THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY

The Patriotic Rosary was written by a member of Caritas Community, Alabama. It dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional Catholic Rosary to each state of the United States and asks God’s protection of and guidance for the nation. A booklet listing all the prayers of the Patriotic Rosary is available from the Confraternity of Penitents here.

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY:

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Come, Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

THE 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 conceieved by the Holy Spirit. born of the Virgin Mary,He 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father allmighty; 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

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed by 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 you. 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, 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, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your Mercy. Amen.
HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee 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.

HOW TO PRAY THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sign of the Cross
Come Holy Spirit
For the Conversion of our Nation’s Capital
The Apostle’s Creed
For the Holy Father
Our Father
For Bishops, Priests, Religious
Three Hail Mary’s
For the Conversion of our Country
Glory Be

THE FIRST MYSTERY: (Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, Glorious)

“No one can rejoice more than I do at every step the people of this great country take to preserve the Union, establish good order and government, and to render the nation happy at home and respectable abroad. No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means, and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us, so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass. The Great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far on the road to happiness and glory, to forsake us in the midst of it. By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost.” – George Washington, June 29, 1788

For the Presidency of the United States of America
Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: “We plead the Blood of Jesus over Alabama (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state.”

Alabama Alaska Arkansas Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia

For the Conversion of our Country
Glory Be
Oh, 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.
We recommend the singing of all the verses of the songs after each decade of the Rosary. You will discover by doing so, that the songs become prayers in and of themselves and it deepens the prayer of the whole Rosary.

**America**
My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side, Let freedom ring.
My native country thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and template hills,
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.
Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song: Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father’s God, to thee, Author of liberty,
To thee we pray.
Long may our land be bright, With freedom’s holy light.
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

**THE SECOND MYSTERY:**
“It may be the will of Heaven that America shall suffer calamities still more wasting and distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect, at least: it will inspire us with many virtues, which we have not, and correct many errors, follies, and vices, which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in states as well as individuals. And the new governments we are assuming, in every part, will require a purification from our vices, and an augmentation of our virtues or there will be no blessings... But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence; in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe.”
– John Adams, July 3, 1776

For the **Supreme Court of the United States of America**
Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: “We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state.”

Hawaii  Idaho  Illinois  Indiana  Iowa  Kansas  Kentucky  Louisiana  Maine  Maryland

For the **Conversion of our Country**
Glory Be
Oh, 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 Battle Hymn Of The Republic**
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Refrain
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on. **Refrain**

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;
As ye deal with my contemperers, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the “Mother of the Savior” crush the serpent with Her heel;
Since God is marching on. **Refrain**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea;
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free.
His truth is marching on. **Refrain**

**THE THIRD MYSTERY:**

“Review the great scenes of history: you will find mankind has always been obliged to pay dear for the blessings they enjoyed... The struggles of a great people have almost always ended in the establishment of liberty.... Such a people are spoken of with admiration by all future ages....” “Their souls glow with gratitude for the virtue and self-denial of their forefathers. They consider them as patterns for their own conduct on similar occasions and are continually pointing them out to the reverence and imitation of their children. These are the glorious effects of patriotism and virtue. These are the rewards annexed to the faithful discharge of that great and honorable duty, fidelity to our country.... I pray to God that the fair character I have described may be that of America to the latest ages.”
– James Iredell, May 1, 1778

**For the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America**

Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: “We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state.”

Massachusetts  Michigan  Minnesota
Mississippi  Missouri  Montana
Nebraska  Nevada  New Hampshire
New Jersey

**For the Conversion of our Country**

Glory Be

Oh, 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.

**America The Beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! Americal! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to
shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY:
“To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that
degree of civil freedom, and political and social
happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion
as the genuine effects of Christianity are
diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or
the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its
institutions; in the same proportion will the people
of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine
freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete
despotism.”

“All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy
religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of
our political freedom and happiness.”

