

### 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.

*"Everyone is very pleased with it in our prayer group. The Scriptural Rosary is just 'awesome'!"* Alois

*"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 Third Glorious Mystery  
Descent of the Holy Spirit – He will baptize  
you with fire

Fruit: Fire of God's love / (Individual) Charisms /  
Spiritual gifts / Spiritual fruit

Our Father...

1. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit / and  
fire. *Mt 3:11* Hail Mary...

2. You will receive power / when the Holy  
Spirit comes on you. *Acts 1:8* Hail Mary...

3. Suddenly there came from heaven a sound /  
as of a rushing mighty wind. *Acts 2:2* Hail Mary...

4. Then the fire of the Lord / came down.  
*1Kings 18:38* Hail Mary...

5. There appeared unto them divided  
tongues / as of fire. *Acts 2:3* Hail Mary...

6. And rested / on each one of them! *Acts 2:3*  
Hail Mary...

7. The Holy Spirit / fills the hearts of his believers. *cf. Acts 2:4* Hail Mary...

8. And kindles in them / the fire of his love.  
*cf. Rom 5:5* Hail Mary...

9. He who is close to the Lord / stands in the midst of the fire. *Apocryph (Gospel of Thomas)*  
Hail Mary...

10. If he sends forth his Spirit, they will all be created, / and he will renew the face of the earth. *cf. Ps 104:29* Hail Mary...

Glory be...

(1) Water baptism contains this fire of grace of the Holy Spirit. Day by day it is to be asked for anew and to increase. (4) Fire falls on sacrifice, on an offered gift, here on the opened heart through the nine-day prayer offering of the early Church. (9) Pope Benedict XVI: "About the third century a word of Jesus was recorded which is not contained in Scripture, but could well be genuine" (JRGS 14,613). Apocrypha are later ancient writings that mix the true as well as the imagined and the erroneous. The standard of distinction is the agreement of a statement with the writings of the ecclesiastical canon, which can be traced back to apostolic origin.

### 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, bead by bead.

When praying the rosary in a *group*, it is recommended that a prayer leader reads the scripture passages, and the group pray 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, while others are omitted. Or, as another alternative, the quotations may be 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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