

**Frances Chesterton Rosary League  
Prayers of the Rosary**

**The Luminous Mysteries**

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**Sign of the Cross**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Our Father Prayer - The Lord's Prayer**

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 [for an increase in faith, hope, and charity]**

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.

**Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

## The First Luminous Mystery - The Baptism of the Lord

### Prayer Intentions:

**For the Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

**For Peace and Spiritual Healing:** in our World, in our Country, in our Cities, in our Dioceses, in our Homes, and in our Hearts.

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### Our Father

*In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, crying out: 'Prepare a way for the Lord.'*

**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.**

*'Make his paths straight, for he guides our feet into the way of peace'*

**Hail Mary**

*'He gives light to those who live in darkness, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God'*

**Hail Mary**

*When all the people asked him, 'What must we do, then?' he answered, 'Anyone who has two coats must share with the one who has none.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'And the one with something to eat, must do the same.'*

**Hail Mary**

*And he said, 'Someone is coming, someone more powerful than I am.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'*

**Hail Mary**

*Then Jesus came to be baptized by John, and John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.'*

**Hail Mary**

*And Jesus was baptized by John, and suddenly the heavens opened.*

**Hail Mary**

*And the Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him.'*

**Hail Mary**

**Glory be to the Father –**

**Oh my Jesus –**

## The Second Luminous Mystery - The Wedding at Cana

### Prayer Intentions:

**For the Purification of the Church:** for the sanctification of our Pope, our bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and the Laity.

**For the Conversion of Sinners:** for each of us, for those in our families, for those in the Church, for those who've wandered away from the Church, for those separated from the Church, and for those opposed to the Church.

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### Our Father

*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.*

**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.**

*When the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'*

**Hail Mary**

*Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.'*

**Hail Mary**

*She said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' So he told them, 'Fill the jars with water.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'Now take some to the steward.' When the steward tasted it he exclaimed, 'You have kept the best wine till now!'*

**Hail Mary**

*This was the first of the signs given by Jesus, and his disciples believed in him.*

**Hail Mary**

*Then he came to Judea and some Pharisees asked him, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?'*

**Hail Mary**

*Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation God made them male and female.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'This is why a man must leave father and mother and be joined to his wife.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'*

**Hail Mary**

**Glory be to the Father –**

**Oh my Jesus –**

## The Third Luminous Mystery - The Proclamation of the Kingdom

### Prayer Intentions:

**For Religious Vocations:** for the holiness of priests, seminarians and religious, and those discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.

**For Secular Vocations:** for the holiness of those who seek to use their literary and artistic talents for God's glory. For the holiness of journalists, educators, scientists, care providers, farmers, laborers, craftsmen, small business owners, office workers, those in technology, service, and healthcare professions, and those involved in Christian ministry and mission work. For the sanctification of all public officials and government workers.

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### Our Father

*After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.*

**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.**

*'The time has come; the kingdom of God is close at hand! Repent, and believe the Good News!'*

**Hail Mary**

*And he taught: 'The kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in a field which someone has found.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'He goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'The kingdom of God is among you. So walk while you have the light, or darkness will overtake you.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'You are the light of the world, but your light must shine to give praise to your Father in heaven.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'For much will be required, of those to whom much is given.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'And once the hand is laid on the plow, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'And Jesus called a little child to him, and put his arms around him.'*

**Hail Mary**

*Saying, 'I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'*

**Hail Mary**

**Glory be to the Father –  
Oh my Jesus –**

## The Fourth Luminous Mystery - The Transfiguration

### Prayer Intentions:

**For the Poor:** for an increase in Spiritual and Corporal Works of mercy, and works of Charity and Justice done in and through the Church, for the world. For food for the hungry, homes for the homeless, and refuge for refugees. For provision and direction for those who are unemployed or under-employed, for those who are in financial distress, and for small businesses that are struggling. For protection from evil for those who are incarcerated, and an increased respect for the dignity of prisoners and their families. For an abundance of grace, strength, and joy for those suffering religious persecution for the sake of Christ. For the repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**For the Sick:** for healing for all those suffering from health problems, including chronic physical and mental illnesses, and disabilities. For wholeness for those suffering with cancer or depression. For comfort for those who live with pain or loneliness. For freedom for those suffering from any kind of addiction, and restoration for those suffering as a result of abuse or trauma.

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### Our Father

*Jesus went up a high mountain to pray and he took with him Peter and James and John.*

**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.**

*As he prayed, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as light.*

**Hail Mary**

*Suddenly Moses and Elijah were there, speaking of his passing in Jerusalem.*

**Hail Mary**

*Then Peter spoke to Jesus, 'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.'*

**Hail Mary**

*As he spoke, a cloud covered them and the disciples were afraid.*

**Hail Mary**

*And a voice came from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Chosen One; he enjoys my favor. Listen to him."*

**Hail Mary**

*And the disciples fell face down on the ground, overcome with fear.*

**Hail Mary**

*But Jesus came up and touched them, saying, 'Stand up, do not be afraid.'*

**Hail Mary**

*And when they raised their eyes/ they saw no one but only Jesus.*

**Hail Mary**

*And Jesus ordered them: 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'*

**Hail Mary**

**Glory be to the Father – Oh my Jesus –**

## The Fifth Luminous Mystery - The Institution of the Eucharist

### Prayer Intentions:

**For Families:** for the strengthening of marriage. For the honoring of fatherhood and motherhood. For parenthood for couples experiencing infertility. For an increase in understanding and meeting the needs of babies and children. For resolution of conflict and increased charity between family members. For comfort for those grieving the loss of family members. For the healing of those suffering from sexual confusion or same-sex attraction. For the respect and protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

**For The Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton:** for the fulfillment of its purpose and fruitfulness in its mission and its various ministries. For the temporal and spiritual welfare of all its members. For the intentions of its benefactors, and for the private intentions of all those praying with the Frances Chesterton Rosary League, to the Glory of God.

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### Our Father

*'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'*

**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.**

*'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'After this, many of his disciples left him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'Do you want to go away too?'*

**Hail Mary**

*'Peter answered, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'And we believe, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'Now on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and broke it.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'And he gave it to his disciples, saying 'Take it and eat. This is my body.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'Then he took a cup, and gave it to them. 'Drink from this, all of you,' he said.'*

**Hail Mary**

*'For this is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'*

**Hail Mary**

**Glory be to the Father – Oh my Jesus –**

## **Closing Prayers**

### **Hail Holy Queen Prayer**

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 towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto 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. Amen.

### **From The Breviary**

Let us pray, O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the reward of eternal salvation. Grant we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. 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 thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto 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.

### **Prayer for the Intercession of G.K. Chesterton**

God our Father, You filled the life of your servant Gilbert Keith Chesterton with a sense of wonder and joy, and gave him a faith which was the foundation of his ceaseless work, a charity towards all men, particularly his opponents, and a hope which sprang from his lifelong gratitude for the gift of human life.

May his innocence and his laughter, his constancy in fighting for the Christian faith in a world losing belief, his lifelong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his love for all men, especially for the poor, bring cheerfulness to those in despair, conviction and warmth to lukewarm believers and the knowledge of God to those without faith.

We beg you to grant the favors we ask through his intercession, [and especially for...] so that his holiness may be recognized by all and the Church may proclaim him Blessed. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.                      – G.K. and Frances Chesterton, pray for us.