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*Note: The term "rosary" used as a proper noun, Rosary, designates the well-known Dominican rosary. All other arrangements of beads are properly called chaplets or crowns, or simply beads. But in popular writings and among the faithful these chaplets are called rosaries.*

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## ROSARIES

All the faithful are acquainted with the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The entire Rosary contains fifteen decades, but the one more commonly used is that with five decades, a third part of the whole. This is the well-known Dominican Rosary. Originally the name *Rosary* was used to designate the entire fifteen decades, whereas the five decade one was called *corona* (crown). This distinction, however, is no longer observed, and these names are used synonymously.

Many Catholics are acquainted with one or more of the other types of rosaries or chaplets which have come into use in the course of time. Many of these are more or less connected with a certain religious order, which furthers a particular form of devotion. Thus, besides the ordinary Dominican rosary, there is the Franciscan Crown and St. Anthony's Chaplet (Franciscans), Brigittine Rosary (Brigittines), Crosier Beads (Crosier Fathers), Chaplet of the Five Wounds (Passionists), Crown of our Lord (Camaldolese), Chaplet in honor of the Precious Blood (Precious Blood Fathers), Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (Servite Fathers).

It is interesting to note that nearly every type of rosary has a different number or arrangement of

beads. Thus the complete Dominican Rosary has 15 decades, the Franciscan Crown 7 decades, the Brigittine 6 decades, the Dominican or Crosier 5 decades, the rosary for the dead 4 decades, the Crown of Our Lord 3 decades. The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows has 7 groups of 7 beads, that of the Holy Ghost 5 groups of 7, as also that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; the chaplet of the Holy Face has 5 groups of 6, that of the Precious Blood has 6 groups of 5; that of the Five Wounds has 5 groups of 5, as also that of the Sacred Heart. St. Anne's has 3 groups of 5. The Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception has 3 groups of 4; that of St. Joseph and the Way of the Cross have 15 groups of 3. St. Anthony's has 13 groups of 3; the Angelic Crown 9 groups of 3. The beads of the Blessed Sacrament number 33, of St. Philomena 13 and 3; of the Infant of Prague 12 and 3.

Usually no special color is prescribed for the beads of the various chaplets. But in that of St. Joseph there are white and blue beads, symbolizing his purity and piety. Another case is that of the Crown of St. Philomena, in which the beads must be white and red. The beads of the Chaplet of the Precious Blood are red, as also those of the Crown of Our Lord and of the Sacred Heart.

We shall now give a short description of these various types of rosaries or chaplets.

## THE ANGELIC CROWN IN HONOR OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

The Angelic Crown consists of nine groups of three beads each; between each group there is one large bead, and at the end four more large beads are added. A medal, representing the holy Angels is attached to the chaplet. On the small beads the *Hail Mary* is said and on the large beads the *Our Father*.

The chaplet begins with the invocation: *Incline unto my aid, O God; O Lord make haste to help me. Glory be, etc.*

Then follow nine salutations, one in honor of each choir of Angels. Before each salutation the *Our Father* is said once, the *Hail Mary* three times.

### FIRST SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Seraphim, may it please God to make us worthy to receive into our hearts the fire of his perfect charity. Amen.

### SECOND SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Cherubim, may God in his good pleasure, grant us grace to abandon the ways of sin, and follow the path of Christian perfection. Amen.

### THIRD SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the sacred choir of the Thrones, may it please God to infuse into our hearts the spirit of true and sincere humility. Amen.

### FOURTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Dominations, may it please God to grant us grace to have dominion over our senses, and to correct our depraved passions. Amen.

### FIFTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Powers, may God vouchsafe to keep our souls from the wiles and temptations of the devil. Amen.

### SIXTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the admirable heavenly Virtues, may it please God to keep us from falling into temptation, and may He deliver us from evil. Amen.

### SEVENTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Principalities, may it please God to fill our souls with the spirit of true and sincere obedience. Amen.

## EIGHTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of Archangels, may it please God to grant us the gift of perseverance in the faith, and in all good works, that we may be thereby enabled to attain the glory of paradise. Amen.

## NINTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of all the Angels, may God vouchsafe to grant us their guardianship through this mortal life, and after death a happy entrance into the everlasting glory of heaven. Amen.

The first of the four concluding *Our Fathers* said on the four large beads is to St. Michael, the second to St. Gabriel, the third to St. Raphael, the fourth to our angel guardian. Then the following Anthem and Prayer.

## ANTHEM

Michael, glorious prince, chief and champion of the heavenly Host, guardian of the souls of men, conqueror of the rebel angels, steward of the palace of God under Jesus Christ, our worthy leader, endowed with superhuman excellence and virtues: vouchsafe to free us all from every ill, who with full confidence have recourse to thee; and by thy incomparable protection enable us to make progress every day in the faithful service of our God.

Ψ. Pray for us, most blessed Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

℞. That we may be made worthy of his promises.

#### PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, who in thine own marvellous goodness and pity didst, for the common salvation of man, choose the glorious Archangel Michael to be the prince of the Church: make us worthy, we pray Thee, to be delivered by his beneficent protection from all our enemies, that, at the hour of our death, none of them may approach to harm us; rather do Thou vouchsafe unto us that by the same Archangel Michael, we may be introduced into the presence of thy most high and divine majesty. Through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### BEADS OF SAINT ANNE, MOTHER OF MARY

##### (REDEMPTORIST)

Origin: The Little Chaplet of Saint Anne dates from 1875, and is the pious invention of a devout client of our Saint. If his name is unknown to man, he is surely known to God and dear to Good Saint Anne, for these beads have been the beginning of a chain of blessings, spiritual and temporal. Many graces and favors have been obtained through their recitation.

Explanation and signification: The Little Chaplet of Saint Anne is composed of three *Our Fathers* and fifteen *Hail Marys* and is divided into three parts; the first part, one *Our Father* and five *Hail Marys*, is said in honor of Jesus, the Author of Grace; the second in honor of Mary, the channel through which all graces come to us from Jesus; the third in honor of Saint Anne, our advocate.

Manner of reciting: Make the sign of the cross; then kiss devoutly the medal of Saint Anne saying the prayer: *Jesus, Mary, Anne*. While reciting the first part thank Jesus for His favors, ask pardon for sins and future favors. While reciting the second part praise Mary and ask her to present your petition to Saint Anne. The third part is a petition to the good Saint Anne. Each group is concluded with a *Glory be* as an act of praise to the Blessed Trinity.

## THE CHAPLET OF ST. ANTHONY

(FRANCISCAN)

The Chaplet of St. Anthony is composed of thirteen groups of three beads each. On the first bead of each group is said the *Our Father*, on the second the *Hail Mary* and on the third the *Glory Be*. At the end the miraculous responsory is recited:

If miracles thou fain wouldst see  
Do, error, death, calamity,

The leprous stain, the demon flies,  
From beds of pain the sick arise.

The hungry seas forego their prey,  
The prisoner's cruel chains give way;  
While palsied limbs and chattels lost,  
Both young and old recovered boast.  
And perils perish; plenty's hoard  
Is heaped on hunger's famished board;  
Let those relate who know it well,  
Let Padua of his patron tell.

The hungry seas, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The hungry seas, etc.

℣. Pray for us Blessed Anthony.

℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises  
of Christ.

#### LET US PRAY

O God! Let the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, thy Confessor, be a source of joy to thy Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance, and may deserve to possess eternal joy. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

During the prayers meditation on the following virtues of the saint is recommended: Faith, Hope, Charity, Love of Jesus, Prudence, Justice, Patience, Penance, Humility, Purity, Obedience, Poverty, Spirit of Prayer and Union with God.

