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**THE HOLY ROSARY  
TO PRAY FOR AN END  
TO THE PANDEMIC**

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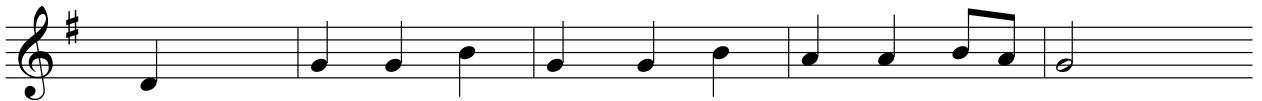
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# THE HOLY ROSARY

## TO PRAY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Im - ma - cu - late Mar - y, your prais-es we sing;  
2. Pre - des-tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,



You reign now in splen-dor with Je - sus our King.  
God willed you both vir - gin and moth-er to be.



A - ve, A - ve, A-ve, Ma - ri - a. A - ve, A-ve, Ma - ri - a.

### GREETING

Cardinal: Peace be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

**INTRODUCTION** Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi  
*Rector of the Basilica*

Dear brothers and sisters,  
the time of pandemic has deeply affected our lives.

This trial is an opportunity to witness to our faith,  
to nurture hope and to make gestures of charity  
through corporal and spiritual works of charity.

So many are marked by grief  
because they have lost a loved one  
or have been unable to accompany them  
at the time of their passing and burial.

Family and social relationships have been severely tested;  
the economic crisis and the lack of work  
cause fear due to the increasingly  
uncertain future of one's family.

In this experience,  
we feel like the first Christian community,  
which the text of the Acts of the Apostles describes  
with this beautiful expression:

“Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to  
God” (Acts 12:5).

We, too, wish to join together  
in raising our prayers to God  
so that He may hear our petitions.

In this month of May we gather around the Holy Father,  
who asks the entire Church,  
to raise together with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
supplications for the end of this trial.

The candles that have just been lit  
represent the 50 states of our nation  
and the District of Columbia  
and remind all that we have been called to pray  
for the end of the pandemic and in particular  
for all world leaders  
and for the heads of international organizations.

Let us pray together:

We fly to thy protection,  
O holy Mother of God.  
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Assembly: Amen.

**THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**

Wilton Cardinal Gregory  
*Archbishop of Washington*

Cardinal: Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
in communion with the Holy Father  
following the example  
of the first Christian communities  
in this time of great trial,  
we lift up to the Lord through the intercession  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
unceasing supplications  
for the end of the pandemic.

We invite all those who follow us  
through our live stream broadcast  
and the Eternal Word Television Network  
to join spiritually in the recitation  
of this Holy Rosary with their families.



## 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,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated 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.**

## THE OUR FATHER

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.**

## THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## **THE GLORY BE (THE DOXOLOGY)**

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **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.**

# THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY    Luke 1:26-28, 31-33, 38

## THE ANNUNCIATION

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

*Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory Be, O My Jesus...*

THE VISITATION

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,

“Most blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached  
my ears,

the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.”

*Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory Be, O My Jesus...*

**THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY**      Luke 2:6-7, 10-14

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

The time came for Mary to have her child,  
and she gave birth to her firstborn son.  
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes  
and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no room for them in the inn.

The angel said to the Shepherds,  
“Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.  
And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly  
host with the angel,  
praising God and saying:  
“Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

*Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory Be, O My Jesus...*

## THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY    Luke 2:22, 39-40

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

When the days were completed for their purification  
according to the law of Moses,  
They took him up to Jerusalem  
to present him to the Lord.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions  
of the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee,  
to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

*Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory Be, O My Jesus...*

## THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

Luke 2:46-52

### THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them and asking them questions,  
and all who heard him were astounded  
at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him,  
they were astonished, and his mother said to him,  
“Son, why have you done this to us?  
Your father and I have been looking for you with  
great anxiety.”

And he said to them,

“Why were you looking for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

But they did not understand what he said to them.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
and was obedient to them;

and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor  
before God and man.

*Our Father, 10 Hail Mary’s, Glory Be, O My Jesus...*



# SALVE REGINA



Sal-ve Re-gi-na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae: Vi-ta, dul-ce-do, et spes no-stra, sal-ve.



Ad te cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les, fi-li-i He-vae. Ad te su-spi-ra-mus,



ge-men-tes et flen-tes in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le. E-ia er-go,



Ad-vo-ca-ta no-stra, il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te.



Et Je-sum, be-ne-di-ctum fru-ctum ven-tris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um



os-ten - de. O cle - mens: O pi - a:



O dul - cis Vir-go Ma - ri - a.

## LITANY OF LORETO

Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi  
*Rector of the Basilica*

Lord, have mercy on us.  
*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*  
Holy Virgin of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Mother of Christ, *pray for us.*  
Mother of the Church, *pray for us.*  
Mother of Mercy, *pray for us.*

Mother of Divine Grace, *pray for us.*  
Mother of Hope, *pray for us.*  
Mother Most Pure, *pray for us.*  
Mother Most Chaste, *pray for us.*  
Mother Inviolate, *pray for us.*  
Mother Undeiled, *pray for us.*  
Mother Most Amiable, *pray for us.*  
Mother Most Admirable, *pray for us.*  
Mother of Good Counsel, *pray for us.*  
Mother of our Creator, *pray for us.*  
Mother of our Savior, *pray for us.*

