

Dear Friend of the Rosary Prayer!

(or he or she who would like to become one...)

Let yourself be sheltered in the motherly heart of Mary and immerse yourself in flowing streams of loving contemplation. With every Hail Mary, the words of God are planted in your heart. Live with Mary through the word that comes from the mouth of God!



The rosary has always been an essentially contemplative prayer. We interweave the contemplation of the mysteries of salvation with the prayers we recite. This Scriptural Rosary aims to be a humble effort to make this contemplation easier. According to ancient custom, each mystery – bead by bead – is connected with an inspiring biblical passage and all are integrated into a fruitful praying of the rosary.

"My prayer of the rosary has gained new depths. I can now look at the mysteries better and deeper now." Johannes

"With the Scriptural Rosary I consciously take time for prayer and I confront the truths about Jesus. Through the Hail Mary I let myself be carried through the bible passages." Maria

The Second Joyful Mystery

Visitation – The Value of (Unborn) Life

Fruit: Love for the children in the mother's wombs /
Courage in the commitment to life / Appreciation of the
sanctity of (unborn) life / Healing of wounds caused in the
mother's womb

Our Father...

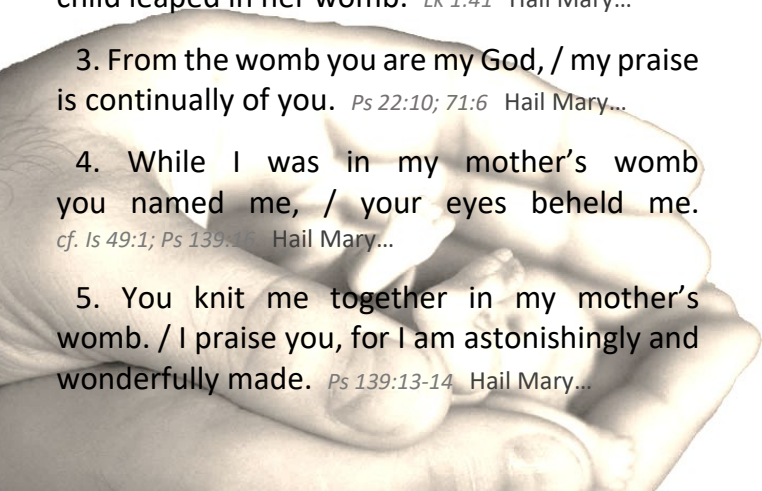
1. The angel spoke to Zechariah: you shall call his name John. / Even in the womb he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit. *Lk 1:13.15* Hail Mary...

2. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, / the child leaped in her womb. *Lk 1:41* Hail Mary...

3. From the womb you are my God, / my praise is continually of you. *Ps 22:10; 71:6* Hail Mary...

4. While I was in my mother's womb you named me, / your eyes beheld me. *cf. Is 49:1; Ps 139:16* Hail Mary...

5. You knit me together in my mother's womb. / I praise you, for I am astonishingly and wonderfully made. *Ps 139:13-14* Hail Mary...



6. Wonderful are your works. / Because you made man in the image of God. *Ps 139:14; cf. Gen 9:6*
Hail Mary...

7. In you, o Lord, I take refuge; / let me never be put to shame! *Ps 71:1* Hail Mary...

8. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: / I will give you a future. *Is 44:24; cf. Jer 29:11* Hail Mary...

9. You shall live / and many will rejoice at your birth. *cf. Ps 72:15; Lk 1:14* Hail Mary...

10. See what love the Father has given us: / we are called children of God; and that is what we are. *1Jn 3:1* Hail Mary...

Glory be...

See how the angel's prediction of John's father came true when his mother Elisabeth met Mary (1). Listen with Mary to John's intimate dialogue in the body of Elizabeth with his creator, who made him so wonderful. From the beginning, John was made in the image of God and called by name. He stands for the value of all children in the womb

May this decade be offered up as an intercession for all children in mother's wombs and their expecting parents. This is independent from the fruit of the mystery, which always enriches the person praying through the act of contemplation (see the selection under "fruit").

For God life is sacred, as scripture teaches us: "Thou shalt not kill!" (Ex 20:13) and "For your own life blood I will surely require a reckoning, from everyone, who takes his brother's life" (Gen 9:5).

"Save the unborn child, recognizing the presence of Jesus in him!"

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

How do I pray the Scriptural Rosary?

The *Lord's Prayer* is prayed first.

Before each *Hail Mary* the respective biblical quotation is read.

The Hail Marys are prayed *without an insertion*.

While you pray, let the words of the biblical reflection resonate in your mind, imagine the scene vividly, and think about its meaning. Proceed thus pearl by pearl.

When praying the rosary in a *group*, it is recommended that a prayer leader reads the scripture passages, and the group prays the Hail Mary in turns. You can also pray the Scriptural Rosary as an *alternating prayer* as is customary with the Angel of the Lord. Each biblical quotation consists of two parts separated by a slash "/". The first part can be read by the prayer leader and the second part by the group.

As an *alternative prayer option* single biblical quotations can be chosen more often, but others are omitted. Or the points are already read before the decade.

Intention for a spiritual fruit

Before each decade, one specific spiritual fruit should be requested. This fruit focuses concretely on your own conversion and spiritual growth.

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