



# ROSARY FOR LIFE

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Archbishop John Wilson calls on us to join him this May (Month of Mary) in praying the rosary for unborn children and an end to abortion; for peace and for the victims of war; for people with disabilities; and for the elderly and vulnerable.

Archdiocese of Southwark

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# The Joyful Mysteries

Pray for Unborn Children (1-9 May)

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## The First Joyful Mystery The Annunciation

### SCRIPTURE

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.”  
Luke 1:31

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for parents facing an unplanned pregnancy: may Mary intercede for them, and let her courageous yes guide them to embrace God’s blessing of new life.

## The Second Joyful Mystery The Visitation

### SCRIPTURE

“When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!’”  
Luke 1:41-42

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for the support of new life: may families and friends of expectant mothers, like St Elizabeth, rejoice in God’s gift of new life and support them with love and joy on this precious journey.

## The Third Joyful Mystery The Nativity

### SCRIPTURE

“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.”  
Luke 2:11-12

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for expectant mothers: may all expectant mothers be strengthened by the Christ-child, and like Mary, trust in the Lord and be filled with his peace, comfort and love.

## The Fourth Joyful Mystery The Presentation

### SCRIPTURE

“When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.”  
Luke 2:22

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for expectant fathers: may St Joseph support all fathers, so that by his example of protecting the baby Jesus, they are guided to faithfully protect the precious gift of life God has entrusted to them.

## The Fifth Joyful Mystery *The Finding of Jesus in the Temple*

### SCRIPTURE

“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”  
Luke 2:49

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for the protection of all children: may all children who have died from abortion, and children who are lost, deemed unwanted or abandoned, be embraced by the Sacred Heart of Jesus and know his protection, love and peace.

# The Sorrowful Mysteries

Pray for Peace and Victims of War (10-16 May)

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## The First Sorrowful Mystery *The Agony in the Garden*

### SCRIPTURE

“Then Jesus came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.’”  
Matthew 26:46

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all living in the fear and shadow of war: may they be comforted by the Lord Jesus who, in his own agony, placed all things trustingly in the Father’s hands.

## The Second Sorrowful Mystery *The Scourging at the Pillar*

### SCRIPTURE

“Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.”  
Mark 15:15

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for victims of war: may all innocent victims of war and violence, especially children, be held by Jesus — the innocent one who suffered for our sake — and may their suffering be brought to an end.

## **The Third Sorrowful Mystery** *The Crowning with Thorns*

### **SCRIPTURE**

“The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and struck him with their hands.”

John 19:1–3

### **PRAYER INTENTION**

We offer this decade for all persecuted Christians, who face ridicule, humiliation, violence and death: may the Lord Jesus strengthen them with the hope of sharing in his resurrection.

## **The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery** *The Carrying of the Cross*

### **SCRIPTURE**

“Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).”

John 19:17

### **PRAYER INTENTION**

We offer this decade for all who are working for peace in the face of war: may they be sustained by Christ who carried his cross, knowing that God’s peace will be victorious.

## **The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery** *The Crucifixion*

### **SCRIPTURE**

“When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.’”

Luke 23:33–34

### **PRAYER INTENTION**

We offer this decade for all who have lost their lives to war and persecution: may they rest in the Risen Lord Jesus, and may those who grieve them be filled with the hope of the resurrection and the defeat of death.

# The Luminous Mysteries

Pray for People with Disabilities (17-23 May)

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## The First Luminous Mystery The Baptism of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE

“Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”  
Matthew 3:16-17

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all people living with a disability: may they know they are beloved children of God, chosen and called by name.

## The Second Luminous Mystery The Wedding at Cana

### SCRIPTURE

“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”  
John 2:4-5

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all who care for people with disabilities — families, carers and medical professionals: may the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for them and fill them with compassion, patience and love.

## The Third Luminous Mystery The Proclamation of the Kingdom

### SCRIPTURE

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”  
Mark 1:15

### PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all disabled people who feel marginalised or forgotten: may they know that the Lord Jesus calls each of them to his Kingdom and calls them his beloved.

## The Fourth Luminous Mystery The Transfiguration

### SCRIPTURE

“Behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’”  
Matthew 17:5

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all people with disabilities: may they know that the love of the Lord Jesus radiates from them and through their lives, his love graces all they encounter.

## The Fifth Luminous Mystery The Institution of the Eucharist

### SCRIPTURE

“He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, ‘Take; this is my body.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.’”

Mark 14:22-24

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for the full inclusion of all our brothers and sisters: may all disabled people know that the Lord Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist, calls his Body — the Church — to embrace and love them.

# The Glorious Mysteries

Pray for the Elderly and Vulnerable (24-30 May)

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## The First Glorious Mystery The Resurrection

### SCRIPTURE

“Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen.’”

Mark 16:5-6

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all elderly people facing the end of their lives: may they be strengthened by the risen Lord Jesus, and take comfort that death is not the end but the start of a glorious and eternal life.

## The Second Glorious Mystery The Ascension

### SCRIPTURE

“While they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”

Acts 1:10-11

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all who feel their life has lost its purpose or meaning: may they trust in the Lord Jesus who ascended in glory, knowing that their life is cherished and meaningful to God.

## The Third Glorious Mystery The Descent of the Holy Spirit

### SCRIPTURE

“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:1-4

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all medical professionals, carers and family members who accompany the elderly and the dying: may the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom, patience, compassion and the courage to uphold the dignity of every human life.

## The Fourth Glorious Mystery The Assumption of Mary

### SCRIPTURE

“For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

Luke 1:48-49

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all elderly people who feel abandoned, lonely or forgotten: may they find comfort in Mary, and know that her Assumption is a pledge of our own resurrection

## The Fifth Glorious Mystery The Coronation of Our Lady

### SCRIPTURE

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”

Revelation 12:1

## PRAYER INTENTION

We offer this decade for all those who are campaigning to oppose assisted suicide: may Our Lady Queen of Heaven intercede for them, and may they inspire others to know that life is a gift from God that must be protected and cherished until natural death.

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