Another method calls for meditation on the following thirteen petitions while reciting thirteen times the *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be*.

1. St. Anthony, who raiseth the dead, pray for those Christians now in their agony, and for our dear departed.
2. St. Anthony, zealous preacher of the Gospel, fortify us against the errors of the enemies of God, and pray for the Pope and the Church.
3. St. Anthony, powerful with the Heart of Jesus, preserve us from the calamities which threaten us on account of our sins.
4. St. Anthony, who drivest away devils, make us triumph over their snares.
5. St. Anthony, lily of heavenly purity, purify us from the stains of the soul and preserve our bodies from all dangers.
6. St. Anthony, healer of the sick, cure our diseases and preserve us in health.
7. St. Anthony, guide of travellers, bring to safe harbor those who are in danger of perishing, and calm the troubled waves of passion which agitate our souls.
8. St. Anthony, liberator of captives, deliver us from the captivity of evil.
9. St. Anthony, who restorest to young and old the use of their limbs, obtain for us the perfect

use of the senses of our body and the faculties of our soul.

10. St. Anthony, finder of lost things, help us to find all that we lost in the spiritual and temporal order.
11. St. Anthony, protected by Mary, avert the dangers which threaten our body and our soul.
12. St. Anthony, helper of the poor, help us in our needs and give bread and work to those who ask.
13. St. Anthony, we thankfully proclaim thy miraculous power, and we beseech thee to protect us all the days of our life.

*(At times this chaplet may be composed of 13 beads instead of 13 groups of 3 beads each.)*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT BEADS

(BLESSED SACRAMENT FATHERS)

These consist of a medal of the Blessed Sacrament and 33 beads, recalling the 33 years of Christ's life on earth.

On the medal one makes a spiritual communion as follows: *As I cannot now receive Thee, my Jesus, in Holy Communion, come, spiritually into my heart, and make it Thine own forever.*

On each bead say: *Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, have mercy on us!*

## THE BRIGITTINE ROSARY

(BRIGITTINE FATHERS)

The Briggittine Rosary consists of 6 decades of 10 beads each. There are 3 additional beads at the end. Each decade consists of 1 *Our Father*, 10 *Hail Marys*. The *Apostles' Creed* is said on the crucifix.

The 63 *Hail Marys* are in remembrance of the 63 years of Mary's earthly life according to one traditional account. The 7 *Our Fathers*, said on the large beads between each decade, are in remembrance of the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin.

## CROSIER BEADS

(CROSIER FATHERS)

This is the same as the ordinary 5 decade Dominican Rosary. It is merely a question of the indulgences attached to the beads.

On August 20th, 1516, Pope Leo X granted to all the faithful an indulgence of 500 days for every *Our Father* or *Hail Mary* said with devotion on the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary blessed by the General of the Crosier Fathers. This was extended later to all priests applying to the Congregation of Indulgences by Pope Pius X.

Any Catholic possessing a rosary having this indulgence can gain the indulgence by reciting an

*Our Father* or *Hail Mary*. No prayer imposed as a confessional penance, however, can gain the indulgence of the Crosier blessing.

There is no obligation to meditate on the mysteries of the Passion.

The Rosary must be held in the hand to gain the indulgence.

The indulgence is applicable to the Souls in Purgatory.

### BEADS FOR THE DEAD

This rosary consists of four decades (40 beads) in memory of the forty hours which Our Lord is thought to have spent in Limbo. There are also the 5 introductory beads as on the Dominican Rosary.

