

Act of Consecration To The Immaculate Heart Of Mary

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart. We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To thee we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to thee we give our homes, our families, our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee, and may share in the benefits of thy motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith, and to live as befits Catholics who are duly submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do. Finally, we promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to the service of thy blessed cult, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thine adorable Son, in our own hearts and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen.

Prayer by St Francis de Sales to St Joseph, Patron of Belgium and the Universal Church

Glorious St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of Belgium, Spouse of Mary, give us thy paternal protection, we implore thee by the Heart of Jesus Christ.

O thee whose infinite strength extends to all our necessities and knows how to render possible to us the most impossible things.

Open your fatherly eyes to the needs of your children, in the trouble and distress which afflict us we confidently have recourse to thee.

Design to take us under your charitable charge and resolve for us this cause so important and so difficult object of the rosary which we pray today and the reason for our worries :

For the faith, for the respect of life, for our individual peace and peace in the whole world, so that our hearts may grow in the love of Christ and that Belgium may be blessed by God in all that it undertakes
May it's happy outcome be for Gods glory and for the good of his devoted servants. Amen

Prayer to Saint Michael Archangel

“Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”

The Sub Tuum..

“We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.”

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

How to pray the Rosary:



The Rosary contains 153 « Hail Marys ». It contains joyful mysteries, sorrowful mysteries and glorious mysteries. To celebrate the year 2000, Pope John II added the luminous mysteries. Each of the different mysteries offers us a subject of meditation on our Faith :

The Infancy of Jesus => Joyful Mysteries

The Passion of Our Lord => Sorrowful Mysteries

The Glory of Christ => Glorious Mysteries

The Lights of the Gospel => Luminous Mysteries

The prayers that make up the rosary

Credo

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Our 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 to the Father

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.

O my Jesus

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.” (Our Lady at Fatima, May 13, 1917)

The Joyful Mysteries:

1 – First mystery: The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary

Fruit of the mystery: Humility

The Blessed Virgin, surprised by the sudden appearance of the Angel, receives his message as a request of love from God. She believes in the love of God, Who loved us first and wants us to love Him in return. And God gives new life to all those who respond to His love.

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord”. Your assent means that You become the Mother of God. You give us Jesus, our way, our truth and our life.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that they may perceive the one true faith as a response to God’s love, and so that they may allow God to enter their lives, and be renewed from the inside.

2 – Second mystery: Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth

Fruit of the mystery: Love of neighbour, Charity

Mary hurries towards the mountains. Why is she in such a rush? Joy gives us wings, as does Charity. That is why Our Lady hurries to help Her cousin who needs her.

“My soul magnifies the Lord”. You are expecting a baby who is Our Lord, O Mary, and that is why You are full of love for us all. The place you have prepared for God inside your body increases the love You give to us.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that their faith may be increased through works of mercy, and that they may be made worthy recipients of God’s love.

3 – Third mystery: Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem

Fruit of the mystery: Detachment from things of this world

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Almighty God came into the World just like all of us, small and defenceless. He will save us not by force, but by the vulnerability of a child who requires tender love.

Mary, You “wrapped Him in linen and laid Him in a manger”. Your eyes, filled with delight and admiration, never left Him. No-one has ever contemplated the sacred mystery of life with such tenderness.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that they may find a place in their hearts and in their lives for each and every child, from the moment of conception.

4- Fourth mystery: Jesus is presented to God in the temple.

Fruit of the mystery: Obedience and purity of heart and body.

Our Lady and Saint Joseph went to the Temple because, according to the Law, the mother must be purified and the child must be presented to God.

You obeyed the Law, Mary, even though you had no need to be purified. You did this with a holy obedience to the Law of God and the Jewish people, so that by respecting these laws, peace and order may be safeguarded.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that they may respect the legitimate government and obey the civil and Christian laws, and so that our country may be an example of order through compliance with God’s commandments.

5- Fifth mystery: The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple.

Fruit of the mystery: The search for God in all things.

Our Lady and Saint Joseph were desperately searching for Jesus. No-one knew where He was. At last, after three days, they found Him in the Temple teaching the doctors, who were all astonished by His intelligence.

