**Rosary for Vocations**

**Joyful Mysteries**

***The Annunciation***

*In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, favoured one! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. (Luke 1:26-38)*

God, your Word comes to us as a gentle invitation to know you better and to follow your will. Help us to be open to your call in our lives, and, like Mary, to respond to that call with generosity. May we allow your Son to be born into our hearts and dedicate ourselves to you as your servants. Let us offer this decade for those who are being called to serve the Gospel, that following the example of Mary, they will be given the grace to respond whole-heartedly. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be.

***The Visitation***

*During those days Mary set out and travelled in haste to the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:39-45)*

Father in heaven, your Spirit moves our hearts to be filled with love. Help us to seek you through serving our brothers and sisters. Support those who hear your call to overcome their fears and doubts, helping them to lead lives of faithful service. We pray for the grace to follow the example of Mary who immediately responds to God’s call with courage and a spirit of compassionate love. Let us offer this decade for those who have been called but are hesitating. May God’s grace encourage them to answer the call and help proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be.

***The Birth of the Lord***

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So, all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-7)*

God, your Son became flesh for the salvation of the world. Hear your people as we ask you to raise up in your Church, women and men who will build up your kingdom, by making Jesus present through loving service to others. Jesus comes to us in the midst of a family. Let us offer this decade for all parents that they may provide an atmosphere of love and faith in the home. May parents help foster their children’s vocations.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be.

***The Presentation of the Lord***

*When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accordance with law of the Lord… The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (Luke 2:22-35)*

Heavenly Father, as your Son was presented in the Temple, help us to offer to you our lives in response to your call. May those called have the courage to offer the gift of themselves, becoming a sign of the presence of God in our world. Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the Temple and dedicated Him to God. As parents Joseph and Mary knew their Son was a gift, we pray for parents that they will appreciate the gift of their children and provide them with the wisdom and strength to dedicate their lives to supporting their children and all those in their care.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be.

***The Finding of Christ in the Temple***

*When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favour before God and men. (Luke 2:41-52)*

God our Father help us to discover where you can be found in the routines of life. May your children hear and answer your call, to be the salt of the earth and a light to the world. Help us to find the courage to offer our lives in response to the generous gifts you have given to us. We pray for those parents who find it difficult to understand and support their child’s vocation. May they be graced with the faith to support God’s will for their children, like Joseph and Mary.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be.

**Sorrowful Mysteries**

**The Agony in the Garden**

*Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.” He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.”* (Mark 14:32-36)

Jesus asked His Apostles to pray “*that you may not undergo the test*.” Our Lord knew they needed to pray in order to endure what would soon happen. Let us offer this decade for those men and women whom God is calling to be priests and religious, that they might have a deep and abiding life of prayer. Give to those who hear a call to priesthood and consecrated life the strength and courage to respond to God’s will with generosity and love.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Scourging at the Pillar**

 *Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, “You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So, no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore, I shall have him flogged and then release him*.” (Luke 23:13-16)

For our sake Jesus suffered and offered Himself to obtain our salvation. Let us offer this decade, praying for the grace to open the hearts of people, enabling them to offer themselves to God. Lord, we do not always understand the sacrifices made for the sake of the Kingdom. Assist those who are following a vocation to witness to the reign of God, with the courage to endure hardships, and the love necessary to offer their lives generously and willingly to God.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Crowning with Thorns**

*The soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, “Behold, the man!”* (John 19:2-5)

Jesus endured the terrible ridicule and mockery of the soldiers even to the point of accepting the painful crown of thorns. Let us offer this decade for those who find it difficult to say “yes” to God, because of fear or other painful obstacles in their lives. May we hear God’s call to serve his people, especially through the witness of our lives.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be.

**Jesus Carries His Cross**

*So, they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha*. (John 19:16-17).

