

OUR LADY'S PSALTER

150 TEXTS FOR THE 150 HAIL MARY'S IN THE ROSARY

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The Hail Mary, as a prayer, did not really come into vogue until the eleventh century. The first portion of it, but not the complete first half, appears in the ancient liturgy of St. James the Less, in the East. In the West, its first known appearance is in the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent drawn up by St. Gregory the Great. From 1196, the whole of the first half, without the Holy Name, was used as a prayer: 'Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.' It is interesting to reflect that this was the form of the prayer that St. Dominic and his contemporaries were familiar with.

Then, forty years after the saint's death, Pope Urban IV, between 1261 and 1264, added the all-important words: 'Jesus Christ. Amen'. And thus, more or less, for the next three centuries was the Hail Mary recited. But only more or less, for there were exceptions.

St. Antoninus (d. 1459) is credited with having made use of a Hail Mary almost as complete as our own. The late Father Herbert Thurston S.J., who mentions this, also noticed in the British Museum a copy of one of Savonarola's works published in 1495, at the head of which stands printed the *Ave Maria* just as we know it now, save for the sole omission of the word *nostrae* — that is (in English), 'at the hour of death' instead of 'at the hour of *our* death'?¹

The second part of the Hail Mary began to come into general use in the middle of the sixteenth century. The *Catechism of the Council of Trent* must have been largely responsible for this, because in this catechism it was definitely affirmed that the concluding half of the Hail Mary had been made by the Church herself, which will have been recommendation enough for its acceptance by all the faithful.

St. Pius the Fifth became Pope in 1564, and he must have been quite aware that the addition of the second part of the Hail Mary made that prayer just twice its original length. It is perhaps hardly likely that the extra time involved by this in the recitation of the Rosary had anything to do with the matter, but it was in fact this Dominican Pope who did publish a fresh *Method of saying the Rosary of Our Blessed Lady*.² This is the method (slightly modernized) that has come down to our own times, albeit in but few churches today in this country are the short meditations *before* the mysteries or decades read out in full, still less the short prayers that follow on *after* the decades. Priests and people now appear to be satisfied with the announcing of the title of the mystery that has to be pondered over during the decade, and have dispensed with the reading of the fifteen short meditations, each one beginning, 'Let us contemplate in this mystery ...'

St. Pius the Fifth's *Method*, even with the addition of the second part of the Hail Mary on every one of the 150 beads, was shorter and simpler than the method which had previously prevailed, which, nevertheless, in a few localities in Europe, is still in vogue. This original method consisted in some words of meditation, on each mystery in turn, being read aloud *before every single Hail Mary*, and, for that matter, before each Our Father as well. The Beguines of Ghent, a tightly knit confraternity, practised this method. They came into existence six or seven years after St. Dominic's death and seem, from the first, to have been under Dominican direction. 'At each Our Father', their *Psalterium* directed, 'and at each Hail Mary let the Head of the Beguines read and recall some mystery of the life of Christ or of the Blessed Virgin'.³ We may notice, in passing, that a book will then have been quite as necessary for the devotion as the beads.

¹ See the article on the 'Hail Mary' in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*. ²The first edition in English of this little work, which consists of only a few pages, made its appearance in 1669, and is in the Bodleian, Oxford. Rare as the leaflet is now, it must have been popular, for a copy of the thirteenth edition, dated 1684, is to be found in the Advocates Library, Edinburgh, while the Bodleian has a copy of the seventeenth edition, 1687. ³*Beguina praeses ad singula Pater Noster et ad singula Ave Maria, mysterium aliquod vitae Christi aut Beatae Virginis legal et praemittat. Echard, Scriptores Ord. Paled., in Supp. Vol. II, p.6.*

It was not for nearly two hundred years after this that the name Rosary began to be applied to this devotion which other people, besides the Beguines, then knew as Our Lady's Psalter. In the sixties and seventies of the fifteenth century Alan de la Roche restored the devotion, which had very largely lapsed, and insisted on this same method of reciting the Rosary; but he did not like the new name for the devotion, and always called it Our Lady's Psalter.

