteries

Tuesdays and Fridays: Sorrowful Mysteries

Thursdays: Luminous Mysteries

Glorious Mysteries

Introduction

"The contemplation of Christ's face can't be detained on the image of the crucified. He is the resurrected!" The Rosary has always expressed this faith certainty, inviting the believer to overcome the darkness of Passion, to focus our gaze on the glory of Christ with Resurrection and Assumption. When contemplating the Resurrected, Christians find out, again, the reasons of their own faith (cf. Cor. 15, 14), and revives not only the joy manifested by Christ – to the apostles, to Magdalene, to the Emmaus disciples – but also Mary's joy, who had the intense experience of the Glorified Son" (John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 20).

1st Mystery | Jesus Resurrection

On the first day of the week, when breaking dawn, they went to the sepulchre with the scents they had prepared. They found the stone removed from the sepulchre and, when entering, they could not find the Lord's body. Being astonished with the fact, two men with resplendent vests appeared near them. With an immense fear, face down to earth, they told them: "Why do you seek among the dead the one who is alive? He isn't here; He has risen" (Lk 24, 1-6)

We pray so that the joy of Resurrection reaches the heart of every person, mainly the ones who are sad, lonely or without a purpose to live.



2nd Mystery | Jesus Ascension to Heaven

He led them out to Bethany and, raising His hands, blessed them. While blessing them, he went away while rising to Heaven. After kneeling towards him, they came back to Jerusalem with great joy, praising the Lord continuously (Lk 24, 50-53).

Let us pray for the Bishops, giving thanks for helping us to live with eyes on Heaven.

3rd Mystery | The Holy Spirit descends

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Act 2, 1-4).

Let us pray for those who are preparing themselves for Baptism and Confirmation.

4th Mystery | Ascension of Our Lady to Heaven

I declare to you, brothers, and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1Cor 15, 50-51.53).

We pray for all the mothers, so that, inspired by Our Lady, they raise their children well and that they might guide them to our heavenly Father, always.

5th Mystery | The Coronation of Our Lady

There was a big sign in heaven: A Woman dressed in the Sun light, with the Moon under the feet and with a crown of twelve stars on her head (Ap 12, 1).

We pray for our country and for our governors, so that they may lead us always consciously and committed to the common good.

Final prayer: WYD Lisbon 2023 prayer



Joyful Mysteries

Introduction

The first cycle of the joyful mysteries is characterized by the joy that irradiates from the Incarnation event. This is clear since Annunciation, when the greeting of the Angel to the Virgin of Nazareth is connected to the invitation of messianic joy: “Be cheerful, Mary”. The history of salvation is lead to this announcement and, in a certain way, to the history of the world itself. [...] Mary helps us to learn the secret of the Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, after all, *evangelion*, “good news”, that has its centre, or even, the same content, on the person of Christ, the Word made flesh, only Saviour of the world (John Paul II, Apostolic letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 20).

1st Mystery | Annunciation of the Angel to Our Lady

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. (Lk 1, 26-31).

We pray for all the pregnant woman so that, enlightened by the yes of Our Lady, they might say yes to the new life growing on their womb.

2nd Mystery | Visitation to Elizabeth

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1, 39-41).

We pray for every couple that cannot have children, so that, totally trusted to God, they might experience the fecundity of life and conjugal alliance.

3rd Mystery | Jesus birth in Bethlehem

There were some shepherds in the same region who were sleeping on the fields and who were taking care of their flock through the night. An angel of the Lord appeared, and the glory of the Lord enlightened them and they were scared. The angel told them: “Don’t be afraid! I announce you the good news that will be joy for all the people: it was born today, in the house of David, a saviour who is Jesus Christ” (Lk 2, 8-11).

We pray for all the unborn babies and for the end of abortion in the world.



4th Mystery | Presenting Jesus at the Temple

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons. (Lk, 2, 22-24)

Let us pray for the ones who are preparing themselves for First Communion, so that, by being living tabernacles, they might carry Him to the ones who cross their path.

5th Mystery | Jesus lost and found in the Temple

Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Lk 2,41-47).

We pray, in this mystery, for all migrants and refugees, so that they can feel welcomed and find shelter and feel they very loved Sons.

