

Religious Education Homeschool Lessons

March 15-30th 2020



What is This Book For?

You have taught your child so much in their life! You helped them learn to walk, to talk, to eat with a fork, to say please and thank you, to love, to care, and now you have been given the blessing to teach them your Faith in a very direct way!

Granted that task can seem intimidating, and that is what this book is for. It will outline the purpose of the next two weeks for Religious Education, the milestones we would like each grade level to achieve, and give you the resources to empower you to effectively teach these topics to your child in a family setting.

In the following pages you will first find a summary curriculum specific to the next two weeks, followed by an explanation of what we are expecting the students to be able to do when each task is achieved. Then after that you will find resources to help you make sure you feel comfortable with each task the students have, and to ensure that you are confident the student has mastered each task successfully!

We ask that you please be cautious in sharing this book with your students. You may certainly use the visuals to help them learn the prayers and processes for the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, however when it comes to finding the benefits of these prayers we ask that you allow your student to research this on their own and use the book as a template to see if their answers are reasonable. Thanks!

Through the process if you have any questions, or concerns, please reach out to Melissa or myself and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thanks for working with us on this and stay healthy!

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Explanation and Expectations of Curriculum

In the following pages are resources to help you help your child complete the tasks we are asking of them for the next two weeks. Below is some clarification of what is expected of some of these tasks. Please reach out to Melissa or myself if you have questions.

- Learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary: Included in this book are pictures on how to do both, including what the Mysteries of the Rosary are. I always say the best way to learn these forms of prayer is to pray them together every day. This is the quickest way, plus you gain the spiritual benefit they offer as well. Our expectation is that upon returning students know the prayers of these devotions as well as how to pray them on a Rosary. (Bonus points if they know the Mysteries of the Rosary but not required.)
- Read Scriptures associated with the Mysteries of the Rosary: If you are required to do just one Mystery, they may choose any one of the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary and read the Scripture associated with it. If they are required to do a set of Mysteries, they need to choose one set of five Mysteries (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious) and read the scriptures associated with all 5 of the Mysteries in that set. If they need to write a paragraph on it, it is expected that the paragraph cover those five Mysteries in order.
- Benefits: There are specific benefits to the Divine Mercy Chaplet included in this book. Please reference that page for expectations. There are also benefits for the Rosary listed in this book. Please reference that page for expectations.

Purpose: Have families enter deeper into Lent through prayer.

Goals

- Learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Learn the benefits of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Learn to pray the Rosary
- Be familiar with the Scripture references to the Mysteries of the Rosary
- Learn the benefits of praying the Rosary

Prek – 1

- Learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Learn the prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

3 – 4

- Learn to pray the Rosary
- Learn the prayers of the Rosary
- Read the Scripture story connected to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary (Student chooses which one)
- Write a paragraph summarizing the Scripture story the student chose.
- Learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Learn the prayers for the Divine Mercy Chaplet

5 – 6

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- Learn the prayers of the Rosary
- Read the Scripture story connected to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary (Student chooses which one)
- Write a paragraph summarizing the Scripture story the student chose.
- Write a paragraph summarizing the benefits of praying the Rosary.
- Learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Learn the prayers for the Divine Mercy Chaplet

7 – 8

- Learn to pray the Rosary
- Learn the prayers of the Rosary
- Read the Scripture stories connected to one set of the Mysteries of the Rosary (Student chooses which set)
- Write a paragraph summarizing the Scripture stories the student chose. (In order)
- Write a paragraph summarizing the benefits of praying the Rosary.
- Learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Learn the prayers for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Write a paragraph summarizing the benefits of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 7th Grade work on Saint Projects
- 8th grade work on letters to the Bishop

Prayers of the Rosary

1

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 life everlasting. Amen.

2

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.

3

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art 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.

4

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.

5

Fatima Prayer

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

6

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.



MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Happy times in the Lives of Jesus and Mary

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

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Sad moments in the Lives of Jesus and Mary

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scouring at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Way of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

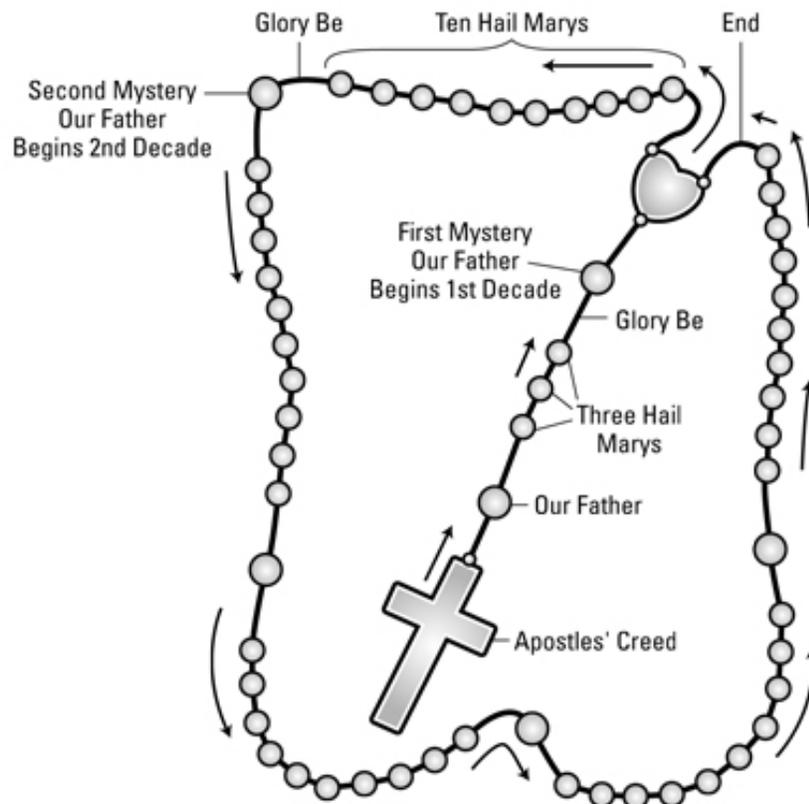
These Mysteries show the Divinity of Jesus

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

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

These recall times in Jesus' Life when He revealed God's Kingdom

1. The Baptism of Jesus
2. The First Miracle at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist



Benefits of Praying the Rosary

For a full explanation of these see: <https://lifeteen.com/blog/5-benefits-praying-wholy-rosary/>

1. It showers you with graces
2. It makes the presence of Mary more tangible
3. Imitating Christ becomes easier
4. Draws you closer to the Sacraments
5. Mary can and will make you a Saint (if you want)

Note: There may be other benefits to the Rosary that your child can find on the internet. Here are the main requirements for the benefits they discover:

- The student must find a resource citing the benefits (not make them up or guess)
- There must be more than one benefit listed (aim for at least 5)
- They must be spiritually related (stay away from benefits such as “lowering heart rate”)

Scriptural References for the Mysteries of the Rosary

The JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)

The Visitation (Luke 1:40-56)

The Nativity (Luke 2:6-20)

The Presentation of Jesus (Luke 2:21-39)

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)

The SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden (Mat. 26:36-46)

The Scourging at the pillar (Mat. 27:26)

The Crowning with thorns (Mat. 27:29)

The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)

The Crucifixion (Luke 23:33-46)

The LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of Jesus (Mat. 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11)

The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mat 4:13-17, 23-25)

The Transfiguration (Luke 9:25=8-35, Mat. 17:1-8)

The Institution of the Eucharist (Luke 22:14-20, Mat 26:26-28)

The GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12)

The Ascension (Luke 24:50-51)

The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

The Assumption of Mary into heaven (Rev 12:1-17)