'His method [writes Father A. Walz in his history of the Dominican Order⁴] consisted of 150 headings having reference to some words or to some mystery or other concerning our Blessed Lord, joined with the recitation of the Hail Mary. These headings were divided into fifties relating to the Life, Passion, and Resurrection of our Lord. And lest, on account of the variety of the headings, the memory might fail, the reading of the Psalter was superimposed.'

An old French edition of Alan's rosary meditations, *La Divine Méthode de reciter le saint Rosaire par articles*, 1677, is in the British Museum. At least six other old Rosary Books, dating from the fifteenth century (too many to be tabulated here in detail), supply us with examples of this ancient method, their 'articles', however, all differing from one another. Finally, when, in the last decade of the sixteenth century, Henry Garnet S.J. published (at the risk of his life and of the lives of his heroic printers at the secret press somewhere in England) his *Société of the Rosary*,⁴ he included in the second and third editions this method of reciting the Rosary, printing out in full the 150 texts or titles, one for each of the 'Ave Mary's', as he quaintly called them.

The headings or texts originally used by the Beguines would be difficult to ascertain for certain, although possibly resembling those of Alan. At all events, it is upon these texts from Alan down to Garnet that I have worked, and in a sense rebuilt this method of saying the Rosary.

If not practical for use in the public recitation of the mysteries, these texts may be found helpful to the many devout people who say the Rosary every day in private. In any case, the more familiar we are with such texts of holy scripture, the more intimate will our meditations on the mysteries be likely to become, and the more devout our recitation of the Rosary in public.

The prayers to be said before the Rosary are quite optional and differ according to local custom. The earliest known representations of rosary beads have none of the odd beads running down to the little cross, on which the 'I believe' and other prayers are sometimes said. The primitive rosary consisted of one, three, five or fifteen decades alone. So the Dominican method is, after the sign of the cross: 'The five joyful mysteries of the holy Rosary. Incline unto my aid, O God; O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, etc. The first joyful mystery, the Annunciation. Our Father, etc.', followed by the ten Hail Marys and the Glory be. The 'Glory be' is not part of the rosary, and the 'Eternal Rest', for example, may be substituted for it. Nevertheless it occurs in Alan's *Méthode*, and seems to have been said ever since.

St. Pius V, devoted as he was to the rosary, took measures to regulate its recitation. It was by him that the rule was made for us to say the Joyful mysteries on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year, on the Sundays in Advent and onwards until Lent. The Dolorous or Sorrowful mysteries were to be said on Tuesdays and Fridays, and on the Sundays in Lent. The Glorious mysteries, in their turn, were assigned to Wednesdays and Saturdays, and on Sundays from Easter to Advent.

Of the rosary Pope Pius XI wrote in his encyclical *Ingravescentibus Malis* in 1937: 'It is beyond doubt that this method of prayer is easy and suited to all . . . St. Dominic promoted it in a wonderful way, not without inspiration from the Mother of God and heavenly admonitions'.

⁴*In England there are perhaps nearly a dozen copies of this little prayer-book. Besides the British Museum, Downside and Oscott and Jesus College, Oxford, have the first edition; besides the British Museum, Ampleforth and the Bodleian, Douai Abbey and St. Edmund's Ware have the second; while the third; no longer printed in secret but at St. Orners in 1624, may be found at Ushaw and Dr. Williams's Library, Gordon Square, London.*

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY THE ANNUNCIATION

Our Father.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose

name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. - Lk. 1. **Hail Mary.**

And the angel, being come in, said to her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. **Hail Mary.**

Who, having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. **Hail Mary.**

And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. **Hail Mary.**

Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. **Hail Mary.**

And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end. **Hail Mary.**

And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? **Hail Mary.**

And the angel, answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Hail Mary.**

And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren; Because no word shall be impossible with God. **Hail Mary.**

And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE VISITATION

Our Father.