One begins and ends this chaplet with the *De profundis* or an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*. On the large beads is made acts of faith, hope and charity. On each small bead is said: *Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation*. Each decade is concluded with: *Eternal rest grant unto them, etc.*

### CHAPLET OF THE FIVE WOUNDS

(PASSIONIST)

This chaplet contains 5 groups of 5 beads each. On each bead one *Glory be* is said, and between the groups one *Hail Mary* in honor of the Sorrowful

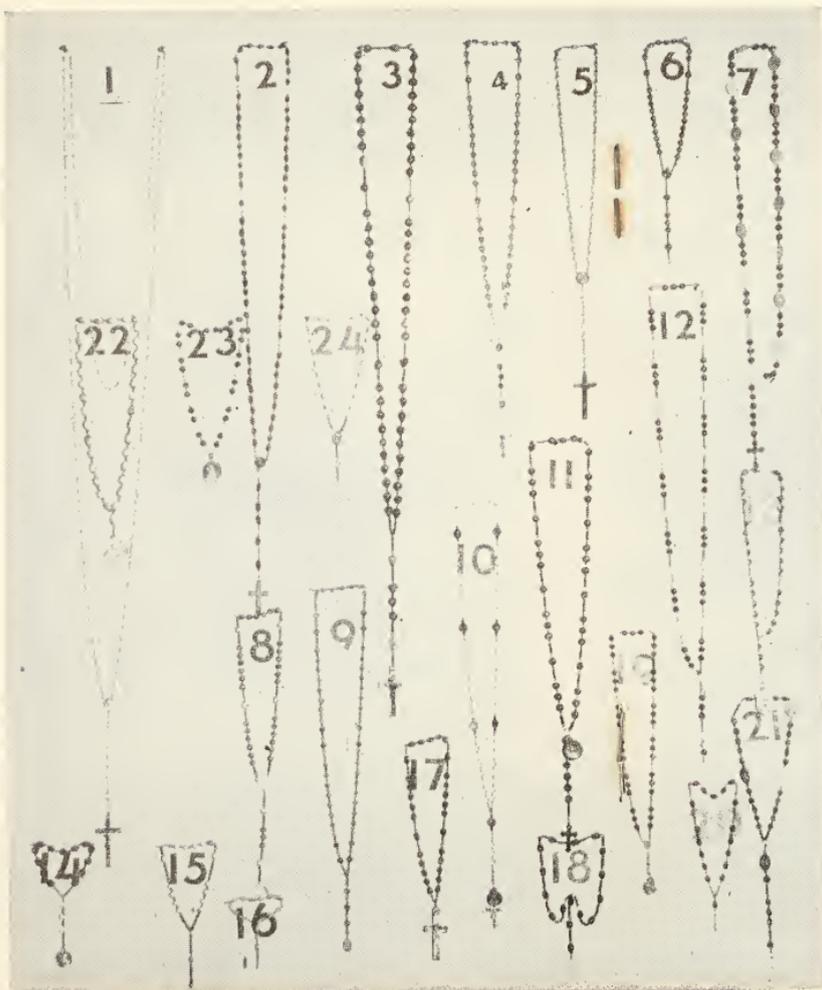
Virgin. Meanwhile one meditates on the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Usually there are medals attached to the beads, or 3 beads added at the beginning of the chaplet. These medals show the Wounds of Christ on one side and Our Lady of Sorrows on the other. They are not required either for blessing or for gaining the indulgences. Ordinarily the medals are so arranged that we meditate first on the Wound in the left foot of Our Lord, then those in the right foot, the left hand, right hand, and finally the wound in the sacred side.

The first mention of the beads of the Five Wounds is found in a document dating back to 1821. The Platea of Sts. John and Paul, at Rome, relates "The Most Rev. Fr. General, acting in accordance with our spirit to promote devotion to the Passion of Our Lord, obtained permission to bless the Chaplet of the Five Wounds, at the same time enriching it with indulgences." This chaplet was first approved by a decree of Pius VII dated Jan. 22, 1822.

#### THE LITTLE CHAPLET OF THE HOLY FACE

The purpose of the Crown or Chaplet of the Holy Face is to honor the Five Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to ask of God the triumph of His holy Church.





