

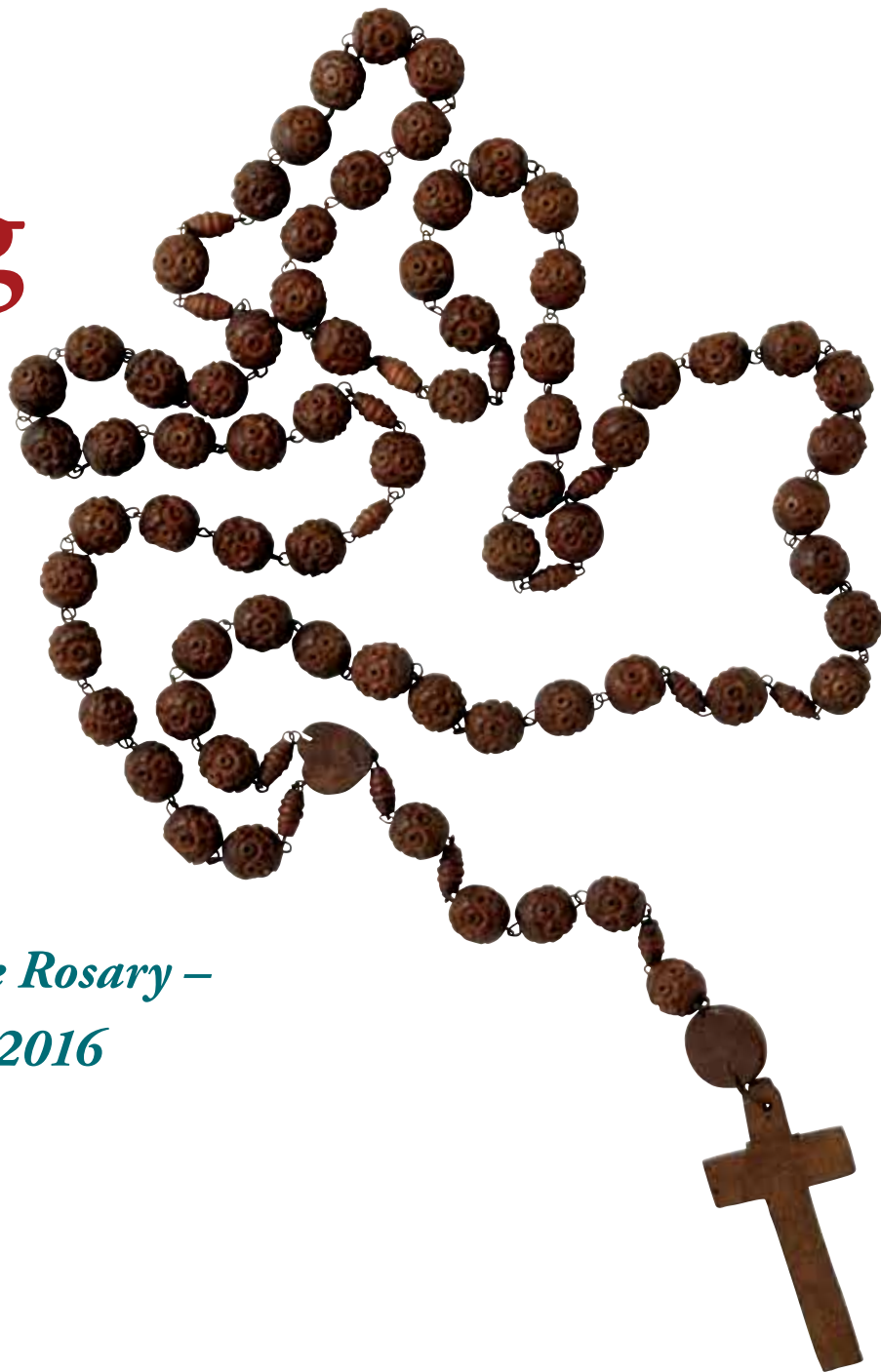


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Praying the Rosary



*Meditations on the Rosary –
World Youth Day 2016*

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation

Thanks to the fiat of Mary, the mercy manifested so far as hesed and rahamim, is embodied, is made present in the world in a new, tangible way, with Christ and through Him! Let us pray that the Year of Mercy will allow us to be astonished by God's grace and not ask: is it possible, but – how will this happen, Lord?

The Visitation.

Mary went with haste to Elizabeth as she wanted to help, attend, and accompany her. Let us pray that in meditating on and practicing works of mercy we do them always with love, with Christ, who – like in the tabernacle – was pleased to dwell in the human heart.

The Nativity

The greatest manifestation of Divine Mercy was accomplished thanks to the mediation of Blessed Mother Mary. Let us pray that, listening to the will of God, we would allow the Lord to work and use us, particularly in the time of preparations for World Youth Day. Also, with our involvement, may there be more of God on earth.

