

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.

"I am a fan of the Scriptural Rosary, because it makes the recitation of the rosary a lively experience." Alex

"Praying the Scriptural Rosary leads me to a special deepness that I can rediscover. Through contemplation of the Bible verses, the life of Jesus becomes concretely internalized." Monika

The Third Joyful Mystery

Nativity of Jesus – Silent Night

Fruit: Love of Silence / Collection

Our Father...

1. Silent night! Holy night! / All is calm, all is bright. *Silent Night* Hail Mary...

2. There arose a silence in heaven. / The Lord is silent in his love. *Rev 8:1; Zeph 3:17* Hail Mary...

3. Be still before the Lord / and wait for him!
Ps 37:7 Hail Mary...

4. When deep silence encompassed all things / and night in its swift course was half gone,
Wis 18:14 Hail Mary...

5. your all-powerful word leaped down from heaven, / from the royal throne. *Wis 18:15*
Hail Mary...

6. And there came / a quiet, gentle blowing.
1Kings 19:12 Hail Mary...

7. For he has roused / from his holy dwelling.

Zech 2:13 Hail Mary...

8. Silent night! Holy night! / Glories stream
from Heaven afar. *Silent Night Hail Mary...*

9. For God alone my soul waits in silence, /
from him comes my salvation. *Ps 62:1 Hail Mary...*

10. Silent night! Holy night! / Son of God love's
pure light. Christ, the Saviour, is born! *Silent Night
Hail Mary...*

Glory be...

(3) Silence occurs at all important moments. Silence is more than absence of sounds, it is fullness of existence. More important than the outer silence is the silence in the heart. Bringing the noise within to silence is usually the greater challenge. (6) As on Mount Horeb, God comes in silence; it alone is capable of being a sublime expression of his ineffable presence.

"God is the friend of silence. The more we abide in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active lives." *St. Mother Teresa*

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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