O Mary, You were searching for Jesus with an immense grief and worry. You tried to understand. "Why did You do this to us ?" Jesus wants above all to do the will of His Father. That is why He first goes back home with Mary and Joseph, and why He will later leave His parents' house to serve His heavenly Father. Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that peace and understanding may prevail in families and so that many vocations may emerge in our families.

The Luminous Mysteries

1-First luminous mystery : the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan

Fruit of the mystery: Constant fidelity to our baptismal promises

Jesus wanted to be baptized by Saint John. The Holy Spirit descended upon Him and a voice came from Heaven saying : “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”.

By Him and with Him, the sacrament of baptism makes us children of God, a temple of the Holy Spirit. As with all the sacraments, Jesus works a miracle by using human signs and instruments.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that we may value and respect the sacraments, with a deep belief in the real action performed by Jesus through them.

2- Second luminous mystery : the wedding feast at Cana

Fruit of the mystery: Greater confidence in Mary

Jesus and Mary honour the newlyweds by Their presence at the feast. They even contribute to the success of the party: Mary, through Her attention and mediation, and Jesus through the miracle of the water changed into wine.

Later, Jesus tells us that the sacrament of marriage must be as God wants it. Husband and wife become united, body and soul, to form a community of love and fidelity. In Cana, He shows us that He and His mother will always help us and make sure that there is always enough “elixir of love”.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that all married couples may trust God’s grace and so that God will transform their marriage into a path of love and sanctity through fidelity.

3- Third glorious mystery : the announcement of the kingdom of God and the call to repentance

Fruit of the mystery: The conversion of the heart

“I have come to set the earth on fire”. Filled with this fire, Jesus is preaching the Good News in villages, on the shores of lakes, everywhere. “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand”.

Jesus wants to reign over our souls with His love and His truth, but he never forces us. Only if we truly wish to receive Him ... only if we want to repent for our sins.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that we may be given the grace of contrition, so that we may know our sins and have the desire to confess them. In this way, through the sacrament of penance, we shall regain peace of heart.

4- Fourth luminous mystery: the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor

Fruit of the mystery: Prayer

Jesus’ body is shining. Saint Peter and the other apostles could not stop contemplating Him. They wanted the vision never to end. But what happens when the vision stops and life continues?

One day, we may see God face to face. But what now? Now, we should pray and love to pray. This means being with Jesus Christ, simply talking to Him, listening to Him and meditating on His life. All this will allow us to nurture a strong desire to see Him one day face to face. And this is why prayer transforms us.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that we may never stop praying and that we may discover how prayer can change us.

5- Fifth luminous mystery: the institution of the Eucharist

Fruit of the mystery: Love of the Eucharist

Jesus wanted to give His apostles a proof of His infinite love for them. He announced a new covenant, with a new Easter sealed by the sacrifice of His body and blood.

O Mary, how can we forget that Jesus is present in the Eucharist? How can we forget that He renews His sacrifice on the cross and gives us His body and blood to feed us and comfort us? No, we cannot forget the real meaning of the Catholic Mass.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that our faith in the real presence of God in the Eucharist may be revived and increased.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1- First mystery: Jesus, filled with anxiety, prays to His Celestial Father.

Fruit of the mystery: Perfect sorrow for our sins

Night has fallen. It is dark. Jesus is lonely and deeply sad. He is tormented by the thought of our sins. The Apostles have fallen asleep. But Jesus continues to pray for us.

O Mary, the Apostles did not even have the courage to stay awake for an hour with Jesus. We also often abandon our prayers because we do not believe that they are very powerful. We do not realize that Jesus is praying with us and carries our prayers to God, His Father.

“O Jesus, agonizing in the Olive Garden, help us to overcome our desolation and misery and make us sorry for having offended God” Saint Padre Pio.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World. Teach us how to pray and persevere in our prayer, like Jesus did, and entrust us to the care of God the Father.

2- Second mystery: Jesus is scourged

Fruit of the mystery: the mortification of the senses

Pilate orders his soldiers to scourge Jesus. The lashes tear His flesh. It is impossible to describe the pain He undergoes. And still the scourging continues. It seems as it is never going to end. Then Jesus falls down, nearly dead.

