



Amici di Giuseppe

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Amici di Giuseppe, "Friends of St. Joseph," is a fellowship of men committed to growing in holiness in their lives as husbands and fathers according to the life of St. Joseph in the Holy Family at Nazareth.

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Paradisus Dei

HELPING FAMILIES DISCOVER THE SUPERABUNDANCE OF GOD

Contemplation Starter

(Spoken by Priest, Deacon, or Lay-Leader)

As we begin this Rosary, let us do our best to pray well.

First - Let us Amplify with Focused Contemplation:

"The Rosary...at its heart is a Christocentric prayer [which] has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety ... The center of gravity in the Hail Mary, the hinge which joins its two parts, is the name of Jesus ... It is precisely the emphasis given to the name of Jesus and to his mystery that is the sign of a meaningful and fruitful Rosary ... The contemplation of Christ has an incomparable model in Mary. With the Rosary, the soul sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (*Pope St. John Paul II*). "Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul" (*Pope St. Paul VI*).

As we contemplate the mysteries of Christ's life, we become more like St. Joseph, who spent thirty years contemplating the face of Christ together with Our Lady.

Contemplation Starter

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Second - Let us Weaponize with Intentionality:

The Rosary is one of the most powerful weapons against the principalities and powers, the wickedness and snares of the devil. "The decades of the Rosary are like a machine gun: every bead is a shot, every affection of the soul is an explosion of faith that frightens off Satan, and Mary once more crushes his head."

(Servant of God Dolindo Ruotolo).

As we enter into the spiritual battle on behalf of our family, our Church and our society, we become more like St. Joseph, who God chose to be the Guardian of the Holy Family and the Patron of the Universal Church. Like St. Joseph, may we become a terror of demons on behalf of our families.

Let us be inspired by the testimonies of countless Saints, Popes, visionaries and Our Lady herself:

- "Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" *(Our Lady to St. Dominic).*
- "The Rosary is 'the weapon' for these times" *(St. Padre Pio).*
- There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family ... than the daily recitation of the Rosary" *(Pope Saint Pius XII).*
- There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary" *(Sister Lucia of Fatima).*
- "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world" *(Pope Blessed Pius IX).*

Let us conquer the world through prayer! In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Consecration to Our Lady

(Prayed by all participants)

Heavenly Mother, Spotless Bride of the Spotless Lamb, Your children stand gathered together before you. With St. Joseph and the Apostle John, we wish to bring you into our home, so that you may open to us the treasures of your Immaculate Heart.

Reveal to us the hidden face of your Son, present in our midst.

Teach us to trust in the abundance of the Father's mercy.

Make us docile to the voice of the Spirit echoing in our depths.

Grant that the seeds of grace sown in us would not be lost but blossom forth into life everlasting.

Dawn of Salvation, Star of the New Evangelization, grant that darkness may not prevail over the light. Together with St. John Paul II, we consecrate ourselves to you in the mystery of your Immaculate Conception, Totus Tuus.

Send us into the great mission field of the family, so that among all the nations, the praise of God may resound on the lips of infants and babes.

By the grace of God, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, help us to build a civilization worthy of the human person, created male and female, created in the image and likeness of the Triune God, who is Love. Amen.

Introductory Prayers

(Spoken by Priest, Deacon, or Lay-Leader)

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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will 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.

Our Father

Our Father, who are 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.

Hail Mary x 3 (for an increase in the virtues of faith, hope and charity)

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.

Fatima Prayer

O 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.

First Luminous Mystery - The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

Intention - Pray for your spouse by name.

(Give people a moment to whisper the name out loud.)

Let us pray for the spiritual, physical and emotional well being of our spouses: that they may be healthy, happy and holy. That they may grow closer to Christ, be protected from all evil, and be a source of goodness and grace in the world and my family.

- 1 Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
 - “Hail Mary...blessed is the fruit of Thy Womb,
Jesus...beloved Son of the Father
- 1 Glory Be
- 1 Fatima Prayer



Second Luminous Mystery - The Wedding Feast at Cana

Intention – Pray for each of your children by name.

(Give people a moment to whisper the names out loud.)

Let us pray for the spiritual, physical and emotional well being of our children: that they may be healthy, happy and holy. We ask that God preserve them in purity and guide their hearts and minds in truth, goodness and beauty; that they may grow in Christ and be a source of light in this world of darkness.