1. DOMINICAN (15 decades)
2. SEVEN JOYS
3. BRIGITTINE
4. DOMINICAN (5 decades)
5. FOR THE DEAD
6. OUR LORD
7. THE WAY OF THE CROSS
8. HOLY FACE
9. HOLY GHOST
10. SEVEN SORROWS
11. ANGELIC CROWN
12. ST. JOSEPH
13. PRECIOUS BLOOD
14. ST. PHILOMENA
15. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
16. INFANT OF PRAGUE
17. SACRED HEART
18. ST. ANTHONY
19. ST. ANTHONY (small)
20. ST. ANNE
21. FIVE WOUNDS
22. BLESSED SACRAMENT
23. MOTHER OF CONSOLATION
24. ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

This chaplet is composed of a cross and thirty-nine beads; of these six are large beads and thirty-three small ones; to this chaplet is attached a medal of the Holy Face.

On the Cross, which reminds us of the mystery of our redemption, we begin the chaplet by saying the words: *Incline unto my aid, O God; O Lord make haste to help me. Glory be.*

The thirty-three small beads represent the thirty-three years of the mortal life of our Divine Lord. The first thirty beads recall to us the thirty years of His hidden life, and are divided into five parts of six beads each, in honor of the senses of touch, hearing, sight, smell, and taste of Jesus, and, as they were situated principally in His holy Face, to render reparative homage for all the sufferings which our Lord has endured in His Face through each of these senses.

Each six beads are preceded by a large bead, followed by a *Glory be* to recall the sense we wish to honor. The three other beads mark the three years of the public life of our Lord, and have for their intention to honor all the wounds of His adorable Face; these are also preceded by a large bead, to be followed by a *Glory be* for the same intention.

On each large bead is said: *My Jesus Mercy.* On the small beads is said: *Arise, O Lord! and let*

*Thy enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Thee fly before Thy Face.*

The *Glory be* is recited seven times in honor of the seven last words of Jesus upon the cross, and the Seven Dolors of the Immaculate Virgin.

The chaplet is concluded by saying on the medal: *God, our Protector, look down upon us and cast Thine eyes upon the Face of Thy Christ.*

This chaplet was composed by Sister Saint-Pierre, a Carmelite of Tours. St. Athanasius relates that the devils, on being asked what verse in the whole Scripture they feared the most, replied: "That with which the sixty-seventh Psalm commences: *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them that hate Him flee from before His Face.*" They added that this always compelled them to take flight.

#### CHAPLET OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Chaplet of the Holy Ghost was composed in 1892 by a Franciscan Capuchin missionary of the English province in order to give the faithful an easy means of honoring the Holy Ghost. It was approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1902. It is intended to be in regard to the Holy Ghost what the Dominican Rosary is in regard to the Blessed Virgin.

This rosary consists of 5 groups of 7 beads each. Before and after each group there are 2 large beads,

that is, 12 large beads in all. In addition there are 3 small beads at the beginning. On these three beads one makes the sign of the Cross, recites an act of contrition and the hymn *Come Holy Ghost*.

In each group the *Glory be* is said on the 7 small beads, an *Our Father* and a *Hail Mary* on the 2 large beads. On the remaining 2 large beads are said the *Apostles' Creed* and an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* for the intention of the Holy Father.

There is a mystery for each of the 5 groups; the number 5 commemorating the Five Wounds of Jesus which are the fountains of grace which the Holy Ghost imparts to all men. The reflections suggested are as follows:

#### THE FIRST MYSTERY

By the Holy Ghost is Jesus conceived of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*The Meditation:* "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Most High shall overshadow thee; and therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke, I, 35)

*The Practice:* Diligently implore the aid of the Divine Spirit, and Mary's intercession, to imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ, Who is the Model of virtues, so that you may be made conformable to the image of the Son of God.

## THE SECOND MYSTERY

The Spirit of the Lord rested upon Jesus.

