

Praying the Rosary with your Child:

In Religious Education, with the afternoon classes (1st-6th graders), we spend 15 minutes every week talking about and praying 1 decade of the Rosary as a large group.

They have caught on very quickly and most of them enjoy doing this. Each week a different class gets up on stage to lead a decade of the Rosary and add beads to our Rosary wall.

On the following page I have included the questions that we ask the children each week before praying the Rosary. Most children, especially the younger grades answer these questions quite clearly, loudly and accurately. 😊

Ask your children the questions on the next page each time before praying the Rosary and see how much they know! (It's quite impressive!)

If your family does not have a rosary, please let me know, we have many at the church and I can get some to you. In the meantime, if you don't own a rosary, your ten fingers work great or find some beads around your house and make your own or print off a coloring sheet and color it while you pray! (Coloring pages at end).

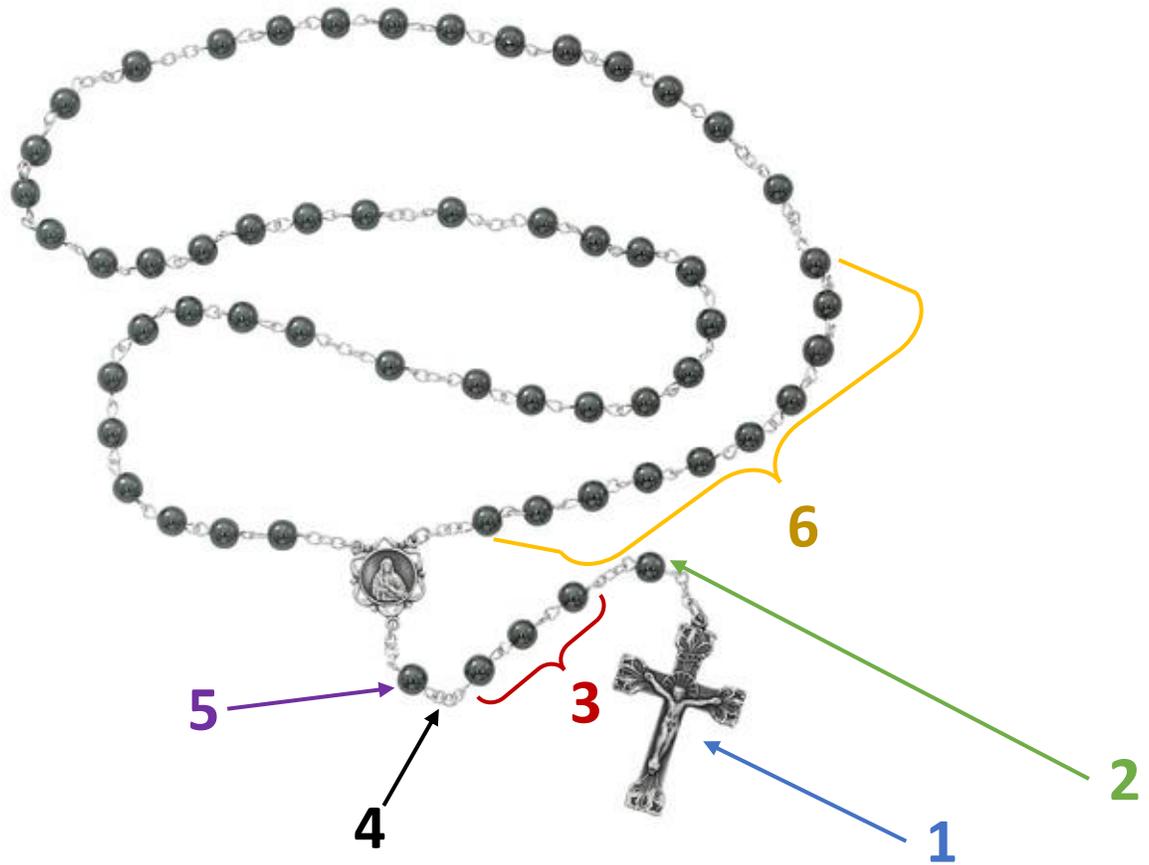
Please continue to pray the Rosary during this time with your children and family. If praying a whole Rosary with your family is a lot right now, then try praying just one decade each night before bed with your kids or right away in the morning or maybe halfway through the day during some "quiet time". At the very least, pray it on Sundays.

