

# Rosary for Peace



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“For two weeks now, the peoples of the Middle East have been suffering the horrific violence of war. Thousands of innocent people have been killed, and countless others have been forced to flee their homes. I renew my prayerful closeness to all who have lost loved ones in the attacks, which have struck schools, hospitals and residential areas.

On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East, and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting”.

## Opening hymn: Ave, maris stella

Hymn. **A**  
-ve má-ris stélla, Dé-i Má-ter álma, Atque  
semper Vírgo, Fé-lix caéli pórtá. 2. Súmens íllud  
Ave Gabri-é-lis ó-re, Fúnda nos in páce,  
Mú-tans Hévae nómen. 3. Sólvé víncla ré-is, Pró-fer  
lúmen caécis : Má-la nóstra pélle, Bóna cúncta pó-  
sce. 4. Mónstra tē ésse má-trem : Súmat per te pré-cés,  
Qui pro nóbis ná-tus, Tú-lit ésse tú-us. 5. Vírgo singu-  
lá-ris, Inter ómnes mí-tis, Nos cúlpiis so-lú-tos,  
Mí-tes fac et cástos. 6. Ví-tam praésta púram, I-ter pá-  
ra tú-tum : Ut vidéntes Jésum, Semper collaetémur.  
7. Sit laus Dé-o Pátri, Súmmo Chrísto dé-cus, Spi-ri-  
tu-i Sáncto, hónor tríbusúnus. Amen.

## **GREETING**

**C.** In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti.

**P.** **Amen.**

**C.** Grátia vobis et pax a Deo Patre nostro et Dómino Iesu Christo.

**P.** **Et cum spiritu tuo.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

***From the Letter “Rosarium Virginis Mariae”  
by Pope John Paul II (6.40.)***

*The Rosary has many times been proposed by my predecessors and myself as a prayer for peace. [...] to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who “is our peace”, since he made “the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian.*

## **First mystery: The Annunciation and the Nativity of Jesus**

### ***From the Gospel according to Luke 1:30-33***

«Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus».

### **Prayer Intention**

*For all families suffering from war: for children innocent victims, for mothers and fathers who feel powerless to protect their children.*

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary**

**Glory Be (sung)**

## **Second mystery: Jesus announces the Kingdom of God**

*From the Gospel according to Matthew 5:3-12*

«Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven».

### **Prayer Intention**

*For all those who find themselves suffering the consequences of the war; and for the leaders of the nations and for all people so that they may open themselves to the evangelical mentality of the beatitudes: to meekness, to mercy, to action for justice and for peace.*

### **Third mystery: Jesus on the Cross Reconciles Humanity**

*From the Letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians 2:14-18*

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh.

#### **Prayer intention**

*For all peoples at war, that they may overcome hostilities, political and economic divisions, as well as those based on race, nation, and religion, thus opening themselves to that global and universal reconciliation for which Jesus paid the price of his own life.*

## **Fourth mystery: The Risen Jesus gives peace**

### ***From the Gospel according to John 20:19-23***

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

### **Prayer intention**

*For the Church and for each Christian, that we may become aware of having received peace and reconciliation as the first gift of the Risen One. For the religious and civil leaders may work for reconciliation and peace among peoples.*

## **Fifth mystery: Mary is crowned Queen of Peace**

### ***From the Book of Revelation 21:1-5***

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

### **Prayer intention**

*We ask Mary, Queen of Peace, image of the Church and of our new humanity, to intercede for the reconciliation of all human race, but above all for the peoples who live in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East.*

## Salve Regina (sung)

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**S** Alve Re-gí-na, \* ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-  
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-  
les, fí-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-  
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta  
nostra, illos tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-  
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i,  
no-bis post hoc exsí-li-um osténde. O cle-mens:  
O pi-a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí-a.

## Litany of Our Lady of Loreto

Kýrie, eléison.      *Kyrie, eléison.*  
Christe, eléison.      *Christe, eléison.*  
Kýrie, eléison.      *Kyrie, eléison.*  
Christe, audi nos.      *Christe, audi nos.*  
Christe, exáudi nos.      *Christe, exáudi nos.*

Pater de cáelis, Deus, **R. miserére nobis.**  
Fili, redemptor mundi, Deus, **R.**  
Spíritus Sancte, Deus, **R.**  
Sancta Trínitas, unus Deus, **R.**