*The Meditation:* "Jesus, being baptized, forthwith came out of the water: and lo! the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him." (Matthew, III, 16)

*The Practice:* Hold in the highest esteem the priceless gift of sanctifying grace, infused into your soul by the Holy Ghost in Baptism. Keep the promises to which you then pledged yourself. Increase, by constant practice, Faith, Hope and Charity. Ever live as becometh children of God and members of God's true Church, so as to obtain, hereafter, the inheritance of heaven.

## THE THIRD MYSTERY

By the Spirit is Jesus led into the desert.

*The Meditation:* "Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert for the space of forty days; and was tempted by the devil." (Luke, IV, 1-2)

*The Practice:* Be ever grateful for the sevenfold gift of the Holy Ghost bestowed upon you in Confirmation, for the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and fortitude, of knowledge and

piety, and of the fear of the Lord. Faithfully yield to His Divine guidance, so that, in all the trials and temptations of life, you may act manfully, as becometh a perfect Christian and valiant soldier of Jesus Christ.

#### THE FOURTH MYSTERY

The Holy Ghost in the Church.

*The Meditation:* "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting . . . and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak . . . the wonderful works of God." (Acts, II, 2, 4, 11.)

*The Practice:* Thank God for having made you a child of His Church which is ever animated and directed by the Divine Spirit, sent into this world for that purpose on the day of Pentecost. Hear and obey the Holy See, the infallible mouthpiece of the Holy Ghost, and the Church, the pillar and ground of truth. Uphold her doctrines, seek her interests, defend her rights.

#### THE FIFTH MYSTERY

The Holy Ghost in the soul of the just man.

*The Meditation:* "Know you not that your members are the temple of the Holy Ghost, Who is in you?" (I Cor., VI, 19.)

“Extinguish not the Spirit.” (I Thess., V, 19.)

“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Eph., IV, 30.)

*The Practice:* Be ever mindful of the Holy Ghost Who is within you, and carefully cultivate purity of soul and body. Faithfully obey His Divine Inspirations so that you may bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit—Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity, Goodness, Long-suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continency, Chastity.

Conclude with the “*I believe*” as a profession of faith.

Say finally once *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

## LITTLE CROWN

OR

### CHAPLET OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

This chaplet consists of 3 *Our Fathers* in honor of the Holy Family, and 12 *Hail Marys* in memory of the 12 years of the Sacred Infancy of our Divine Savior. To this chaplet of 15 beads is attached a medal of the Infant Jesus.

On the medal the following invocation is said: *Divine Infant Jesus, I adore Thy Cross and I ac-*

*cept all the crosses Thou wilt be pleased to send me. Adorable Trinity, I offer Thee for the glory of Thy Holy Name of God, all the adorations of the Sacred Heart of the Holy Infant Jesus.*

Each *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* is preceded by the aspiration: *And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.* On terminating the chaplet say: *Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us.*

This devotion owes its origin to the zeal of Sister Marguerite, a Carmelite religious, who died in France in 1648. She was distinguished for her devotion to the Holy Child Jesus.

## BEADS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This chaplet consists of 3 groups of 4 beads each. A large bead separates each group, and a medal of the Immaculate Conception is attached to the end. It was composed by St. John Berchmans, S.J., and recited by him daily to obtain, through the intercession of Mary, the grace never to commit any sin against the virtue of purity.

Method of saying: Having made the sign of the cross say: *Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.* Say the *Our Father* on the large beads and the *Hail Mary* on the small beads. After each group say *Glory be, etc.*

## CHAPLET IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This chaplet consists of 5 groups, each comprising 1 *Our Father* and 7 *Hail Marys*. One begins with the prayer: *Incline unto my aid, O God; O Lord, make haste to help me.*

### CHAPLET OF ST. JOSEPH

This chaplet consists of 15 groups of beads, each group having 1 white and 3 blue beads. At the end there is an additional group and also 1 extra blue bead. On the white beads is recited the *Hail Mary* while one meditates on a mystery of the rosary. On each blue bead one says: *Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph.*

### THE LITTLE FLOWER ROSARY

This chaplet consists of 24 beads, commemorating the 24 years of St. Therese's life, and one additional bead. On the one bead the following ejaculation is said: "St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patroness of Missions, pray for us." On the other 24 beads is said the *Glory be* to honor the Holy Trinity in thanksgiving for having given us the Little Saint who lived in this world but 24 years.

