



*Our Lady of the Rosary
of Fatima*

New Expanded Edition of

Pray the
ROSARY

for
ROSARY NOVENAS
FAMILY ROSARY
PRIVATE RECITATION
FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

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ROSARY NOVENAS

RELIGIOUS devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena. Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect resignation should it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing, though in His infinite wisdom and mercy He may refuse the particular favor which they implore.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. However, care must be taken lest the power of any Novena be limited to the number *nine* rather than perseverance in fervent prayer.

The practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of a Rosary Novena in *petition* or *thanksgiving* is another way of heeding Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to *Pray the Rosary*.



The Annunciation

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY
SHORT VERSION

☪ The Annunciation ☪

I Desire the Love of Humility

Reflection

Think of the humility of the Blessed Virgin when the Angel Gabriel greeted her with these words: “Hail, full of grace.”

Participation

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.
1 Glory Be to the Father.

Prayer

Mary, you received with deep humility the news of the Angel Gabriel that you were the Mother of God’s Son. Obtain for me a similar *humility*.

*“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”

*In her second apparition at Fatima, June 13, 1917, our Lady taught three shepherd children to add this invocation after each decade of the Rosary.

1. THE ANNUNCIATION—LONG VERSION

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we offer You this first decade to honor Your Incarnation, and we ask of You, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Your Holy Mother, *a deep humility of heart.*

Say 1 Our Father.

Scripture Text

Say 10 Hail Marys, each preceded by a text given below.

1. The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

2. The Angel came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

3. But she was greatly troubled by his words and wondered in her heart what this salutation could mean.

4. Then the Angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

5. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you will name Him Jesus.

6. "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

7. Mary said to the Angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

1. The Annunciation—Long Version

8. The Angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the Child to be born will be holy, and He will be called the Son of God.

9. “And behold, your cousin Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing will be impossible for God.”

10. Then Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word.” After this, the Angel departed from her (Lk 1:26-38).

Additional or Alternative Text

At the end of the first part of each Hail Mary after the Name “*Jesus*,” add a few words that remind us of the Mystery being celebrated, as below. (The second part, “*Holy Mary . . .*,” is only recited once—at the end of the ten Hail Marys.)

(1) Who chose you as His Immaculate Mother from all eternity. (2) Whom the Angel Gabriel announced was to be born of you. (3) Whom you welcomed into your womb. (4) Who said “Yes” to the Father’s plan to save the whole world. (5) Who in you accepted our poor humanity. (6) Who filled you with the Holy Spirit. (7) Who gave us a glimpse of the humility of God. (8) Who in you initiated the redemption. (9) Who made you attentive to His Word. (10) Who allowed you to share in His work.

Say 1 Glory Be to the Father.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Incarnation come down into my soul and make it truly humble.

“O my *Jesus*,” etc., p. 17.



Agony in the Garden

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY
SHORT VERSION

☪ **Agony in the Garden** ☪

I Desire True Repentance for My Sins

Reflection

Think of our Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, suffering a bitter agony for our sins.

Participation

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

1 Glory Be to the Father.

Prayer

Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, You suffered a bitter agony because of our sins. Grant me *true contrition*.

*“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”

*In her second apparition at Fatima, June 13, 1917, our Lady taught three shepherd children to add this invocation after each decade of the Rosary.

1. AGONY IN THE GARDEN—LONG VERSION

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we offer You this first decade to honor Your Mortal Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and we ask of You, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Your Holy Mother, *a perfect contrition for our sins.*

Say 1 Our Father.

Scripture Text

Say 10 Hail Marys, each preceded by a text given below.

1. Then they went to a place that was called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

2. He took with Him Peter and James and John, and He began to suffer distress and anguish. And He said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to the point of death. Remain here and keep watch” (Mk 14:32-34).

3. Withdrawing from them about a stone’s throw, He knelt down and prayed, “Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me. Yet not My Will but Yours be done.”

4. Then an Angel from heaven appeared to Him and gave Him strength. In His anguish, He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like great drops of blood falling on the ground (Lk 22:41-44).

5. Returning to the disciples, He found them sleeping. He said, “Simon . . . could you not keep watch for one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

6. Again, He went apart and prayed, saying the same words. Then He came again and found them sleeping . . . and they did not know what to say to Him.

1. Agony in the Garden—Long Version

7. When He returned a third time, He said to them, “Are you still sleeping . . . ? Enough! The hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! Look, My betrayer is approaching. . . .”

8. At once, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him there was a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs.

9. Judas proceeded directly to Jesus and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

10. Then they seized Jesus and placed Him under arrest . . . and everyone deserted Him and fled (Mk 14:37-46).

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At the end of the first part of each Hail Mary after the Name “*Jesus,*” add a few words that remind us of the Mystery being celebrated, as below. (The second part, “*Holy Mary . . . ,*” is only recited once—at the end of the ten Hail Marys.)

(1) Who experienced anguish in the Garden. (2) Who prayed to be free of the cup yet accepted His Father’s Will. (3) Who deigned to accept consolation from an Angel. (4) Who endured a bloody sweat flowing from His sorrows. (5) Who was betrayed by a friend. (6) Who spoke to those who saw Him with the power of His Word, rendering them prostrate on the ground and then uplifted them. (7) Who told those trying to defend Him to put away the sword. (8) Who handed Himself into the hands of His enemies. (9) Who was abandoned by His Apostles. (10) Who suffered for the sins of all of us.

Say 1 Glory Be to the Father.

May the grace of our Lord’s Agony come down into my soul and make me truly contrite for my sins.

“O my Jesus,” etc., p. 61.