O Mary, the prophecy is fulfilled: Your heart is pierced by every lash. Nobody has felt Our Lord’s pain as You did. And now, as our Mother, You experience the sufferings of all human beings who undergo the hardships of war, violence, abuse and persecution.

“May the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, always be with us in our words and in our hearts ... God asks us not to stop when we are tired of struggling, not to despair or to say: “It is not worth fighting any more, let us give up”. This is cowardice. We must do our duty till the end.” Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World. Teach us truly to persevere in all our efforts, in our sufferings, in our tears, in union with all those who suffer, so that we may offer our own contribution to the peace of the World.

3. Third mystery: Jesus is crowned with thorns

Fruit of the mystery: The grace to mortify our senses perfectly

In the courtroom, the soldiers stand around Jesus and place a crown of thorns on His head, mocking him as a king. They beat Him, humiliate Him and spit on Him as though He were an outcast.

O Mary, like Jesus, You know what it is to be humiliated. And like Your Son, you care about those who are excluded from society by a culture of consumption and rejection.

“O Jesus, mocked by everyone, help us to overcome our spirit of conceit. Free us from all passing things, and attach us to those things that will always endure”. Saint Padre Pio

O Mary, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World. Teach us to respect, to understand and to love all those who suffer or are humiliated, so that they may find peace of heart.

4. Fourth mystery: Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary

Fruit of the mystery: Perseverance in difficulties

Jesus is exhausted and falls under the weight of his heavy Cross. That is why Simon of Cyrene, who was passing by, is arrested and forced to carry the Cross of Jesus.

What does this service represent in all the suffering of the Passion?

“But Jesus is already satisfied with a smile, a word, a simple gesture, a little love, to pour his grace into the soul of his friend.” St. Josemaria

Holy Mary, pray for us, for our country and for all the countries of the world so that we never run out of ‘Cyreneans’ – doctors and conscientious caregivers – who accompany us in the last moments of our life until our natural death.

5. Fifth mystery: Jesus dies on the Cross

Fruit of the mystery: Greater love of God and the souls

On His cross, Our Lord opens His arms to all humanity. His love for us has led Him to this moment. And on the cross he thirsts He is thirsty for our souls, and for our love.

O Mary, whenever we imitate You, uniting ourselves with the sacrifice of Our Lord, we know that this sacrifice comes from love, expresses love and brings love. And this mutual love leads to the forgiveness of our sins.

“You are the ones who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer onto you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one onto Me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom”. Saint Luke, 22, 28

O Mary, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World. Teach us to value Our Lord’s sacrifice, teach us not to be afraid of making sacrifices, which are a source of interior purification and peace.

The Glorious Mysteries

1- First glorious mystery: the Resurrection of Our Lord

Fruit of the mystery: Faith

Jesus is not in His tomb. He has risen and He appears to Saint Mary Magdalene, to Saint Peter and to many others ... He is alive. Life has triumphed over death.

O Mary, Jesus also appeared to You – You who never doubted His word or His promises of eternal Life.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that we may believe in Life after suffering and death. Help us to prepare for our own death with care.

2-Second glorious mystery: the Ascension of Our Lord

Fruit of the mystery: Hope

The Apostles were with Jesus for the last time. While He was blessing them, He suddenly disappeared. Jesus is now in a world that is invisible to us.

O Mary, we are mere creatures. We look for comfort from You and You show us the invisible community of Saints who are always with us.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of Belgium and for all the people of the World, so that our faith in the community of Saints may be increased, so that we may never forget to pray for the members of our own families who have left this world and for all the faithful departed, including those who have given their lives for our country.

3- Third glorious mystery: the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Fruit of the mystery: Apostolic Charity

A strong wind, tongues of fire ... The coming of the Holy Spirit brings He who will help us by His strength and who will always be with us. Filled with the Holy Ghost, and in the name of Christ, the Apostles preached about God the Father in many different languages.

O Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, You, above all others received the graces of the Spirit, and with Your free will you perfectly loved God and Your neighbour.

Our Lady, pray for Pope Francis, for all the bishops and priests and for all the faithful of the World, so that all of them, obedient to the Holy Spirit, may worship God in word and deed.

