

A ROSARY FOR LIFE

As a way to mark October as Respect Life Month, I offer to you the Rosary For Life. These mysteries are based on the new mysteries of the Rosary, The Mysteries of Light. – Fr. Tim

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Pope John Paul II has given us two great gifts: the mysteries of light as a part of the Holy Rosary, and the Gospel of Life in his great encyclical Evangelium Vitae. The following meditations on the mysteries of light are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death.

FIRST MYSTERY OF LIGHT: BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN

The Lord Jesus is Baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, as a voice cries to us from the heavens: “This is my beloved Son, hear him!” Let us listen to Christ and, with his grace, work for the protection of every person from conception to natural death.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, Mother of Life: Bless each unborn child, with the abundance of your love

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Nurture the unborn child and make him stronger each day

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Protect the unborn child from all selfishness and sin

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Embrace the unborn child, with the tenderness of your love

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Fill the heart of each unborn child with a love for your Son

Hail Mary full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Fill the heart of each unborn child with the wonder of God’s love

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary Mother of life: Remember new fathers, whose hearts are afraid: make them strong

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary Mother of Life: Remember new mothers tempted by abortion

Hail Mary full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by grandparents of each child in the womb

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Comfort those whose unborn child has died

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND MYSTERY OF LIGHT: SELF MANIFESTATION AT THE WEDDING AT CANA

When they had run out of wine, Jesus blessed water and turned it into wine.

May Jesus transform the darkness of sin and death in the proclamation of the Gospel of Life.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of life: Help us to keep your words: Do whatever he tells you

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be with all newly married couples

Hail Mary full of grace...

Holy Mary Mother of Life: Lead all newly married couples to Jesus, your Son

Hail Mary full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of life: Inspire those who prepare for marriage with your faithful love

Hail Mary full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for all couples in the first year of their marriage

Hail Mary full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Rejoice with us in the gift of married love

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be present with all the saints and angels at every wedding

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil with parents by the sick bed of their child

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be with each child on the day of First Communion

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire each parent with your unselfish love

Hail Mary full of grace...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THIRD MYSTERY OF LIGHT: PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus called the crowds to conversion, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. May this world choose life and turn from all that leads to darkness and death

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for all new mothers in need of your example

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for all new fathers, that they might be like St. Joseph your spouse

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by all godparents who seek to lead their children to your Son

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire the Church to follow your example of holiness of life

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire us that we might turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for parents who do not believe in your Son

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Cradle each little baby in your loving embrace

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil by the cribs of crying infants

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for parents tempted by fear or despair

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new parents who are confused or alone

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FOURTH MYSTERY OF LIGHT: TRANSFIGURATION

The Lord Jesus led Peter James and John with him to the top of the mountain where he was transfigured in light, and his garments shown whiter than snow. May Christ's glorious light shine on all who dwell in the shadow of darkness and sin.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Show us the sacredness of newborn life in Jesus your Son

Hail Mary, Full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Brighten our hearts with the joy of those who see new life

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: From out of the darkness of sin, lead an aching world to the light of your Son

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be at the cradle of each newborn child

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Guide the hands and hearts of obstetricians and those who help them

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hear the cries of women in painful labor

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand at the beds of all whose labor brings tears and pain

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Cradle each stillborn child in your maternal tenderness

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Weep with us at the wonder of new life

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil with every expecting father

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be present in each neo-natal unit

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIFTH MYSTERY OF LIGHT: INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

On the night before he suffered, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body... When supper was ended he took a cup filled with wine, gave it to them, and said, Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood. Strengthened by the Holy Eucharist, may we work to proclaim the Gospel of life and defend all who are endangered by the culture of death.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Give your courage to newly pregnant mothers

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for those fearful of a child's impending birth

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hasten to pray for all expectant parents

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by the relatives and friends of all expectant parents

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember those forgotten by the world

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Bless all who shelter pregnant mothers

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Watch over children abandoned or uncared for

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Look with compassion on single mothers who expect a child

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be model of expectant joy for all your children

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hasten to proclaim the fruit of your womb to all peoples

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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 do 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 us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.