

**THE 1st MYSTERY:  
JESUS IS ARRESTED**

*Read Matthew 26: 47-56*

Pray:  
1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's &  
1 Glory Be

**THE 2nd MYSTERY:  
JESUS IS ACCUSED**

*Read Matthew 26: 57-68*

Pray:  
1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's &  
1 Glory Be

**THE 3rd MYSTERY:  
JESUS IS TRIED BY PILATE**

*Read Matthew 27: 11-14*

Pray:  
1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's &  
1 Glory Be

**THE 4th MYSTERY:  
JESUS IS SENTENCED TO  
DEATH**

*Read Matthew 27: 47-56*

Pray:  
1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's &  
1 Glory Be

**THE 5th MYSTERY:  
JESUS ACCEPTS THE GOOD  
THIEF INTO PARADISE**

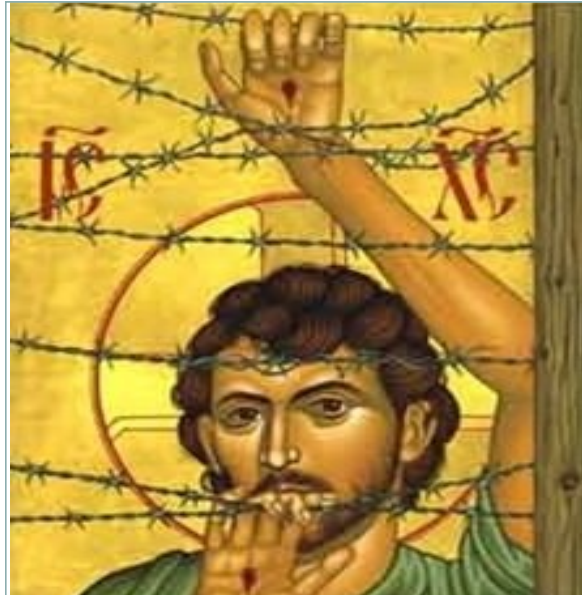
*Read Luke 23: 39-43*

Pray:  
1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's &  
1 Glory Be



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## The Rosary is

a very powerful meditative prayer on the life of Jesus. Through meditation on the key events in the life of Christ, we can learn the lessons of humility, love and forgiveness He teaches through the Gospel. The “Prisoner’s Rosary” focuses on the key events of Jesus’ final hours as a prisoner of man before He died and freed man from sin and death.

May the “Prisoner’s Rosary” give all those who pray it strength to overcome whatever imprisonment they endure: confinement in jail or prison, or a prisoner of sin, addiction or other tools of Satan.

While Rosary beads are ideal for helping one to pray the Rosary, it is not necessary. One can use fingers or other things to count the prayers.

# The Prisoner’s Rosary



I was in  
Prison,  
and you  
visited me.

~Matthew 25: 36b

## BEGIN

By making the sign of the Cross, kissing the cross of the Rosary if you have one. Then holding the Rosary in the space above the cross, say the Apostle's Creed. With the first bead above the cross, say one Our Father. Say one Hail Mary for each of the next three Rosary beads (faith/hope/charity), and conclude with the Glory Be before the next large bead.

At the first large bead, announce the First Mystery, read the recommended scripture, focus your mind on the even that takes place in this mystery, ask God for any special petitions. Say one Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, and conclude before the next large bead with the Glory Be. Continue the same through each Mystery. At the end of the Fifth Mystery, conclude with the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen), then make the sign of the cross to finish.



## PRAYERS USED

### *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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. \* I believe the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### *The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)*

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### *Hail Mary*

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. \* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### *Glory Be*

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.

### *Hail, Holy Queen*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee to we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



Lord, when did WE see?

**hungry** thirsty  
**a stranger** naked  
**sick** in prison

Amen I say to YOU,

**...brethren?**

Matthew 25 : 40