4- Fourth glorious mystery: the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

Fruit of the mystery: The grace of a holy death

Our Lady is taken into Heaven body and Soul. The heavenly court is full of joy, as they welcome God's daughter, God's mother, God's spouse, and the mirror of God's beauty.

O Mary, if there is a beauty that can save the World, it is God's beauty, and You are the purest reflection of that beauty. However, human beings commit sins and corrupt their souls and bodies, and, even worse, they corrupt their neighbours' souls and bodies.

Our Lady, pray for us, for the people of our country and all the people of the World, so that we may protect God's creation and so that each one of us, according to our state in life, may respect the virtue of chastity and strive for purity.

5- Fifth glorious mystery: the Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Fruit of the mystery: Greater devotion to Mary

A great sign was seen in Heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, You gave us Mary as our Queen.

O Mary, only God is greater than You are. O Queen of Heaven, we wish to honour You as the Mother of the Catholic Church, even if we don't always merit to be called your children.
Our Lady, pray for the Belgian Church, for the universal Church, and for unity, peace and loyalty within the Catholic Church.

Be Queen Of Our Home

Be queen of our home: we belong to you
Reign as our sovereign, in our home, in our home,
Be the madonna to whom we pray on our knees,
Who smiles and forgives, in our home, in our home.

Hail, O Our Lady
Here we are in front of you,
To entrust our souls
To your so gentle heart

You are our mother,
Present to your Son
The fervent prayer
Of your dear children.

The Archangel who bowed down
Praises you in the name of Heaven
Give divine peace
To our mortal heart.

Keep, O Pure Virgin,
O sweetest heart of all,
Our souls free from stain,
Our hearts brave and gentle.

Tell all those in pain
Who suffer without knowing
How heavy hate is,
How sweet hope is

When peaceful night
Invites us to sleep
Stay near us, invisible,
Until we awake.

Be for us the Queen

Of sweet charity
And banish hatred
From the whole city.

At our last hour
Welcome into heaven
Into the house of the Father
Our joyful return.

Ave Maria of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima, sent from above,
appeared to three children to tell of God's love:

Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

1. In Fatima's cove on the thirteenth of May;
the Virgin Maria appeared at mid-day.
2. The Virgin Maria surrounded by light;
God's Mother is ours for she gives us this sight.
3. The world was then suffering from war, plague, and strife,
and Portugal mourned for her great loss of life.
4. To three shepherd children the Virgin then spoke
a message so hopeful, with peace for all folk.
5. With sweet Mother's pleading, she asked us to pray,
do penance, be modest, the Rosary each day.
6. All Portugal heard what God's Mother did say,
converted it sings of that Queen to this day.
7. We all must remember Our Lady's request,
do all that she asks for, obey her bequests.
8. She warned of behavior from which we must turn,
of thoughts, words, and actions which Christians must spurn.

9. To her sad, sweet pleading our promise is made,
that God's Law in all things be strongly obeyed.
10. From nation to nation her fair name is praised,
as souls from sin's bondage are contritely raised.
11. Our thanks to the Godhead, whose ways are so sure,
for giving us Mary, our Mother Most Pure.
12. Our hearts, overflowing with kindness and love,
thank her for God's graces bestowed from above.
13. Hail, Refuge of sinners! Hail, Star of the Sea!
Hail, Queen of Creation! Our hope is in thee.
14. All hail, Virgin Mary! This Star guides our way,
our country's Protectress, America's Way!

Virgin of Lourdes

Virgin of Lourdes, O mother immaculate
If you see us at your feet so often,
It is that through prayer our soul is consoled
It is that your heart forever awaits us.

Chorus :

Upon Belgium extend your blessed hand,
For its good our prayers arise unto thee,
That through your protection it remains o Mary,
True to Christ, to the Church, to the faith,
True to Christ, to the Church, to the faith.

The world knows the historic battles
That for the faith our ancestors fought
To merit the name of catholics
Unto death we will fight like them.

Chorus

Christians, always Jesus is our master
Our hearts are his until our last breath,
We will make him known to the ignorant
We will make him blessed among the sorrowful

Chorus

Hear O Mary, hear our prayer
Without your help our efforts will be in vain
Give to your son this true bravery that continues always
No matter how long the road

Chorus
