

May 13 NCCW Meditations Glorious Mysteries

First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection

Fruit of the Mystery: Faith

The Resurrection of Christ is the fulfillment of promises made by God; it is a confirmation of Christ's works and teachings; and Christ opens for us the pathway to a new life.

To help us on that pathway, Christ gives us Mary, His Blessed Mother. On May 13, 1917 Our Lady appeared before three shepherd children in Fatima and through that apparition, Mary calls on us to pray the Rosary each day to obtain peace in our world.

Blessed Mother, with the help of your intercession through the Holy Rosary, may we always remain faithful to God's will, participate in Jesus' redemptive work, and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory Be, The Fatima Prayer

Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

Fruit of the Mystery: Hope

With Christ's Ascension into Heaven, Our Lord prepares a place for each of us in His Father's kingdom, giving us hope of eternal life. "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself," said Jesus. [John 12:32].

Our Lady told the children they would go to Heaven, but Mary called on Francisco to pray many Rosaries. Mary also asked the children: "Do you wish to offer yourselves to God to endure all the sufferings that He may be pleased to send you, as both an act of reparation for the sins with which He is offended and an act of supplication for the conversion of sinners?"

Heavenly Mother, give us the courage to offer ourselves to God as an act of reparation and for the conversion of sinners so that we may all enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Third Glorious Mystery: Descent of the Holy Spirit

Fruit of the Mystery: Love of God

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed—God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As the Father sent the Son into the world for our salvation, the Son pours out the Holy Spirit which comes from the Father—all for the sake of love.

Upon saying to the children, "the grace of God will be your comfort," Mary emitted an intense light upon them, reaching the innermost part of their souls and making them see themselves in God.

Like the children of Fatima, may each of us be driven by heavenly inspiration as we say: 'O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.'

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Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

Fruit of the Mystery: Desire for Heaven

Our Blessed Mother's Assumption into Heaven signifies the desire God has for all of us—to join Him body and soul in Heaven for all eternity.

According to Lucia, after Mary spoke to her, Francisco and Jacinta, Our Lady "immediately began to rise serenely toward the east until she disappeared far into the distance. The light that surrounded her was, so to speak, opening her way through the starry firmament."

With the help of our Blessed Mother's intercession, may we embrace our God-given responsibility to share our faith, our hope, and our love with one another through our joys, our works and even in our sorrows.

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Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Coronation of the Blessed Mother

Fruit of the Mystery: Confidence in Mary's Intercession

Mary is Queen of Heaven and earth, and mother to us all, Our Lady shares in her Son's work of our redemption. Intercessor, comforter, helper as well as our life, our sweetness and our hope, Mary takes on these roles to help us reach our salvation.

Like the children of Fatima, Mary will not abandon us in our life's journey toward Heaven.

Blessed Mother, may the grace of God's loving mercy be with us always as we work to alleviate the suffering in our world.

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Hail, Holy Queen

Prayer After the Rosary

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