The use of this chaplet is encouraged by the Carmelite Fathers.

## CORONA OF MERCY

(For private recitation upon the Rosary beads)

*Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Creed*

On the large beads:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Thy Most Beloved Son and our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

On the small beads:

Through the sorrowful passion of Jesus show mercy unto us and to all the world. (ten times)

(The same is repeated for every decade of the Rosary and is to be joined with meditation on the mystery of each individual decade.) In conclusion add: *Holy God, Holy Omnipotent, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.* (3 times)

## THE CROWN OF OUR LORD

(CAMALDOLESE)

The Crown of Our Lord consists of 33 beads—3 decades and 3 additional beads commemorating the 33 years of the earthly life of Our Lord. There are two methods of reciting this crown. The first method is as follows: Having made the sign of the cross say: *O God incline unto my aid; O Lord*

*make haste to help me.* The mystery is then announced, e.g., *Jesus, Who sweat blood for us, etc.* Then follow 1 *Hail Mary*, 10 *Our Fathers* and 1 *Glory Be*. These are all to be repeated 3 times. Then add 1 *Hail Mary*, 3 *Our Fathers*, and another *Hail Mary*. The 5 *Hail Marys* are to commemorate the Five Holy Wounds.

The second method consists of meditating on an event from the life or passion of Our Lord while saying the prescribed *Our Father* or *Hail Mary*.

#### ROSARY OR LITTLE BEADS OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

This chaplet consists of 13 beads with a medal of St. Augustine. On each bead is said an *Our Father* and a *Hail Mary*, and at the end the *Hail, Holy Queen* is recited. The 12 *Our Fathers* and *Hail Marys* are in honor of the 12 *Apostles*; the other *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* are in honor of Our Lord, King of the Apostles.

While reciting these prayers one should meditate on the 12 articles of the *Apostles' Creed* and pray for the safety of the Holy Father, the Pope and the welfare of the Church.

This chaplet is designated especially for the Augustinian secular tertiaries.

CHAPLET IN HONOR OF THE  
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST

(PRECIOUS BLOOD FATHERS)

This chaplet consists of 33 beads, in honor of the thirty-three years of Our Lord's life on earth. There are 6 groups of 5 beads each, and 3 closing beads, and a medal of the Precious Blood. For each group one says the *Our Father* 5 times and the *Glory be* 1 time. On the final group of 3 beads one says the *Our Father* 3 times and the *Glory be* 1 time.

In the beginning say: *Incline unto my aid, O God. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be, etc.*

There are 7 mysteries recalling the occasions on which Our Savior shed His Blood for us. After each group of 5 *Our Fathers* and 1 *Glory be*, the following prayer is said: *We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.*

CROWN OF ST. PHILOMENA

This crown consists of a medal of St. Philomena and St. John Vianney, of 3 white beads and 13 red beads.

On the medal the *Apostles' Creed* is said. On the 3 white beads are said 3 *Our Fathers* in honor of the Three Divine Persons in thanksgiving for graces granted to St. Philomena and for favors obtained through her intercession. On the 13 red beads are said the following: *Hail, O holy St. Philomena, whom I acknowledge after Mary as my advocate with thy Divine Spouse, intercede for me now and at the hour of my death. St. Philomena, beloved daughter of Jesus and Mary, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.*

Concluding prayer: *Hail, O illustrious St. Philomena, who so courageously shed thy blood for Christ, I bless the Lord for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee during thy life, especially at thy death. I praise and glorify Him for the honor and power with which He has crowned thee and I beg thee to obtain for me from God the graces I ask through thy intercession. Amen.*

### BEADS OF THE SACRED HEART

This chaplet consists of 5 groups of 5 beads each, with a large bead separating each group. However, no special beads are required.