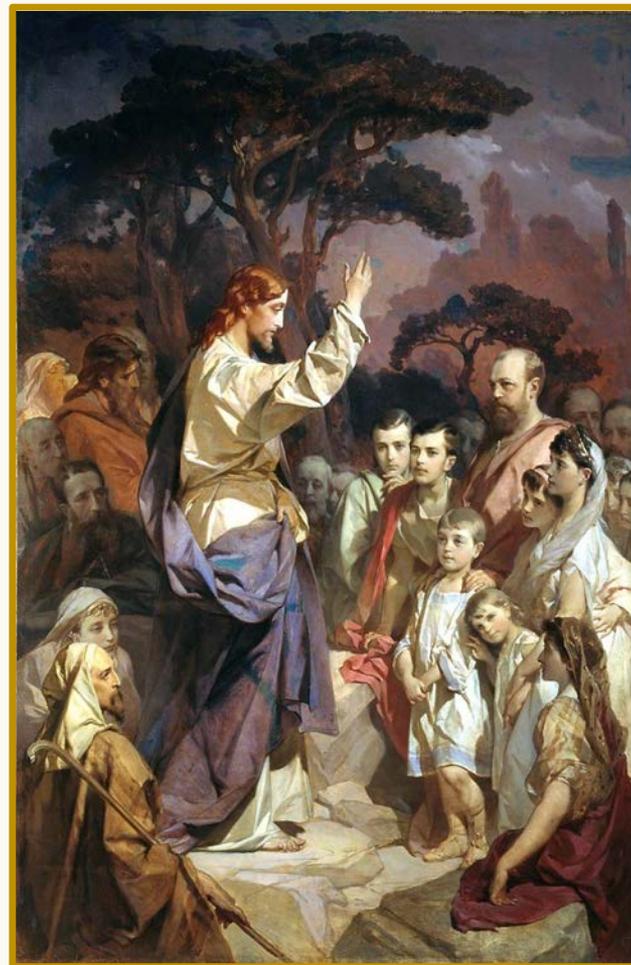
- 1 Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
 - “Hail Mary...blessed is the fruit of Thy Womb,
Jesus...performing miracles
- 1 Glory Be
- 1 Fatima Prayer



Third Luminous Mystery - The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Intention – Pray for your extended family and spiritual family. Let us pray for our parents, our siblings, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and our in-laws. We pray for our spiritual family: our God-children and anyone we have sponsored into the Catholic faith. We pray for their spiritual protection and that their lives would be fruitful in Christ.

- 1 Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
 - “Hail Mary...blessed is the fruit of Thy Womb,
Jesus...proclaiming the kingdom
- 1 Glory Be
- 1 Fatima Prayer



Fourth Luminous Mystery - The Transfiguration

Intention - Pray for the Universal Church

Let us pray for the Pope, the spiritual father of the Church. We pray for his wisdom, guidance and spiritual protection as he shepherds the Universal Church. We pray for all priests, deacons, religious, and all who live a life totally consecrated to God. We pray for the laity to embrace the call to be laborers in God's vineyard. We also pray for all our separated brothers and sisters in Christ and all non-believers.

- 1 Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
 - "Hail Mary...blessed is the fruit of Thy Womb,
Jesus...transfigured
- 1 Glory Be
- 1 Fatima Prayer

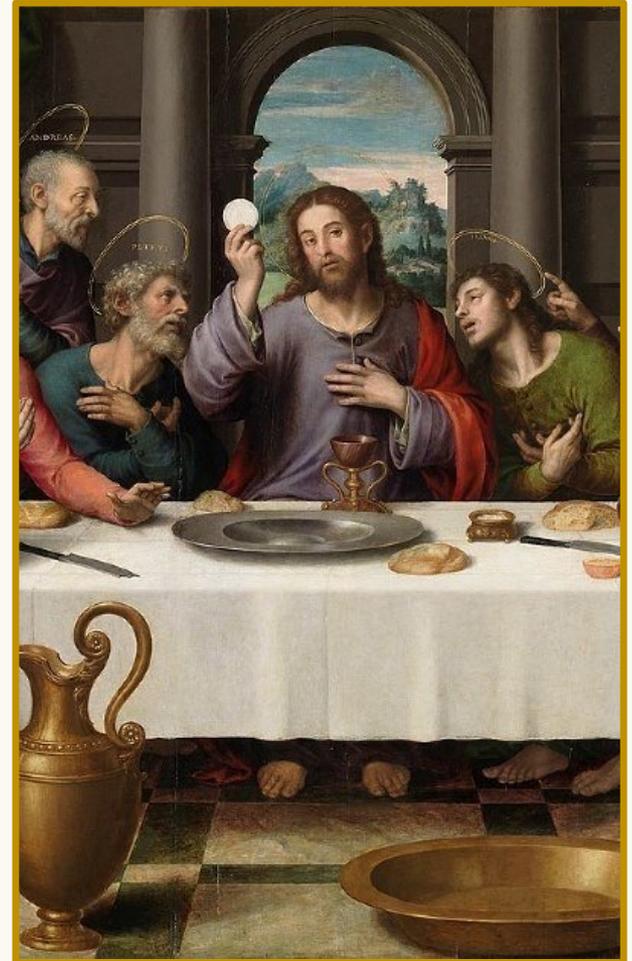


Fifth Luminous Mystery - The Institution of the Eucharist

Intention - We pray for ourselves.

Let us pray for the strength to live lives worthy of the call we have received: to be men and women after God's own heart, to lay down our lives for our spouses in loving sacrifice, to bring joy into our homes and to manifest the merciful love of God the Father to our children. Let us be the salt of the earth, a light to the world, a city set on a hill...that all may see the good that we do and give glory to God.

- 1 Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
 - "Hail Mary...blessed is the fruit of Thy Womb,
Jesus...the Bread of Life
- 1 Glory Be
- 1 Fatima Prayer



Concluding Prayers

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 they 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.

Rosary Prayer

Let us pray. * O God, whose only-begotten Son, but his life, death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation,
And having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
And through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
We humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength, to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness;

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and all adversity;

Shield too, each one of us by your constant protection,

So that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

St. Joseph,

Guardian of the Holy Family - pray for us.

Patron of the Universal Church - pray for us

Terror of demons - pray for us.

Amen.