On the way to Calvary, our Lord found comfort and assistance from a number of people: Simon of Cyrene, the women of Jerusalem, His Mother, and Veronica. How much those acts of love must have meant to Jesus! Let us offer this decade for the grace to always support, with our prayers and sacrifices, those whom God is calling to serve his people.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Crucifixion**

*It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.* (Mark 15:22-27)

At the foot of the Cross, there came into existence a new type of family. Before Jesus died, He entrusted to the maternal care of Mary all of humanity, represented in the person of the “beloved disciple.” Through the New Covenant the notion of family is greatly enlarged, it takes on a different dimension. Let us offer this decade for those who are being called to build up the Christian family. Lord, inspire more young people to respond to your call to service in the Church with lives of total dedication to your people.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**Glorious Mysteries**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

*Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” (Matthew 28:1-7)*

Our Lord’s Resurrection brought tremendous joy to His sorrowful followers. Never were their lives to be the same again. Let us offer this decade for an increase in grace in the hearts of those who are being called to share in the mission of the Church. May they experience the immense joy of giving God their entire lives by saying “yes” to His call. Help them to realize that their unselfish response to God will change their lives forever.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be …

 **The Ascension of the Lord**

*When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. (Acts 1:6-12)*

Jesus ascended into Heaven, not to abandon us, but to be our hope. He continually intercedes for us before the Father and prepares a place for His faithful followers. Heavenly Father, Jesus has promised to remain with His Church until the end of time. May those who are called to continue His work through the sacraments and holy witness be strengthened to carry out your will for the Church.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

*When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (Acts 2:1-7,11)*

The coming of the Holy Spirit transformed the timid apostles into bold witnesses for the Gospel. The Church was sent forth with courage and zeal. Let us offer this decade for the gift of the Holy Spirit to come upon all He has chosen to labour as priests and religious. May they respond boldly to the invitation to lay down their lives for Christ and His Church. May that Holy Spirit always be active in our lives.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she laboured to give birth. (Revelation 12:1)*

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that Mary’s role in salvation history did not end with her Assumption into Heaven. She continually intercedes for all of us, her children, as we journey through life. Let us offer this decade asking Mary’s intercession. Heavenly Father help us to realise that you have a plan for each of our lives and that our happiness lies in discovering and following that plan.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth**

*And Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.”* (Luke 1:46-55)

This mystery brings before us the faithfulness of Mary, the first disciple of the Lord. She who referred to herself as the “handmaid of the Lord” is now exalted far above even the Angels. The one who said “yes” to God in all things is now the Queen of heaven and earth. Let us offer this decade for those who have been called to serve. Heavenly Father, it is in humility that we discover how truly great our vocation is. Help us to serve you in humble ways so that others may see your light, rather than ours.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**Luminous Mysteries (The Mysteries of Light)**

 ***The Baptism of the Lord***

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”* (Mark 1:9-11)

Lord God, in our Baptism you have given each of us a unique vocation. Help us to live lives of holiness and dedication to you. May we always seek to do your will and be found worthy to hear that you are well pleased with us. Let us offer this decade for those called to the priesthood and religious life but are afraid to answer because of what others may say or think.  Grant them courage, O Lord, to accept the mission You are giving them.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Wedding at Cana**

*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” and Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”* (John 2:1-3)

Through the intercession of Mary, Jesus transforms ordinary water into extraordinary wine. What incredible things God’s grace can do in our lives! Let us offer this decade for those who are being called but doubt that they have much to offer. May they trust in the power of God to bring all things to completion, and say “yes” to His call.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Proclamation of the Kingdom**

 *After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel*.” (Mark 1:14-15)

Our Lord begins His public ministry by announcing the arrival of the Kingdom of God. What joyous news this is for all humanity to hear! Let us offer this decade for an increase in vocations that there might be many more women and men who will joyfully proclaim this truth and bear witness to it with their lives.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzlingly whiter than any fuller on earth could bleach them…Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”* (Mark 9:2-8)

Let us offer this decade for all those who are being called that they may have the grace to recognize God’s call in the midst of their lives and courageously accept their call to pick up their cross and follow Him their Lord and their God.

 Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

**The Institution of the Eucharist**

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink the fruit of the vine again until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”* (Mark 14:22-25)

In the Eucharist we receive the fullness of God’s life and love; We ask God to send more faithful servants of this mystery to serve in the Church, and raise up new priests to renew this Sacrament of love. May God call many more to share in the Priesthood and may they respond generously.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10x), Glory be…

Hail Holy Queen…

**Concluding Prayer**

Let us pray: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these holy mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.