

About the Rosary

by Jim Davidson

"The rosary was forged in an age of chivalry. It is a spiritual weapon, a heavenly sword, fashioned by the hands of a Divine Craftsman. All swords take time and skill to make, but this heavenly sword required the greatest of efforts - centuries - to produce. It is a weapon unlike any other. It has the power to slay dragons (demons), converts sinners, and conquer hearts. The blade of this sword was forged in the living Word of God, shaped by the hammer of divine inspiration, and entrusted to the Queen of Heaven and her chosen servants."

~ Father Donald Calloway, "[The Rosary: Spiritual Sword of Mary](#)"

There are many rosaries, this one is mine. Yes, that is much like the basic training admonition, "There are many rifles, this one is mine." I believe the rosary is a spiritual sword, or, to use a more contemporary weapon in the metaphor, a spiritual rifle. It is meant to slay the enemies of God through the Divine Will.

My particular rosary has 61 chains, 7 medallions, 53 onyx beads, and 1 crucifix. In my recitation of the rosary, I recite a prayer on each of these items, giving a total of 122 prayers. In addition, before each of the medallions I say the Fatima prayer, and since the large central medallion is approached twice, these Fatima prayers add a total of 8 prayers, bringing the total to 130 prayers altogether.

Here are those prayers, and the procedure that I follow:

- On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray 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 Ghost, 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, sitteth 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.

- On the *chain*, pray the Glory Be.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- Before each medallion, pray the Fatima prayer:

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 Thy mercy. Amen.

- On the next bead, say the Our Father.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

- On the *chain*, pray the Glory Be.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- On the following small beads, pray three Hail Marys.

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.

On the each successive medallion, meditate on the mystery and pray the Our Father. The large central medallion is approached and skipped the first time it comes up. The upper part of the rosary forms a circle and the system of prayers is completed at the large medallion.

You pray mysteries for each of the five sections (decades) of the rosary according to the day of the week:

1. Mondays and Saturdays:

The Joyful Mysteries remind the faithful of Christ's birth: The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38); The Visitation (Luke 1:39–56); The Nativity (Luke 2:1–21); The Presentation (Luke 2:22–38); The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52)

2. Tuesdays and Fridays:

The Sorrowful Mysteries recall Jesus' passion and death: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden (Matthew 26:36–56); The Scourging at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26); The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27:27–31); The Carrying of the Cross (Matthew 27:32); The Crucifixion (Matthew 27:33–56).

3. Wednesdays and Sundays:

The Glorious Mysteries focus on the resurrection of Jesus and the glories of heaven: The Resurrection (John 20:1–29); The Ascension (Luke 24:36–53); The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–41); The Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God, into heaven; The Coronation of Mary in heaven.

4. Thursdays:

Pope John Paul II added The Mysteries of Light, also known as the Luminous Mysteries, in 2002: The Baptism in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13–16); The Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1–11); The Preaching of the coming of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14–15); The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8); The Institution of the Holy Eucharist (Matthew 26).

After all the decades of the rosary are completed, the final prayer is said while holding the large central medallion.

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 valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward 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.*

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant we beseech Thee, that 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.

Altogether this system of prayers takes me about 15 minutes to recite in a good tone of voice, with appropriate elocution and enunciation. As you can see from this essay, I take the rosary seriously.

The people of the world are now in a spiritual battle. We need all the weapons and weapon-wielders we have available to us. If you pray the rosary, please continue to do so. If you pray in a different specific way, please do not view this article as any sort of criticism of your way. Pray the way you were taught, pray the way you are inspired to pray. I like the Fatima prayer and the three messages of Fatima are very important to our world right now. Also, I like the Our Father as given in the book of Matthew rather than the book of Luke, because in Luke the last word before "Amen" is the word "evil" and in Matthew there are additional important words.

Not all rosaries look alike. Here is a picture of mine.



You can see the medallions are the medallion of St. Benedict. It is an important medallion and, on its reverse, shows a cross with capital letters. For a time in the early Renaissance, the meaning of these letters was lost, but their meaning was rediscovered. They represent the initials of a Latin phrase to rebuke Satan. Given the demonic forces involved in the attempt to destroy Christianity and eliminate all civilised behaviour, force everyone to eat insects and sludge, and impose a mark of the "beast" vaccine regimen and inserted bio-chip identity and banking system that can be turned off if you express any dissent, it seems wise to know how to cast out demons.

If you already have a rosary and it has beads instead of medallions, keep it and keep praying. Pray as often as you feel you should. Every day I ask how many times I should pray the rosary, and I pray at least as many as I'm told.

The rosary is not the only weapon in our spiritual battle. It is a very powerful one.

Unity among believers is also important. Jesus taught that wherever two or more of us are gathered together in His name, He is there. Jesus also taught that what we who believe in faith ask for shall be granted us. So, I suggest that we unite in prayer, those of us who choose to pray the rosary. Every hour, on the hour, if one says the rosary, others may be praying at the same time, and that would include many time zones. Every Sunday at 6 p.m. you may be joined by others praying the rosary in your same time zone. These occasions would be ways to unify in prayer.

If you do not pray the rosary entirely, then at 6 p.m. on Sundays, pray the Apostle's Creed, as above.

Always pray as you feel led, and ask for what you seek. God is merciful. Have faith. Your prayers will be answered.

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Jim Davidson prays the rosary.