Ways to get your children more involved:

- Try having each child lead a different decade
- Pray each decade for someone, mentioning their name and a prayer intention right after you say the Mystery
- Or pray each specific Hail Mary for someone, mentioning their name briefly right before you pray each Hail Mary.
- Let your children say names of people they want to pray for or things they want to pray for

The Rosary is our greatest weapon against evil and one of the greatest prayers we have as Catholics. Let it become part of your home life.

Questions to ask your child about the Rosary:



1

What is this cross called? (Jesus is on the cross, so we don't just call it a cross)

A: Crucifix

What prayer do we pray while holding the Crucifix?

A: The Creed

What does "Creed" mean?

A: I believe

2

On the next bead we pray an Our Father. Who do we pray this Our Father for?

A: The Pope

What is our Pope's name?

A: Pope Francis

3

Then there are 3 more smaller beads. What prayer do we pray on these?

A: Hail Mary

What do we pray these Hail Mary's for?

A: For an increase in the Theological Virtues *(they may need some help with this answer)*

What are these 3 virtues?

A: Faith, Hope and Love *(if they get stumped, give them just the first one and they should get the last two)*

4

After these 3 Hail Mary's, we pray a Glory Be while holding the chain.

5

Then the next bead is an Our Father, we announce the first mystery while holding this bead.

6

How many beads are in a decade?

A: 10

What prayer do we pray on these sets of 10 beads?

A: Hail Mary

How to Pray the Rosary

First, choose a set of mysteries from below:

The Five Joyful Mysteries...

Monday, Saturday, and Sundays of Advent

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesday, Friday, and Sundays of Lent

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death

The Five Glorious Mysteries

Wednesday and Sundays outside of Lent and Advent

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of Mary

The Five Luminous Mysteries

Thursday

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist as a Sacrament

Begin prayers by holding the Crucifix and reciting The Apostles Creed. Then follow the arrows along the beads, saying the prayers as indicated. When two or more are praying the Rosary together, the Leader recites the part of the prayer printed in bold and the others recite the rest of the prayer together.

Prayers prayed during the recitation of the rosary: **The Apostles' 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 from the dead. He ascended into heaven, sits 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

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.

