

## **Glorious mysteries of the rosary for families**

*Feel free to modify this resource to suit the age of members of your family. For example with younger children you could pray a decade each day for five days, rather than doing the whole rosary at once.*

*Different members of the family could take it in turns to read the mystery, and to lead the prayers out loud. Or you could say all the prayers together.*

“Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares... for this wounded world... Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation.” Laudato Si’ #241

Guided by Mary, mother of Jesus, mother of all Creation, we pray that we may look at the world with wisdom and commit to caring for our earth.

*Begin by making the Sign of the Cross and saying 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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will 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.

*Pray one Our Father on the single bead.*

*Pray one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.*

*Pray the Glory Be on the string after the third bead.*

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.

*On the next single bead, announce the mystery and pray the Our Father, as follows:*

## **The resurrection of Jesus**

“Don’t be alarmed... I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here – he has been raised!” Mark 16:6

Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and made all things new. As we pray, we remember that all things are possible in Christ. We reflect on what we can do to renew our world.

*Our Father....*

*Pray a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads of the decade.*

*Pray the Glory Be.*

*On the next single bead:*

## **The ascension of Jesus**

“After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God.” Mark 16:19

After spending time with his disciples, Jesus went up to heaven to be with God. As we pray, we reflect on how we can follow Jesus in our lives, by caring for others and for the earth.

*Our Father...*

*Pray a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads of the decade.*

*Pray the Glory Be*

*On the next single bead:*

## **The Holy Spirit comes down on the disciples**

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.” Acts 2:4

The Holy Spirit came down on the disciples and filled them with courage so that they could share God’s word. We pray that we may also be guided by the Holy Spirit to speak out for what is right and protect creation.

*Our Father...*

*Pray a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads of the decade.*

*Pray the Glory Be.*

*On the next single bead:*

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## **The Assumption of Mary**

“From now on all people will call me happy because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy.” Luke 1:48-49

When she died, Mary was taken up body and soul to heaven. Mary was always willing to do all that God asked of her. As we pray, we listen to what God is asking us to do and we think about how best to say yes.

*Our Father....*

*Pray a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads of the decade.*

*Pray the Glory Be.*

*On the next single bead:*

## **The coronation of Mary**

“Then a great and mysterious sight appeared in the sky. There was a woman, whose dress was the sun and who had the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.” Revelation 12:1

Mary is the Queen of all creation, who cared for Jesus and now cares for the whole world. As we pray, we hope that we may see the world differently, and be inspired to protect it for all people now and in the future to enjoy.

*Our Father....*

*Pray a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads of the decade.*

*Pray the Glory Be.*

*To finish your rosary (or your decade if you are only doing one) you may wish to pray this prayer together:*

Mary, Mother of all creation,  
pray for us, that  
our reflection together  
may lead us to new ways of seeing the world,  
new ways of living with creation,  
new ways of being global neighbours,  
as we look to build the Kingdom your Son Jesus calls us to.  
Amen.