Virgin Most Prudent, *pray for us.*  
Virgin Most Venerable, *pray for us.*  
Virgin Most Renowned, *pray for us.*  
Virgin Most Powerful, *pray for us.*  
Virgin Most Merciful, *pray for us.*  
Virgin Most Faithful, *pray for us.*

Mirror of Justice, *pray for us.*  
Seat of Wisdom, *pray for us.*  
Cause of Our Joy, *pray for us.*  
Spiritual Vessel, *pray for us.*

Vessel of Honor, *pray for us.*  
Singular Vessel of Devotion, *pray for us.*  
Mystical Rose, *pray for us.*  
Tower of David, *pray for us.*  
Tower of Ivory, *pray for us.*  
House of Gold, *pray for us.*  
Ark of the Covenant, *pray for us.*  
Gate of Heaven, *pray for us.*  
Morning Star, *pray for us.*  
Health of the Sick, *pray for us.*  
Refuge of Sinners, *pray for us.*  
Solace of Migrants, *pray for us.*  
Comforter of the Afflicted, *pray for us.*  
Help of Christians, *pray for us.*

Queen of Angels, *pray for us.*  
Queen of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*  
Queen of Prophets, *pray for us.*  
Queen of Apostles, *pray for us.*  
Queen of Martyrs, *pray for us.*  
Queen of Confessors, *pray for us.*  
Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*  
Queen of all Saints, *pray for us.*

Queen Conceived without Original Sin, *pray for us.*

Queen Assumed into Heaven, *pray for us.*

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, *pray for us.*

Queen of Families, *pray for us.*

Queen of Peace, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
*spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
*graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ.*

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
granted joy to the whole world;  
grant, we beg you,

that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his  
Mother,  
we may attain the joys of eternal life.

Through the same Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*

## INVOCATIONS TO OUR LADY

Reverend Monsignor Vito A. Buonanno  
*Director of Pilgrimages*

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

In the present tragic situation,  
when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety,  
we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother,  
and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us  
amid this coronavirus pandemic.

Comfort those who are distraught  
and mourn their loved ones who have died,  
and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.

Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted,  
embrace all your children in distress  
and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand  
and free us from this terrible pandemic,  
so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves,  
O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Assembly: Amen.



**FAREWELL GREETING TO MOTHER MARY**  
Wilton Cardinal Gregory  
*Archbishop of Washington*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
at the end of this time of prayer  
we entrust into the hands  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
the people touched by the pandemic  
and in particular for all world leaders  
and for the heads of international organizations,  
that she may entrust them to her Son:  
May He hear and grant our petitions.

Let us invoke her together:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession,  
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence

I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To thee do I come,  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Assembly: Amen.

# BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

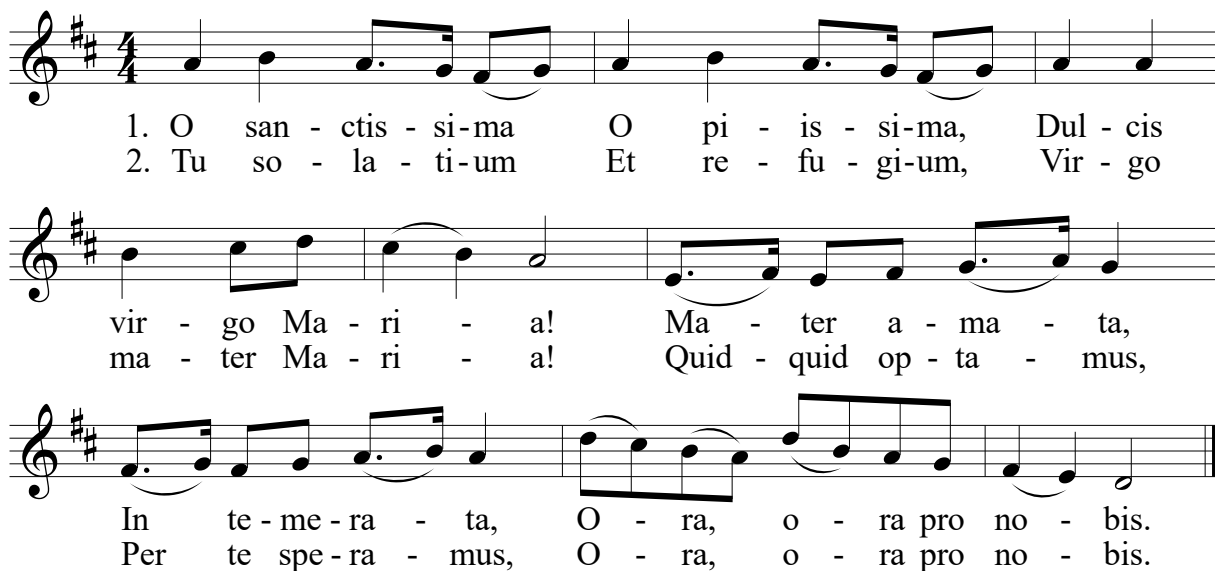
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Cardinal: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

Cardinal: Go in peace.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN



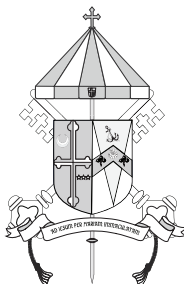
1. O san - ctis - si - ma O pi - is - si - ma, Dul - cis  
2. Tu so - la - ti - um Et re - fu - gi - um, Vir - go

vir - go Ma - ri - a! Ma - ter a - ma - ta,  
ma - ter Ma - ri - a! Quid - quid op - ta - mus,

In te - me - ra - ta, O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis.  
Per te spe - ra - mus, O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis.

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