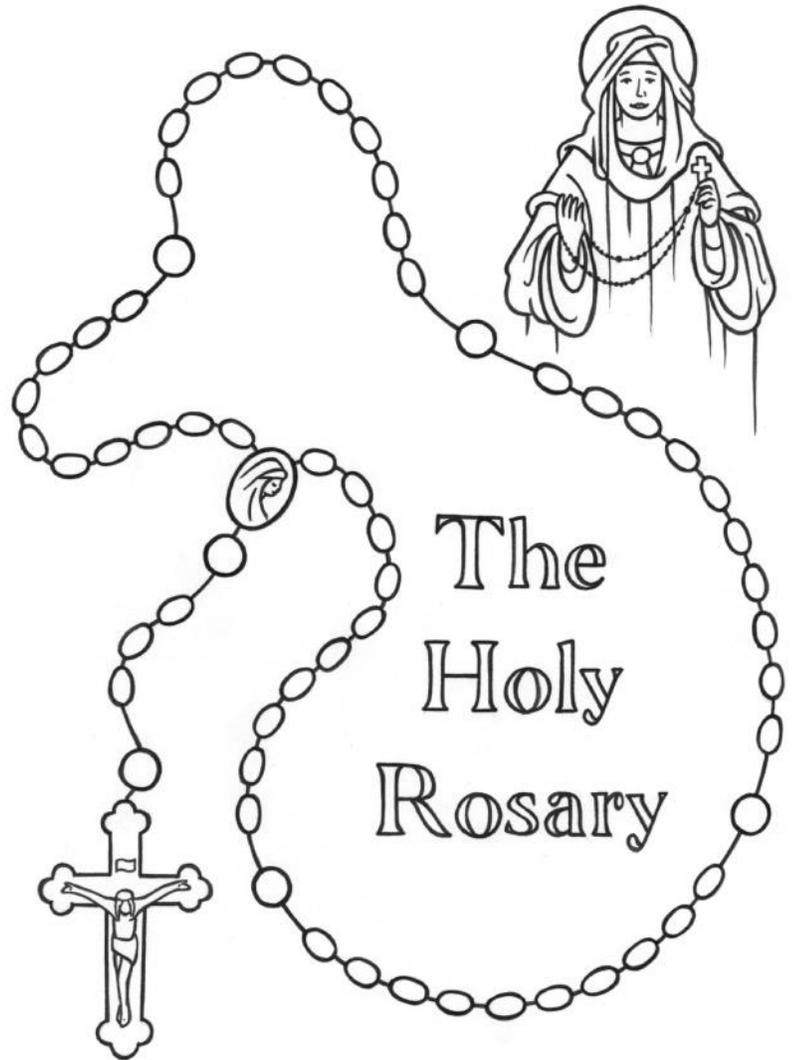
The Hail Mary

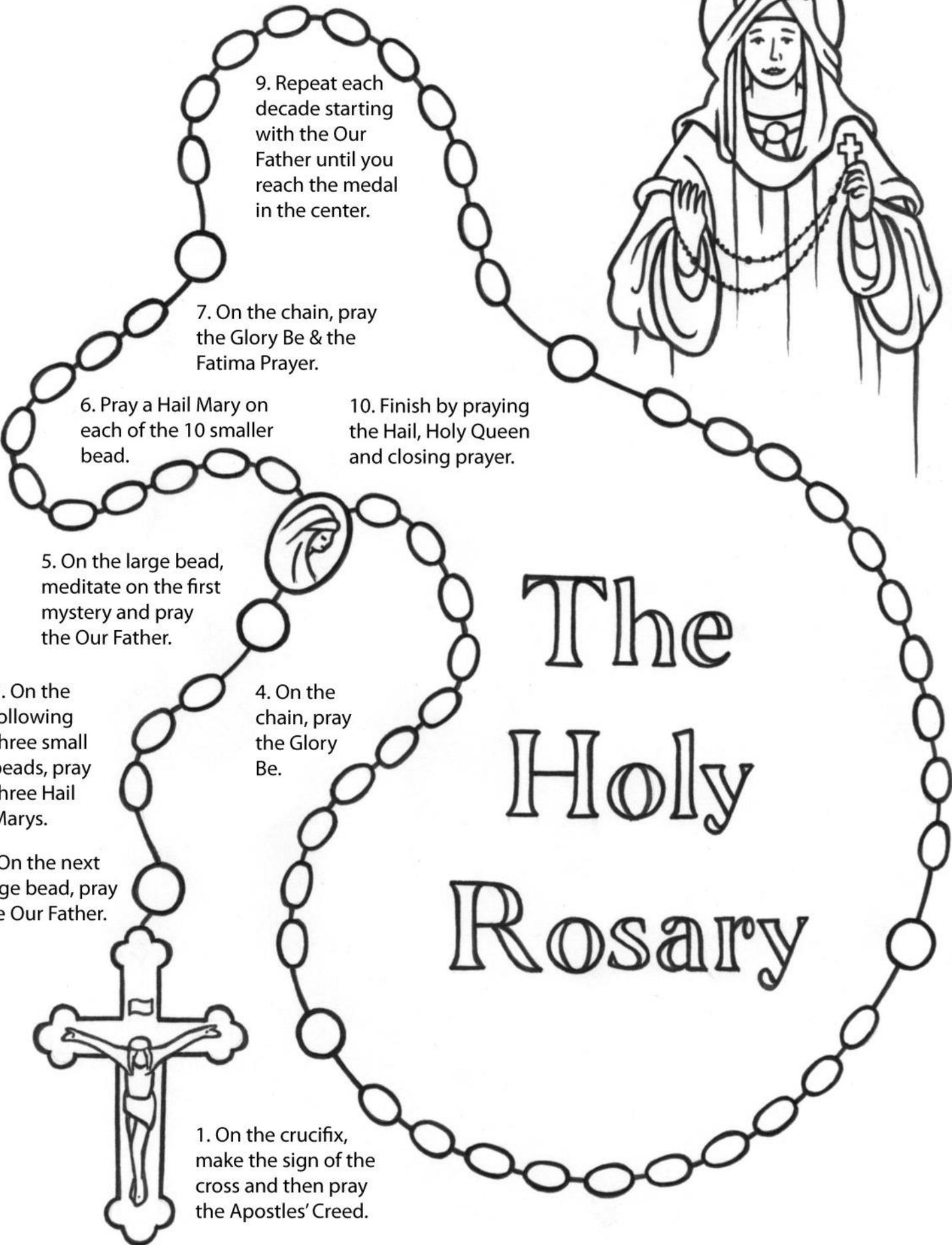
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The 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.