Final prayer: WYD Lisbon 2023 prayer

Sorrowful Mysteries

Introduction

“The Gospels are of great relevance to contemplate the mysteries of Christ’s pain. The Christian pity has always been detained on each of the Passion’s moments, especially at Lent, through the exercise of the Holy Path, sensing that here is the mystery of revelation of love and the fountain of our salvation. The Rosary chooses some moments of the Passion, leading the worshipper to focus their heart’s looking and reviving them [...] The mysteries of sorrow lead the believer to revive the death of Jesus, being by the Cross near Mary, to enter with her the abyss of the love of God for the mankind and to feel its regenerator strength” (St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 22).



1st Mystery | The agony of Jesus in the garden

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” (Mt 26, 36-38).

Let us pray for those who live in loneliness, so that Our Lord can help us to be company and mirror for His Presence in their lives.

2nd Mystery | Flagellation

“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

“Why? What crime has He committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. (Mt 27, 22-26).

Let us pray for all the Christians who are persecuted and impeded to live their faith, so that they can be respected on their freedom and might remain firm in God that never leaves them.

3rd Mystery | The Crowning of Thorns

And then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. (Mt 27, 29).

We pray for all the Consecrated, so that their vocation can be, in the world, a luminous sign of the Kingdom of God.

4th Mystery | The road to Calvary

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). (Jo 19, 16b-17).

We pray for the sick, so that they can identify themselves with our Lord in their path of pain, feeling His strength and support while suffering.

5th Mystery: Crucifixion and death of Jesus

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, He bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (Jo 19, 30).



We pray for all the victims of this pandemic and for their families, so that they can find the light of eternal life in the Crucified Christ.

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Luminous Mysteries

Introduction

“From childhood and the life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, contemplation leads us to the mysteries that may be called “mysteries of light”. All the mystery of Christ is light. He is “the light of the world” (Jo 8, 12). But this dimension emerges, particularly, on the years of his public life, when He announces the gospel of the Kingdom. [...] In these mysteries, excepting Cana, the presence of Mary is in second place. [...] However, the role that she has in Cana is close to Christ along the way. The revelation, that is offered in the Jordan Baptism by the Father and confirmed by the Baptist, is on her mouth in Cana, and becomes the great mothering warning that She directs to the Church of all times: “Do whatever He tells you” (Jo 2, 5) (St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 21).

1st Mystery | Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (Lk 3, 21-22).

We pray for the ones who prepare themselves to receive the Baptism and for all the catechists.

2nd Mystery | The wedding Feast of Cana

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” (Jo 2, 1-5)

We pray for all the couples who are getting ready for the sacrament of matrimony so that their life as a couple might be full of the joy brought by the wine transformed by Jesus.



3rd Mystery | The Announcement of the Kingdom of God

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” He said. “The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mk. 1, 14-15).

We pray for the Seminarists, Deacons and Presbyterians, so that their testimony of vocation might be announcement of God’s Kingdom and a constant invitation to conversion.

4th Mystery | Transfiguration of Jesus

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. (Mt 17, 1-2)

We pray for all the prisoners, so that they feel called to start a new life, changed by the encounter of God’s merciful love.

5th Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist

And He took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you (Lk 22, 19-20)

We pray for all the ones who participate on the celebration of Eucharist and there perform ministries so that communing in Lord’s Body may form one single body and live in one heart and soul.

Final prayer: WYD Lisbon 2023 prayer



World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 - Prayer

Our Lady of Visitation

You that left in haste to the mountain to meet Elizabeth

Make us also leave to meet the ones who are waiting for us

So that we can take them the living Gospel:

Jesus Christ, Your Son and Our Lord

We will go in a hurry, without distraction or delay

But with readiness and joy.

We will go peacefully, since the one who carries Christ carries peace,

And doing good is the best well-being.

Our Lady of Visitation

With your inspiration, this World Youth Day

Will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we carry, as you once did.

Let it be an occasion of testimony and sharing,

Together with thanksgiving

Looking for the one who always awaits.

With you we will keep on this path of gathering

So that our world may find itself

In fraternity, justice, and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of Visitation

To take Christ to all, obeying to the Father in the love of the Spirit.

Amen

"Mary rose up and went with haste" (LK 1, 39)