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JOYFUL MYSTERY ROSARY MEDITATIONS
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A Prayer for the United States—Archbishop John Carroll, 1791

“We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.” (source: <https://catholic-link.org/images/a-prayer-for-the-united-states-archbishop-john-carroll-1791/>)

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” Psalm 133, King James Version

First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

Lord Jesus, Your Blessed Mother said “Yes” to God so that You could come into the world as our Savior to heal our wounds.

Our nation has many wounds and scars in our history—recent wounds still fresh in our minds. The scars from them will fade, but never go away. We must learn from history. As Pope Francis said in “Fratelli Tutti”: Words like democracy, freedom, justice, unity have been “bent and shaped to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action.” (#14).

May we open our hearts to You, and ask You to heal our wounds. May we resolve as a people and a nation, to live in unity of purpose which will guard and respect our freedoms.

Our Father
10 Hail Marys
Glory Be, Fatima prayer

Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Lord Jesus, when Your Blessed Mother visited and greeted her cousin Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leapt for joy.

May we respond to the Holy Spirit who calls us as a people to go forward with a greater sense of duty to preserve peace and harmony in our nation. May we respond with joy and faith in You that we will achieve those ends.

Our Father
10 Hail Marys
Glory Be, Fatima prayer

Third Glorious Mystery: The Nativity

Lord Jesus, Your birth heralded that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

While so many search for truths and a way of life through social media, Pope Francis tells us in Fratelli Tutti: “Digital connectivity is not enough to build bridges. It is not capable of uniting humanity.” (#43) Pope Francis also warns that “there are huge economic interests operating in the digital world, capable of exercising forms of control as subtle as they are invasive, creating mechanisms for the manipulation of consciences and of the democratic process.” (#45)

Lord, we pray that guided by the way of the Holy Spirit, we may use all forms of communication to proclaim the truth of God’s love and His desire for His people to live in peace together.

Our Father
10 Hail Mary’s
Glory Be, Fatima prayer

Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation

Lord Jesus, by their faithful obedience, Your Blessed Mother and St. Joseph presented You in the temple in Jerusalem in accordance with Jewish law when the days were completed for their purification.

In “Fratelli Tutti”, Pope Francis states: “There is no end to the building of a country’s social peace; ‘rather it is an open-ended endeavor, a never-ending task that demands the commitment of everyone and challenges us to work tirelessly to build the unity of the nation’... Violent public demonstrations, on one side or the other, do not help in finding solutions.” (#232).

Lord, help us to present ourselves before You and others as Your faithful and obedient followers, that we may bring peace, hope and love to our country.

Our Father
10 Hail Marys
Glory Be, Fatima prayer

Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Lord Jesus, Your Mother and St. Joseph searched for you for three days with great anxiety.

As we search for You in our life here on earth, may we know that there will be, in accordance with the Father’s will, a new Heaven and a new Earth, where all of us will live in unity. Let us reflect on 2020 and recent events and keep in mind the words of Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti: “If only we might rediscover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human family can experience a rebirth, with all its faces, all its hands and all its voices,...” #35

May Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, guide and bless us in all that we do.

Our Father
10 Hail Marys
Glory Be, Fatima prayer

**Encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti, of the Holy Father Francis on Fraternity and Social Friendship