

# The Holy Rosary : Prayer for Peace



Dominican Jubilee “*Sent to preach the Gospel*”  
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The celebration begins by the following introduction:

The Rosary has many times been proposed as a prayer for peace. The grave challenges confronting the world lead us to think that only an intervention from on high, capable of guiding the hearts of those living in situations of conflict and those governing the destinies of nations, can give reason to hope for a brighter future.

The Rosary is, by its nature, a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is “our peace” (Ephesians 2:14). Anyone who assimilates the mystery of Christ—and this is clearly the goal of the Rosary—learns the secret of peace and makes it a life’s project.

Moreover, by virtue of its meditative character, with the tranquil succession of Hail Mary’s, the Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, disposing them to receive and experience in their innermost depths, and to spread around them, that true peace which is the special gift of the Risen Lord (cf. John 14:27; 20:21).

The Rosary is also a prayer for peace because of the fruits of charity, which it produces. How could one possibly contemplate the mystery of the Child of Bethlehem, in the joyful mysteries, without experiencing the desire to welcome, defend and promote life, and to shoulder the burdens of suffering children all over the world?

How could one possibly follow in the footsteps of Christ the Revealer, in the mysteries of light, without resolving to bear witness to his “Beatitudes” in daily life? And how could one contemplate Christ carrying the cross and Christ crucified,

without feeling the need to act as a “Simon of Cyrene” for our brothers and sisters weighed down by grief or crushed by despair?

Finally, how could one possibly gaze upon the glory of the Risen Christ or of Mary, our Lady of the Holy Rosary, without yearning to make this world more beautiful, more just, more closely conformed to God’s plan?

In a word, by focusing our eyes on Christ, the Rosary, prayed at all times but especially in this jubilee year, calls us to recommit to being peacemakers in the world. Far from offering an escape from the problems of the world, the Rosary obliges us to see and preach about issues through the lens of the gospel with responsible and generous eyes, and obtains for us the strength to face them with the certainty of God’s help and the firm intention of bearing witness in every situation to “love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Colossians 3:14).

### Opening song - Hymn of the Jubilee

#### **Chorus:**

Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare  
Laudare, we praise our Lord with our saints  
Benedicere, we lift our voice in song.  
Praedicare, we proclaim your Word to the world.  
Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare

Sent out to preach by Dominic  
sent two by two to all the world  
sent out to study the Gospel of grace  
to find new ways to preach

(Chorus)

intercession of our Lady of the Holy Rosary and through the Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Salve Regina**

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,  
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae,  
ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos  
misericordes oculos ad nos converte.  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis, post hoc exilium, ostende.

#### **O Lumen**

O Lumen Ecclesiae, Doctor veritatis,  
Rosa patientiae, Ebur castitatis,  
Aquam sapientiae propinasti gratis:  
Predicator gratiae, nos iunge beatis

Ark of the covenant,  
Gate of heaven,  
Morning star,  
Health of the sick,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Comfort of the afflicted,  
Help of Christians,  
Queen of Angels,  
Queen of Patriarchs,  
Queen of Prophets,  
Queen of Apostles,

Queen of Martyrs,  
Queen of Confessors,  
Queen of Virgins,  
Queen of all Saints,  
Queen conceived without  
original sin,  
Queen assumed into heaven,  
**Queen of the most Holy  
Rosary**,  
Queen of families,  
Queen of peace.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Final prayer**

Presider: Let us pray

O God, in the covenant of your Christ you have never ceased to gather to yourself, from all the nations, a people growing together in unity through the Spirit; grant we pray, that your Dominican family, faithful to the preaching mission entrusted to us, may continually go forward with the human family always being the leaven and the soul of human society, to renew it in Christ and to transform it into the family of God. We ask this through The

Un coeur, une ame, tout donnes  
contemplatifs émerveillés  
joyeux amis, apprenez-nous  
pour les pécheurs, miséricorde

(Chorus)

Presencia del amor de Dios  
Presencia profética  
Presencia compasiva  
Sembradores de esperanza

(Chorus 2x)

Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare

Presider: + In the name of the Father, and of the Son....

All: **Amen**

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He arose again; He ascended into heaven, and 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 Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

## Joyful Mysteries

### 1st joyful mystery - The Annunciation of the Angel to Mary

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said: "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women". And when she saw Him, she was troubled at His saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her: "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest"... And Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word". And the angel departed from her. (*Luk 1,26-38*)

#### Meditation

**Intention of prayer:** In this mystery let us pray for all those trapped in poverty; for all those with insufficient income; for nations weighed down by unmanageable debt; and for countries and communities desperate for help.

*Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be...*

(Suggested sign – Rosary of light): At the beginning of each Hail Mary, light a candle.

#### Song

will bring us to the promised peace of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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#### Song

#### Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord have mercy.

have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Christ hear us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Christ graciously hear us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

God, the Father of heaven,

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Virgin most prudent,

Holy Mother of God,

Virgin most venerable,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Virgin most renowned,

Mother of Christ,

Virgin most powerful,

Mother of the Church,

Virgin most merciful,

Mother of divine grace,

Virgin most faithful,

Mother most pure,

Mirror of justice,

Mother most chaste,

Seat of wisdom,

Mother inviolate,

Cause of our joy,

Mother undefiled,

Spiritual vessel,

Mother most amiable,

Vessel of honour,

Mother admirable,

Singular vessel of devotion,

Mother of good counsel,

Mystical rose,

Mother of our Creator,

Tower of David,

Mother of our Saviour,

Tower of ivory,

Mother of mercy,

House of gold,

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## Song

### 5th joyful mystery - The finding of Jesus in the Temple

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto Him: "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing". And he said unto them: "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. (Luk 2,41-51)

## Meditation

**Intention of prayer:** In this mystery we remember all people of our world torn by violence and war, for victims of violence, for those who live in fear, for those who have lost loved ones to violence, for those who have done violence to others. That God

### 2nd joyful mystery - The visitation of Mary to Saint Elizabeth

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda. And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost and she spoke out with a loud voice, and said: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb". ... And Mary said: "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". (Luk 1,39-49)

## Meditation

**Intention of prayer:** In this mystery we pray for the good earth of which we are part. That God will continue to bless the earth and all earth's creatures and that God will give us the wisdom and the will to be good stewards of the earth's resources for God's glory, and the good of all creation

*Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be...*

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## Song

### 3rd joyful mystery - The nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger". (Luk 2,6-12)

#### **Meditation**

**Intention of prayer:** In this mystery let us remember all those bonded in sex trafficking; labor, in agricultural fields, mines and factories, especially women and children; those who have been reduced to tools of production, commodities rather than human beings.

*Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be...*

(Suggested sign – Rosary of light): At the beginning of each Hail Mary, light a candle.

#### **Song**

### 4th joyful mystery - The presentation of Jesus to the Temple

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon Him. ...When the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him after the custom of the law, Simeon took Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation... A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary His mother: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."(Luk 2,22-35)

#### **Meditation**

**Intention of prayer:** In this mystery, we ask for Gods divine protection for all migrants who have left their homes in search of employment and new opportunities in other lands. We also remember, refugees who are forced from their homes by threats of violence, that God may give them protection and that a welcoming community will receive them.

*Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be...*