

# Rosary for Care of Creation

## INTRODUCTION

In a desire to reconcile tradition and today, science and Marian devotion, may these rosary meditations serve as an inspiration to respond to the call of Pope Francis who, in *Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti*, invites us to a profound examination of conscience and to an ecological and social conversion.

**An Examination of conscience** is an act of the will: the decision to look reality in the face using scientific facts, data, figures, and observations.

**Conversion**, on the other hand, requires a change of outlook and way of thinking, a healing of blindness.

**For us Christians, the healer and saviour is Christ; the remedy is the Gospel.**

**The one who leads to Christ is the Virgin Mary.**

As we know, the Rosary proposes that we contemplate, through Mary's eyes, the great events in the life of Jesus and/or his mother: the famous twenty mysteries, grouped by five into **Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious**.

This meditation proposes a double contemplation, focusing on the lives of Mary and Jesus and then broadening the vision to include the whole of Creation, which 'we know has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth, right up to the present time'. (Romans 8:22), with, it seems in recent times, an acceleration in the pace of the contractions. Each of the mysteries is offered as a key to DISCOVERING THE LIVING, SUFFERING AND SALVATION CHRIST IN THE CREATED.

## JOYFUL MYSTERIES

### Journey into the miracles of the Cosmos

*...Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion. LS76*

*We human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother Sun, sister Moon, siser River and mother Earth. LS92*

### 1st Joyful Mystery – THE ANNUNCIATION

“Behold, you will conceive and bear a son; and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great, and he will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign forever over the house of Jacob, and his kingdom will have no end.” (Luke 1:31-33)

Mary, the Annunciation is the incarnation of your son Jesus, the event that definitively splits history in two. God becoming human is like a second Big Bang, the beginning of a new era, a new space, a new time.

### SPACE AND TIME - ALPHA

**Praise be to you, Eternal One,** for the original light, the initial Big Bang where your Word generated space, time and all of the dimensions in which your infinite Creation unfolds. Blessed are you for the space and time you offer us to grow, evolve and be born to you unceasingly.

**Forgive** our short-sighted navel-gazing: our tendency to forget the immensity of the universe, the billions of years that preceded our history and the succession of miracles that allow us to exist today.

**Forgive** our impatience and our need to control time.

**Mary**, you who said “yes”, teach us humility and patience. May we take our rightful place and respect the rhythms of what takes time. Allow ourselves to be transformed by God's time.

**OUR FATHER...**

**(Hail Mary... 10X)**

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

**And blessed is Jesus, the Incarnate Word, Alpha and Omega.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners

Now and at the hour of our death, AMEN

**Glory to You, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. AMEN

**2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery – THE VISITATION**

“The Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name. His love extends from age to age to those who fear him.” (Luke 1:49-50)

Mary, since the Visitation, you've never stopped visiting us, appearing to humble hearts all over the world. You are at the bedside of our world, which continues to be born in pain and contraction. You stand by those who wish to accompany this birth, respecting the rhythms and laws of life.

## **PLANET EARTH**

**Praise be to you, Eternal One,** for our amazing planet, Mother Earth, crafted and refined over billions of years; to finally become the common home, you entrust to our care.

**Forgive** us for our impatience, inconsistency and greed, which have made us poor gardeners of this Eden, causing ecosystems to collapse, even endangering life on Earth.

**Mary,** you who come to visit the Earth over and over again, help us to live in harmony with the planet, to respect its laws and cycles... Through your intercession, may the Spirit of Science help humanity to better reveal the sacred book of Creation.

## **OUR FATHER...**

(Hail Mary... 10X)

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

**And blessed is Jesus, who grows in you and in us to regenerate the Earth.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners

Now and at the hour of our death, AMEN

## **Glory to You, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN

## **3rd Joyful Mystery – THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

“We saw his star in the east and came to bow down before him.” (Matthew, 2:2)

Mary, it is in the most profound simplicity and humility that you bring into the world the King of the Universe, whose coming is announced by the stars.

Through this contrast, you call us to change our outlook, to anchor ourselves in humility and hope.

## **THE STARS AND THE SKIES**

**Praise be to you, Eternal One**, through the skies, the Milky Way and its innumerable stars whose contemplation fills us with wonder, bring us joy and peace, and helps us give praise.

**Forgive** us for all the times when we remain indifferent to your wonders, with our eyes fixed on the ground or on our screens.

**Forgive** us for all the times we let ourselves be won over by discouragement, when we lack vision, hope and ideals.

**Mary**, crowned with stars, may we often turn our eyes to heaven, like the Magi, to praise the glory of the Father and humbly recognize the marvel that we are. Morning Star, guide us and keep us in Hope.

## **OUR FATHER...**

**(Hail Mary... 10X)**

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

**And blessed is Jesus, whose coming and loving power the stars proclaim.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God

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**4th Joyful Mystery - PRESENTATION AT THE TEMPLE**

“My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations to see, a light to enlighten all peoples and the glory of your people, Israel.” (Luke 2:30-32)

Newly born and nourished on your breast, Mary, you present us with the Star that will guide us, you offer us the Light of the World.

**THE SUN**

**Praise be to you, Eternal One**, through our brother the sun, who brings us light, warmth and life and whose cycle gives rhythm to our daily lives.

Every morning, his rising is a call to offer ourselves to you and to give thanks.

**Forgive** us for finding it so hard to welcome your light in our darkness.  
Forgive us for often choosing artificial lighting rather than the brightness of your day. Forgive us for our reluctance to offer you our trials and suffering.

**Mary**, you who are draped in the sun, enlighten us. Open our eyes each morning to the miracle of our existence. Help us to give thanks in all circumstances, and to make sure that nothing, and no one, robs us of our joy.

### **OUR FATHER...**

(Hail Mary... 10X)

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
**And blessed is Jesus, the Light of the world.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Pray for us sinners  
Now and at the hour of our death, AMEN

**Glory to You, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit**  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. AMEN

### **5th Joyful Mystery - JESUS' RECOVERY AT THE TEMPLE**

“Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers of the Law: listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.” (Luke 2:46-47)

Mary, you seek Jesus day and night, without rest, in the light, as in the darkness. Guide us to the Temple, to the Wisdom of Christ.

## **THE MOON**

**Praise be to you, Eternal One,** through our sister Moon who lights us in the night, commands the tides and, for fascinating reasons, made possible the emergence of life on Earth. By reflecting the light of the Sun, she invites us to reflect your glory.

**Forgive** us for our cooperation with darkness, our blindness to other's discomfort, our weaknesses and laziness, that sometimes lead us so far from you.

**Mary,** you who have the Moon under your feet, help us not to get lost in the night and free us from false beliefs, deceptive idols and illusions fabricated by human stupidity and pride.

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**And blessed is Jesus, whose Wisdom enlightens and amazes us.**

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