

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 conceived 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 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

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 they 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

Thy name I love.

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,

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 Bloodof 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 contempters, 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! America! 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."

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

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





FORTNIGHT * FOR * FREEDOM

JUNE 21 - JULY 4, 2012

LITANY FOR LIBERTY

For use during the Fortnight for Freedom
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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.

V/.

Jesus, victor over sin and death...

Jesus, source of light and hope...

Jesus, fullness of truth and mystery...

Jesus, teacher of seeking hearts...

Jesus, healer of body and soul...

Jesus, bringer of mercy and justice...

Jesus, who humble the heart and mind...

Jesus, release of captives...

Jesus, voice against violence...

Jesus, courage for the lowly/downtrodden... Free our hearts.

Jesus, origin of all authority and power...

Jesus, true lawgiver...

Jesus, unity of order and passion...

Jesus, freedom of the Spirit...

Jesus, obedient Son of the Father...

R/.

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FORTNIGHT REEDOM

21 - JULY 4, 2012 JUNE

V/.

For the freedom to love...

For the freedom to believe...

For the freedom to hope...

For the freedom to worship...

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 serve in charity...

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 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... Give us your grace.

For the freedom to reject injustice...

R/.

Give us your grace.

For the freedom to work in good conscience... Give us your grace.

Give us your grace.

Give us your grace.

R/.

Give us your grace.

Give us your grace.

Give us your grace.

Give us your grace.

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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