

**NCCW Rosary Meditations**  
**Saturday, March 13, 2021**  
**Joyful Mysteries**

**Opening Prayer:**

Hail Mary, poor and humble Woman, Blessed by the Most High! Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era, we join in your song of praise, to celebrate the Lord's mercy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and the full liberation of humanity.

Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord, Glorious Mother of Christ! Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place of the Word, teach us to persevere in listening to the Word, and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit, attentive to his promptings in the depths of our conscience and to his manifestations in the events of history.

Hail Mary, Woman of sorrows, Mother of the living! Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve, be our guide along the paths of the world. Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ, to stand with you before the innumerable crosses on which your Son is still crucified.

Hail Mary, Woman of faith, First of the disciples! Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account for the hope that is in us, with trust in human goodness and the Father's love. Teach us to build up the world beginning from within: in the depths of silence and prayer, in the joy of fraternal love, in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.

Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

[Pope Saint John Paul II's Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes (August 15, 2004)] (Catholic online, catholic.org)(Catholic news agency, Catholic news agency.com) (Pinterest)(piercedhearts.org)

**Apostles' Creed**  
**One Our Father**  
**Three Hail Marys**  
**Glory Be**

**First Joyful Mystery:**

**The Annunciation.**

**Fruit of the Mystery- Humility**

“Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” [Luke 1:38]

Most blessed handmaiden, you had your own plans and dreams. You could have declined when the angel approached you. But you chose to put your life into God's hands. How many times have I resisted putting myself into God's hands because I thought my plan was more important? How many times have I questioned the rightness of His plan? Hail Mary, beloved Mother, open my mind and heart to listen to God's call.

Our Father  
10 Hail Mary  
Glory Be to the Father  
Fatima prayer

**Second Joyful Mystery:  
The Visitation.**

**Fruit of the Mystery- Love of Neighbor**

“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.’” [Luke 1: 41-42]

Blessed Mother, were you safely betrothed to St. Joseph when you visited St. Elizabeth? Or did her greeting open you to possible scorn? How gracious you were to her with your response. How full of grace you were when you glorified the Lord. How often am I ungracious when someone exposes me to the scrutiny of others? Beloved Mother, teach me to be gracious to everyone who comes into my life.

Our Father  
10 Hail Mary  
Glory be to the Father  
Fatima prayer

**Third Joyful Mystery  
The Nativity of the Lord.**

**Fruit of the Mystery- Poverty of the Spirit, Detachment from the Things of this World**

“When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” [Luke 2: 15-19]

Gracious Mother, you had just given birth to the Son of God in a cave and now strangers wanted to see your son. You welcomed them with a serene smile. Help me greet those who demand things from me with serenity and grace.

Our Father  
10 Hail Mary  
Glory be to the Father  
Fatima prayer

**Fourth Joyful Mystery:  
Presentation in the Temple.  
Fruit of the Mystery- Obedience**

“The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in

Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” [Luke 2: 33-35]

Obedient Mother, was there a voice in your head that told you to take your baby son and flee when Simeon spoke? How often do I want to just turn around and hide from my responsibilities? Help me to be obedient to God’s call, no matter where I am and what I need to do.

Our Father  
10 Hail Mary  
Glory be to the Father  
Fatima prayer

**Fifth Joyful Mystery:  
Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple.  
Fruit of the Mystery- Piety**

“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.” [Luke 2: 49-51]

Patient Mother, I’m sure Jesus was not a disobedient child. But you still had to provide guidance to him and then he had disappeared for three days; this child placed in your care by God, our heavenly Father. My concerns in this world sometimes feel overwhelming. Open my heart to God’s guidance to understand what He needs me to do and the fortitude to finish what needs to be done.

Our Father  
10 Hail Mary  
Glory be to the Father  
Fatima prayer

Hail Holy Queen  
Concluding Prayer