

Basic Rosary Guide

How To Use Rosary Beads

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1. At the crucifix, begin with the [Sign of the Cross](#) and say the [Apostles Creed](#).
2. On the first large bead say the [Our Father prayer](#)
3. Followed by three [Hail Mary prayers](#). It is customary to say "I offer these three Hail Marys for the increase in the virtues of faith, hope and charity."
 - [Faith](#) - pray to increase your faith in God
 - [Hope](#) - pray for a deeper desire and hope for heaven
 - [Charity](#) - pray to have a deeper love for your neighbors for the sake of your love for God
4. Then say one [Glory Be prayer](#). Now you are at the medal that joins the beads. Here announce any prayer intentions you have. Then announce the first Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful or Glorious Mystery depending upon what mysteries you are [meditating on this particular day](#). At this point you may [read a meditation](#) or look at a picture of the mystery that will aid in your meditation.
5. Then begin the decade with one Our Father all the while keeping hold of the medal.
6. On the ten small beads that follow pray ten [Hail Marys](#).
7. Followed by one [Glory Be Prayer](#).
8. Then the [Fatima Prayer](#).
9. When you come to the large bead, announce the [second respective mystery](#), look at a meditation aid then pray one Our Father.
10. On the ten small beads pray another set of ten Hail Marys followed by one Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer called a decade, as before.
11. Continue this pattern of announcing the mystery and praying a decade. Do this for the third, fourth and fifth mystery consecutively followed by one [Our Father](#), ten [Hail Marys](#), one [Glory Be](#) and the [Fatima Prayer](#).
12. After the fifth and final decade has been prayed, after the [Fatima Prayer](#), pray the [Hail Holy Queen prayer](#).
13. It is customary to finish the Rosary prayers with the ["Let us Pray" prayer](#) from the Breviary followed by the [Saint Michael Prayer](#).
14. Now just as you began, end with the [Sign of the Cross](#).