The Coronation of Mary as Queen of heaven and earth

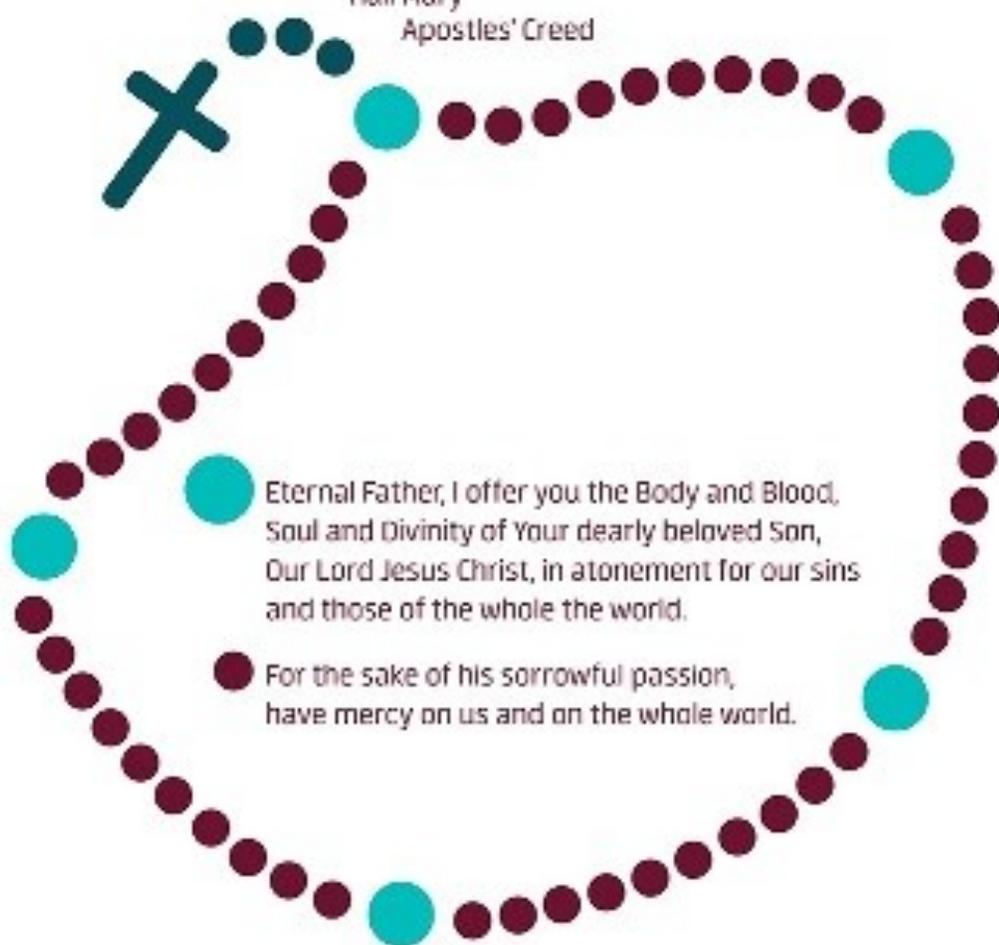
(Rev. 12:1)



HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY?

Start!

Our Father
Hail Mary
Apostles' Creed



Finally three times

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Promises Associated with Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (*Diary, 48*)
2. "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their life-time and especially at the hour of their death." (*Diary, 754*)
3. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (*Diary, 1541*)
4. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (*Diary, 1541*)
5. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (*Diary, 687*)
6. "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (*Diary, 687*)
7. "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (*Diary, 1521*)
8. "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (*Diary, 1397*)
9. "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (*Diary, 1320; also, cf. Diary, 1572*)
10. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (*Diary, 1075*)

11. "The two rays denote Blood and Water...These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father...I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (*Diary*, 299-300)

12. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (*Diary*, 699)

13. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (*Diary*, 1731)

14. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (*Diary*, 1485)

Note: Excerpts taken from the *Diary* of St. Faustina Kowalska, titled *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, ©1987, Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA 01263.

Note: These are the official promises connected to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and these are the promises the paragraph should be written about even though there may be other promises found on the internet.