On the Cross say *Anima Christi, etc.*, or 1 *Our Father* and 1 *Hail Mary*. On each large bead say: *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.* On each small bead say: *Sweet*

*Heart of Jesus, be Thou my Love. At the end of each group say: Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation.*

Conclusion: *O Lord Jesus, Who in the plenitude of Thy mercy hast redeemed us by Thy Precious Blood, grant to the souls of Thy servants eternal rest. Amen.*

## THE ROSARY OF THE SEVEN JOYS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(FRANCISCAN)

The Franciscan Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary is composed of seven decades of 1 *Our Father* and 10 *Hail Marys* each. At the end 2 *Hail Marys* are added, and it is concluded with the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*. The last *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* are said for the intention of the Pope in order to gain the indulgence. The 72 *Hail Marys* commemorate the seventy-two years the Blessed Virgin Mary is supposed to have lived on earth. The seven decades need not be recited at once, but the single decades may be separated provided that the whole Rosary is said on the same day. It is not necessary to meditate on the mysteries of this Rosary, it suffices to say the single decades in honor of the respective mystery.

The following are the mysteries of the Franciscan Crown:

First Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary joyfully conceived Jesus by the Holy Ghost.

Second Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary joyfully carried Jesus when she visited Elizabeth.

Third Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary joyfully brought Jesus into the world.

Fourth Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary joyfully exhibited Jesus to the adoration of the Magi.

Fifth Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary joyfully found Jesus in the Temple.

Sixth Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary joyfully beheld Jesus after His resurrection.

Seventh Mystery: The Immaculate Virgin Mary was joyfully received by Jesus into heaven, and crowned Queen of heaven and earth.

The use of this rosary was begun in the Order of St. Francis in 1422. It is said that a certain novice, before joining the Order, was accustomed to place a crown on a statue of the Blessed Virgin. When he was not allowed to continue this practice he resolved to leave the Order. Then Mary appeared to him and dissuaded him, telling him he could offer a much more pleasing crown by reciting a rosary of 7 decades in honor of her Seven Joys. This is the most highly indulged of all the types of rosaries.

## THE ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS

(SERVITE FATHERS)

The rosary of the Seven Sorrows consists of 7 groups of 7 beads, with 3 additional beads and a crucifix. The 7 groups of 7 *Hail Marys* are recited in remembrance of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, namely:

1. The prophecy of Simeon.
2. The flight into Egypt.
3. The loss of the Child Jesus.
4. Mary meets Jesus carrying His cross.
5. The crucifixion.
6. Mary receives the body of Jesus from the cross.
7. The body of Jesus is placed in the tomb.

Three *Hail Marys* are added in remembrance of the tears of Mary shed because of the suffering of her Divine Son. These are said to obtain true sorrow for our sins. Following is the concluding prayer.

℣. Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we now implore, both for the present and for the hour of our death, the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose holy soul was pierced at the time of Thy Passion

by a sword of grief. Grant us this favor, O Savior of the world, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE CHAPLET OF THE WAY OF THE CROSS

This chaplet consists of 15 groups of 3 beads each, between which are medals representing the stations of the cross. An additional 6 beads are added as well as a crucifix.

This chaplet of the Way of the Cross was granted to the Vincentian Order by Popes Pius IX and X. Later it was withdrawn by the Holy Office (1912), since the indulgences can be gained by using the crucifix alone.

It is somewhat of a misnomer to call this a rosary. To the sick and to others who cannot go to a church to make the Way of the Cross the Holy See has given the privilege of gaining the indulgences attached to the Way of the Cross by holding in their hand a specially indulgenced crucifix and saying the prescribed prayers, the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be* 20 times.



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