The Presentation

Mary and Joseph went to the temple to entrust Jesus, their treasure, to the Most High God. Let us pray for pure and holy hearts, that we spare no time, strength and talents, but rather trusting ourselves to Him who is Merciful, selflessly serve those to whom the Lord sends us.

Finding Jesus in the Temple

When it seems that Jesus has become lost somewhere – let us take a good look around. May we not be afraid of asking relatives or friends, people whom we trust, about Him. Let us also pray that in every circumstance we look for Him stubbornly and persistently, especially in the Church. God is always by our side, it is only we who sometimes lose sight of Him.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of Jesus

Baptism is the beginning of new life, is being immersed in God and His mercy, and is very closely tied with mission. Jesus begins his public ministry precisely from the point of his baptism in the Jordan. Let us pray that the holy time of jubilee will become for us a time of reconciliation, and would help us to newly read about and take on the mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us.

The Wedding Feast at Cana

Sometimes, even our best, beautiful dreams, our hard work and troubles – all go to nothing. Great works demand making sacrifices, but sometimes we reach a wall. Let us pray that we – like Mary – know how to humbly show this situation to Jesus and that we strongly believe that even out of the greatest failure, He is able to produce the most unexpected good.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion

Proclaiming the Gospel, forgiving, carrying out His will – when we do these things, we are never alone. Jesus walks ahead of us, taking our steps before us, preparing the way. Let us pray that all the efforts which we make in preparation for WYD would above all bring ourselves to conversion.

The Transfiguration

Each of us desires to feel the presence of God, His love in and among us. We are in need of faith to know that it is precisely in the Church, and specifically in the “Mount Tabor” which is the sacraments, each person can already today witness His glory, hear His voice and experience the transformative power of God.

The Institution of the Eucharist

In the Eucharist, Divine Mercy reveals itself in a special way. Celebrating the greatest mysteries of our faith, we touch the source of mercy. Let us pray that frequent participation in the Holy Mass would expand our hearts, enrich our strength and enable us to give ourselves to our neighbors.



SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden

In our lives we must sometimes accept suffering, and give ourselves up. Yet this does not mean we have lost; on the contrary – if in obedience to God and His purposes we are able to say: may Your will be done – we become partakers in the suffering of Jesus. Let us pray that in our pursuit of justice, we would never forget that mercy is its perfect fulfillment and something even greater.

The Scourging at the Pillar

Forgiveness – although it sometimes seems to be beyond our strength – it is always possible! If Jesus, though suffering as an innocent, forgave his persecutors, how much more should we who are sinners! Let us pray for the grace of looking at each person with the merciful eyes of Jesus.

Crowning with Thorns

“Here is the man” – Pilate stated about Jesus. In His great mercy, God identified Himself with each of us, especially when we suffer, become sick, or are impoverished. Let us pray for merciful eyes and hearts, for the grace of being close to those, who are not doing well.

The Carrying of the Cross

Jesus did not at any point stop loving those who put the cross on His shoulders, and later nailed Him to it. Let us pray that, immersing ourselves in the infinite Mercy of God, we would be able to have mercy on the misery of humanity, and on our own as well. Let us be merciful – to ourselves and others – just like God is merciful.

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Standing under the cross – we need to be silent facing the immensity of love, which we did not deserve. Sometimes, in the face our own weakness, we can only call for God’s help. May we have as much humility and crazy hope as the good thief. God is waiting to give us everything.

GLOIRIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection

Within the wounds of the Risen One, which can be clearly seen on the image with the words, “Jesus I Trust in You” – is where our good truly lies. This means that we too, because of the power of His Resurrection, can be instruments of peace, witnesses of mercy, proclaimers of the fullness of life, which is eternal, and is given freely.

The Ascension

The mission of the disciples of Christ is never a burden. The person entrusting their life and calling to Him will receive more than they asked for or expected. Let us pray



for the courage of being able to take on the works that the Lord gives us to make us even more happy and fulfilled.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

While waiting for WYD, for this time of grace, let us faithfully listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and may all of our preparations flow out of His inspiration. In this way, led by the Spirit of Jesus, we will certainly experience mercy, and in the community of the Church, we will find that which our hearts desire.

The Assumption

In learning to receive and show mercy, let us look at Mary. She did not need forgiveness, but being the “Coredemptrix,” she helped Christ with presenting the great gift of mercy to the world. Let us pray, that reflecting upon the mystery of Her life and that of Her Son, we would desire to spread the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As we try to be guided by Jesus’ instructions in our daily life, let us ask the Mother of Mercy for help. It is she who “by her maternal charity [takes] care of the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led into their blessed home”

Pope Francis shared these rosary meditations with youth at World Youth Day in August 2016 in Krakow Poland.



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