Sancta María,      **R. ora pro nobis.**  
Sancta Dei génetrix, **R.**  
Sancta Virgo vírginum, **R.**  
Dilecta iusti Ioseph Sponsa, **R.**  
Mater Christi, **R.**  
Mater Ecclésiae, **R.**  
Mater divínae grátiae, **R.**  
Mater puríssima, **R.**  
Mater castíssima, **R.**  
Mater invioláta, **R.**  
Mater intemeráta, **R.**  
Mater amábilis, **R.**  
Mater admirábilis, **R.**  
Mater boni consílii, **R.**  
Mater Creatóris, **R.**  
Mater Salvatóris, **R.**  
Mater misericórdiae, **R.**  
Virgo prudentíssima, **R.**  
Virgo veneránda, **R.**  
Virgo praedicánda, **R.**  
Virgo potens, **R.**  
Virgo clemens, **R.**  
Virgo fidélis, **R.**

Spéculum iustítiae, **R.**  
Sedes sapiéntiae, **R.**  
Cáusa nóstrae laetítiae, **R.**  
Vas spirituále, **R.**  
Vas honorábile, **R.**  
Vas insígne devotiónis, **R.**  
Rosa mýstica, **R.**  
Turrís Davídica, **R.**  
Turrís ebúrnea, **R.**  
Domus áurea, **R.**  
Fóederis arca, **R.**  
Iánua cáeli, **R.**  
Stella matutína, **R.**  
Salus infirmórum, **R.**  
Refúgium peccatórum, **R.**  
Consolátrix afflictórum, **R.**  
Auxílium christianórum, **R.**  
Regína angelórum, **R.**  
Regína patriarchárum, **R.**  
Regína prophetárum, **R.**  
Regína apostolórum, **R.**  
Regína mártýrum, **R.**  
Regína confessórum, **R.**  
Regína vírginum, **R.**  
Regína sanctórum ómnium, **R.**  
Regína sine labe origináli concépta, **R.**  
Regína in cáelum assúpta, **R.**  
Regína sacratíssimi Rosárii, **R.**  
Regina familiae, **R.**  
Regina Ordinis Minorum, **R.**  
Regína pacis, **R.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *parce nobis, Dómine.*  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *exáudi nos, Dómine.*  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *miserére nobis.*

Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei génetrix,  
**R. *ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.***

### **Prayer for Peace**

Lord our God,  
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and Father of all humanity,  
who, through the cross of Your Son  
and through the gift of His very life  
You chose, at great cost, to tear down  
the wall of enmity and hostility  
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:  
pour into our hearts  
the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
so that He may cleanse us from every feeling  
of violence, hatred, and revenge,  
enlighten us to understand  
the inalienable dignity  
of every human person,  
and may He inflame us until we are consumed  
for a world at peace and reconciled  
in truth and justice,  
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,  
in Your hands are the hopes of all people  
and the rights of every people:  
guide with Your wisdom those who govern us,  
so that, with Your help,  
they may become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor  
and of those who suffer the consequences  
of violence and war;  
may they promote in our region  
and throughout the world  
the common good and lasting peace.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,  
obtain the gift of peace  
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you,  
for the Middle East  
and for the entire world. Amen.

### **Final Blessing**

**S:** Dominus vobiscum.

**R:** **Et cum spiritu tuo.**

**S:** Benedícat vobis Dóminus, et custódiat vos.

**R.** **Amen.**

**S:** Illúminet fáciem suam super vos, et misereátur vestri.

**R.** **Amen.**

**S:** Convértat vultum suum ad vos, et donet vobis suam pacem.

**R.** **Amen.**

**S:** Et benedíctio Dei omnipoténtis,  
Patris, et Fílii, + et Spíritus Sancti,  
descéndat super vos et máneat semper.

**R.** **Amen.**

**S:** Benedicamus Domino.

**R.** **Deo gratias.**

## Final hymn: Sub tuum praesidium

Ant.  
7.



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the first staff, the lyrics are written in a Gothic-style font. The lyrics are: 'SUB tu-um prae-si-di-um confu-gimus, \* sancta De-i Gé-nitrix: nostras depre-ca-ti-ones ne despí-ci-as in ne-cessi-tá-ti-bus: sed a pe-rí-cu-lis cunctis lí-be-ra nos sem-per, Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be-ne-dí-cta.' The music is written in a simple, medieval style with square notes and stems. There are some accidentals (sharps and flats) and a double bar line near the end of the fifth staff.

**S** UB tu-um prae-si-di-um confu-gimus, \*  
sancta De-i Gé-nitrix: nostras depre-ca-ti-ones ne  
despí-ci-as in ne-cessi-tá-ti-bus: sed a pe-rí-cu-lis  
cunctis lí-be-ra nos sem-per, Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa  
et be-ne-dí-cta.