“Whenver the pillars of Christianity shall be
overthrown, our present republican forms of
government, and all the blessings which flow from
them, must fall with them.” – Jedediah Morse, 1799

For the office of the Governors of the United
States of America Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: “We plead
the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for
each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state.”

New Mexico North Dakota Oregon South Carolina
New York Ohio Pennsylvania Rhode Island
North Carolina Oklahoma

For the Conversion of our Country
Glory Be
Oh, 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 Star Spangled Banner
Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last
gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
Oh! thus be it ev’r when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war’s desolation,
Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the Heav’n rescued land
Praise the pow’r that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, “In God is our trust.”
And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY:
“Soldiers! Let us humble ourselves before the Lord,
our God, asking through Christ, the forgiveness
of our sins, beseeching the aid of the God of our
forefathers in the defense of our homes and our
liberties, thanking Him for His past blessings, and
imploring their continuance upon our cause and our
people.”

“Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest
weapon and the supreme call for all Christians
today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere
to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest
contribution that our people can make in this
critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to
pray - to really pray.”

“Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at
sundown, at midnight - all through the day. Let
us pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our
pastors, our homes. Let us pray for the churches.”

“Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the
word ‘concern’ out of our Christian vocabulary. Let
us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who
have never known Jesus Christ and His redeeming
love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national
leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be
our practice.” – General Robert E Lee, 1863

For all County and Municipal Offices of the
United States of America
Our Father
To be prayed before each Hail Mary: “We plead
the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for
each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state.”

South Dakota        Tennessee          Texas
Utah                Vermont             Virginia
Washington         West Virginia       Wisconsin
Wyoming

For the Conversion of our Country
Glory Be
Oh, 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.

God Bless America
God bless America.
Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America.
My home sweet home.

Hail Holy Queen
Sign of the Cross
This prayer may be prayed in a group setting led by a leader of prayer, who begins the litany with the introduction and the announcement of each invocation, or if it is prayed individually, the individual prays the entire prayer.

INTRODUCTION

Christ the Lord has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Let us turn to him in humble but fervent petition, seeking the grace to root out from our hearts all trace of darkness, and all that holds us back from walking in the full freedom of the children of God. As Christ is our great model for that inner freedom, which enables us to do the right, let us turn to him with confidence that we, too, may follow him to the fullness of spiritual freedom.

V/. Lord, have mercy; R/. Lord, have mercy.
V/. Christ, have mercy; R/. Christ, have mercy.
V/. Lord, have mercy; R/. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, victor over sin and death...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, source of light and hope...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, fullness of truth and mystery...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, teacher of seeking hearts...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, healer of body and soul...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, bringer of mercy and justice...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, who humble the heart and mind...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, release of captives...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, voice against violence...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, courage for the lowly/downtrodden...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, origin of all authority and power...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, true lawgiver...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, unity of order and passion...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, freedom of the Spirit...
Free our hearts.
Jesus, obedient Son of the Father...
Free our hearts.
For the freedom to love...
For the freedom to believe...
For the freedom to hope...
For the freedom to worship...
For the freedom to serve in charity...
For the freedom to care for the suffering...
For the freedom to comfort the sick...
For the freedom to feed the hungry...
For the freedom to shelter the homeless...
For the freedom to proclaim the Gospel...
For the freedom to walk in chastity...
For the freedom to live in peace...
For the freedom to work in good conscience...
For the freedom to stand in solidarity...
For the freedom to seek justice...

V./
For the freedom to reject sin...
For the freedom to reject coercion...
For the freedom to reject falsehood...
For the freedom to reject evil temptations...
For the freedom to reject injustice...

R./
Give us your grace.
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CLOSING PRAYER

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples
and willed to gather from them one family for yourself,
fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love
and kindle in them a desire
for the just advancement of their neighbor,
that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all,
each human person may be brought to perfection,
every division may be removed,
and equity and justice may be established in human society.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

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