You may add after each Glory Be: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy."





9. Repeat each decade starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.

7. On the chain, pray the Glory Be & the Fatima Prayer.

6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller bead.

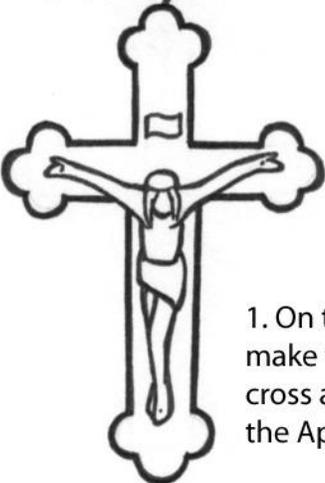
10. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

3. On the following three small beads, pray three Hail Marys.

4. On the chain, pray the Glory Be.

2. On the next large bead, pray the Our Father.



1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.

The Holy Rosary

Hail, Holy Queen

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 toward us. And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. **Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God; That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.**

Using the numbers labeling the steps of the rosary on the right as well as the prayers above, begin to pray the rosary:

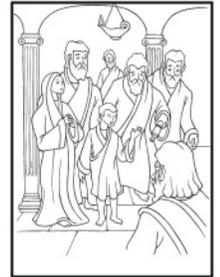
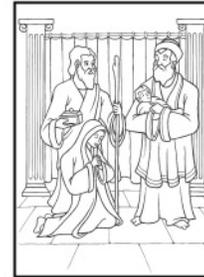
1. Recite **The Apostles Creed**
 2. Recite **The Our Father**
 3. Recite three **Hail Marys**
 4. Recite **The Glory Be**
 5. Announce the first mystery and begin with the **Our Father**, followed by 10 **Hail Marys** and **The Glory Be**
 6. Announce the second mystery and begin with the **Our Father**, followed by 10 **Hail Marys** and **The Glory Be**
 7. Announce the third mystery and begin with the **Our Father**, followed by 10 **Hail Marys** and **The Glory Be**
 8. Announce the fourth mystery and begin with the **Our Father**, followed by 10 **Hail Marys** and **The Glory Be**
 9. Announce the fifth mystery and begin with the **Our Father**, followed by 10 **Hail Marys** and **The Glory Be**
- FINAL PRAYERS:** End with the **Hail Holy Queen** as well as the following:

O **GOD**, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries, of the most Holy Rosary, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

At the end of a complete set of mysteries, you may pray one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary**, and one **Glory Be** for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

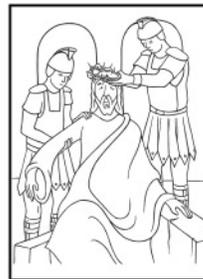
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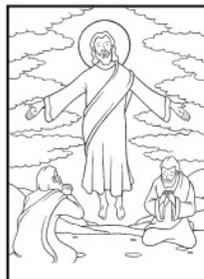
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