And Mary, rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda. - Lk. 1. **Hail Mary.**

And she entered into the house of Zachary and saluted Elizabeth. **Hail Mary.**

And it came to pass that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. **Hail Mary.**

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost, and she cried out with a loud voice and said. **Hail Mary.**

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. **Hail Mary.**

And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **Hail Mary.**

For, behold, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. **Hail Mary.**

And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord. **Hail Mary.**

And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. **Hail Mary.**

And Mary abode with her about three months; and she returned to her own house. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE NATIVITY

Our Father.

There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. — Lk. 2.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be enrolled with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. **Hail Mary.**

And it came to pass that when they were there her days were accomplished that she should be delivered; and she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **Hail Mary.**

And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night-watches over their flock.

And, behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear. **Hail Mary.**

And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people; for this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. **Hail Mary.**

And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. **Hail Mary.**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will. **Hail Mary.**

And the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that has come to pass which the Lord hath showed to us. **Hail Mary.**

And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. **Hail Mary.**

And all that heard wondered; and at those things that were told them by the shepherds; but Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. **Hail Mary.**

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

Our Father.

After the days of her (Mary's) purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him (the child) to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. - Lk. 2. **Hail Mary.**

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon; and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel. **Hail Mary.**

And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. **Hail Mary.**

And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him into his arms and blessed God. **Hail Mary.**

And said; Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples. **Hail Mary.**

And his father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him. **Hail Mary.**

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother: This child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection, of many in Israel; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce. **Hail Mary.**

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, far advanced in years, who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. **Hail Mary.**

Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord; and spoke of him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. **Hail Mary.**

And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth; and the child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom; and the grace of God was in him. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

Our Father.

And when he (Jesus) was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not. — Lk. 2. **Hail Mary.**

And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. **Hail Mary.**

And, not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. **Hail Mary.**

And, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. **Hail Mary.**

And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. **Hail Mary.**

And his mother said to him: Son, why halt thou done so to us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

Hail Mary.

And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business? **Hail Mary.**

And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them. **Hail Mary.**

And his mother kept all these words in her heart. **Hail Mary.**

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

(Hail Holy Queen.)

NOTE: In St Pius the Fifth's *Method* the 'Hail Holy Queen' is marked to be recited at the end of each set of five decades. The prayer after it, however, is not the one with which we are familiar. It was the successor of St Pius, namely Pope Gregory XIII, who provided this prayer when he instituted the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is the collect for the Mass of this feast, and the *oratio*, or prayer, for the Divine Office.

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Our Father.

Jesus went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where there was a garden, into which he entered (Jn 18) - a country place called Gethsemani (Matt. 26) - the mount of Olives, and when he was come to the place, he said to them: Pray, lest ye enter into temptation. - Lk. 22. **Hail Mary.**

And, taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to grow sorrowful and to be sad. Then he saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death; stay you here and watch with me (Matt. 26). And he was withdrawn away from them a stone's cast. And kneeling down he prayed. - Lk. 22. **Hail Mary.**

And he fell flat on the ground; and he prayed and said: Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this chalice from me, but not what I will, but what thou wilt. - Mk 14. **Hail Mary.**

And he cometh (to his disciples) and findeth them sleeping. And he saith to Peter: Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch one hour? Watch ye; and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. - Mk 14. **Hail Mary.**

Again, the second time, he went and prayed, saying: My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, thy will be done. - Matt. 26. **Hail Mary.**

And when he returned he found them again asleep (for their eyes were heavy); and they knew not what to answer him (Mk 14). And, leaving them, he went again; and he prayed the third time, saying the selfsame words. - Matt. 26. **Hail Mary.**

And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. - Lk. 22. **Hail Mary.**

And being in an agony, he prayed the longer. - Lk. 22. **Hail Mary.**

And his sweat became as drops of blood, trickling down upon the ground. - Lk. 22. **Hail Mary.**

And, when he rose up from prayer and was come to the disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow (Lk. 22). And he saith to them: Sleep ye now and take your rest. It is enough. The hour is come; behold, the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. - Mk 14. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

Our Father.

