

Rosary for Vocations with the Luminous Mysteries

The global Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday, May 12.

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You can use the following excerpts from the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit* for prayer and reflection while praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Consider using each prayer (bead) to pray for the vocation of people who are models of holiness living their vocation and people who you could invite to consider a vocation to religious life, holy matrimony, ordained ministry or sacred single life. On March 25 on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Pope Francis released *Christus Vivit*, a 299-paragraph letter to young people and to the entire people of God. If you want to access the entire document, use this link: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

SIGN OF THE CROSS

THE APOSTLE'S 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 arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sits at 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 Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

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

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.**

First Mystery: The Baptism in the Jordan

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! (1) Those of us who are no longer young need to find ways of keeping close to the voices and concerns of young people....We need to make more room for the voices of young people to be heard: listening makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of empathy...(38)

Second Mystery: The Wedding at Cana

Young people are naturally attracted by an infinite horizon opening up before them. Adult life, with its securities and comforts, can risk shrinking that horizon and losing that youthful excitement. The very opposite should happen as we mature, grow older and structure our lives, we should never lose that enthusiasm and openness to an ever greater reality. At every moment in life, we can renew our youthfulness. When I began my ministry as Pope, the Lord broadened my horizons and granted me renewed youth. The same thing can happen to a couple married for many years, or to a monk in his monastery. There are things we need to “let go of” as the years pass, but growth in maturity can coexist with a fire constantly rekindled, with a heart ever young. (159)

Third Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Dear young people make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair or live your life behind a screen. Whatever you do, do not become the sorry sight of an abandoned vehicle! Don't be parked cars but dream freely and make good decisions. Take risks, even if it means making mistakes. Don't go through life anesthetized or approach the world like tourists. Make a ruckus! Cast out the fears that paralyze you, so that you don't become young mummies. Live! Give yourselves over to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly! Please, don't take an early retirement. (143)

Fourth Mystery: The Transfiguration

If we are indeed convinced that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, we can “once more cast out the nets” in the Lord's name, with complete confidence. We can dare, as we should, to tell each young person to ask whether this is the path that they are meant to follow. (274)

Fifth Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running, “attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us”. (299)

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

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 vale 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.**

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.**