



Lutheran Rosary



This order is for meditating on the mysteries of Christ. The biblical salutation to Mary may be used as a thanksgiving for the Incarnation; the Jesus Prayer may be used instead.

Opening Prayers

In the Name

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; cf. Luke 11:2-4

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.

Three Bead Prayers

Pray the chosen bead prayer three times, asking for faith, hope, and love in Christ.

Bead Prayers

Biblical Hail Mary

Luke 1:28, 42

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Decade Closing Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins, strengthen us in Thy mercy, and keep our meditation fixed upon Thy Cross and Resurrection. Amen.

How To Pray A Decade

1. Announce the mystery.
2. Read or recall the Scripture reference.
3. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
4. Pray ten bead prayers while meditating on the mystery.
5. Pray the Glory Be.
6. Conclude with the Jesus Prayer, the Decade Closing Prayer, or another brief prayer for mercy in Christ.

Mystery Cycle

Sunday	Glorious Mysteries, except Advent and Christmas may emphasize the Joyful Mysteries.
Monday	Joyful Mysteries.
Tuesday	Sorrowful Mysteries.
Wednesday	Glorious Mysteries.
Thursday	Luminous Mysteries.
Friday	Sorrowful Mysteries.
Saturday	Joyful Mysteries.

Joyful Mysteries

- 1 The Annunciation - Luke 1:26-38
The angel's word announces that the Son of God takes flesh for our salvation.
- 2 The Visitation - Luke 1:39-45
Christ is carried to His people, and the child in Elizabeth's womb rejoices before Him.
- 3 The Nativity - Luke 2:1-20
The eternal Word is born in humility and given to shepherds, sinners, and all who wait for redemption.
- 4 The Presentation - Luke 2:22-38
The holy Child is brought to the temple, where Simeon and Anna confess Him as the consolation of Israel.
- 5 The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple - Luke 2:41-50
The boy Jesus is found in His Father's house, hearing, teaching, and revealing His holy vocation.

Meditate on the Incarnation of our Lord, the obedience of faith, and Christ's appearing for our salvation.

Luminous Mysteries

- 1 The Baptism of Our Lord - Matthew 3:13-17
Christ stands with sinners in the water, and the Father declares Him the beloved Son.
- 2 The Wedding at Cana - John 2:1-11
The Lord manifests His glory and teaches His disciples to believe in Him.
- 3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom - Mark 1:14-15
Christ calls all people to repent and believe the Gospel.
- 4 The Transfiguration of Our Lord - Matthew 17:1-8
The glory of Christ shines forth, and the Father's voice commands the Church to hear Him.
- 5 The Institution of the Holy Supper - Luke 22:14-20
The Lord gives His body and blood for the forgiveness and consolation of His Church.

Meditate on Christ manifesting His glory, calling sinners to repentance and faith, and giving Himself for His Church.

Sorrowful Mysteries

- 1 The Agony in the Garden - Luke 22:39-46
Christ submits His will to the Father and prays under the weight of our sin.
- 2 The Scourging of Our Lord - Matthew 27:26
The innocent Lord bears violence and shame for the guilty.
- 3 The Crowning with Thorns - Matthew 27:27-31
The King of creation is mocked, yet His suffering reveals the mercy of His reign.
- 4 The Carrying of the Cross - Matthew 27:32
Christ goes to Golgotha, bearing the curse that belonged to us.
- 5 The Crucifixion of Our Lord - John 19:25-30
The Lamb of God gives His life and declares that the work of salvation is finished.

Meditate on the Passion of Christ, His holy obedience, and His mercy toward sinners.

Glorious Mysteries

- 1 The Resurrection of Our Lord - Mark 16:1-7
The crucified Lord is risen, and death no longer has the final word over His people.
- 2 The Ascension of Our Lord - Luke 24:45-53
Christ reigns at the right hand of the Father and blesses His Church.
- 3 The Descent of the Holy Ghost - Acts 2:1-11
The Spirit gathers the Church around the mighty works of God.
- 4 The Communion of Saints - 1 Corinthians 12:23-27
The baptized are one body in Christ, sharing suffering, honor, prayer, and hope.
- 5 The Heavenly Jerusalem - Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27
The Lamb is the light of the holy city, and God wipes away every tear.

Meditate on Christ's victory, His reign, His Spirit, His Church, and the life of the world to come.

Concluding Prayers

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. Amen.

Luther's Ave Maria

O God, what a noble person Thou hast created in the Mother of God. Let not our hearts cling to her, but through her penetrate to Christ and to God Himself. Amen.

Closing

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.