He was wounded for our iniquities and bruised for our sins: and by his bruises we are healed. - Is. 53. **Hail Mary.**

Christ also suffered for us; who, his own self, bore our sins in his body; by whose stripes you were healed. - 1 Pet. 2. **Hail Mary.**

The Son of man shall be delivered to the Gentiles and shall be mocked and scourged; and after they have scourged him, they will put him to death. - Lk. 18. **Hail Mary.**

The servants of the Jews took Jesus and bound him. - Jn 18. **Hail Mary.**

And the men that held him mocked him and struck him. - Lk. 22. **Hail Mary.**

And Pilate said to them: You have presented unto me this man as one that perverteth the people, and, behold, I, having examined him before you, find no cause in this man, in those things wherein you accuse him. - Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

No, nor Herod neither. For I sent you to him; and, behold, nothing worthy of death is done to him. - Lk.23. **Hail Mary.**

I will chastise him therefore and release him. - Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

Then, therefore, Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. - Lk. 23 **Hail Mary.**

Then he released to them Barabbas (a notorious prisoner); and, having scourged Jesus, delivered him unto them to be crucified. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

Our Father.

Then the soldiers of the Governor, taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto him the whole band. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And they put on him a purple garment. - Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

And, stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him -Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And, plating a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And, bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying: Hail, King of the Jews. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And, spitting upon him, they took the reed and struck his head. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And, after they had mocked him, they took off the cloak from him. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

Jesus therefore came forth, bearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

And Pilate saith to them: Behold the Man. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

And he saith to the Jews: Behold your king. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Our Father.

And they took Jesus and led him forth; and, bearing his own cross, he went forth to that place which is called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

And they forced one Simon, a Cyrenian, who passed by coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and of Rufus, to take up his cross (Mk 15), to carry after Jesus. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

And there followed him a great multitude of people and of women, who bewailed and lamented him. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

But Jesus, turning to them, said: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over me; but weep for yourselves and for your children. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

For, behold, the days shall come, wherein they will say: Blessed are the barren and the wombs that have not borne and the paps that have not given suck. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

Then shall they begin to say to the mountains: Fall upon us. And to the hills: Cover us. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

For if in the green wood they do these things, what shall be done in the dry? — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

And there were also two other malefactors led with him to be put to death (Lk. 23); and the scripture was fulfilled, which saith: And with the wicked he was reputed. — Mk 15. **Hail Mary.**

And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. — Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall; and when he had tasted, he would not drink. — Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE CRUCIFIXION

Our Father.

And, when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, they crucified him there; and the robbers, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

And Jesus said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

And Jesus (answering) said to him (the robber): Amen, I say to thee: This day thou shalt be with me in paradise. — Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

And he saith to his mother: Woman (dear one), behold thy son. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

After that, he saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said: I thirst. — Jn 19. **Hail Mary.**

And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? That is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And saying this he gave up the ghost. - Lk. 23. **Hail Mary.**

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two, the earth quaked, the rocks were rent, and the graves were opened. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

Now the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: Indeed this was the Son of God. - Matt. 27. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

(Hail Holy Queen.)

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY
THE RESURRECTION

Our Father.

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. - Mk 16. **Hail Mary.**

And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and coming rolled back the stone and sat upon it. And for fear of him the guards were struck with terror and became as dead men. - Matt. 28. **Hail Mary.**

And the angel, answering, said to the women: Fear not you; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, and see the place where the Lord was laid. - Matt. 28. **Hail Mary.**

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee. There you shall see him, as he told you (Mk 16). And they went out quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, running to tell the disciples. - Matt. 28. **Hail Mary.**

And it was Mary Magdalen and Joanna and Mary of James and the other women that were with them, who told these things to the apostles. And these words seemed to them as idle tales; and they did not believe them. - Lk. 24. **Hail Mary.**

But he (Jesus) appeared first to Mary Magdalen. She went and told them. And they, hearing that he was alive and had been seen by her, did not believe. - Mk 16. **Hail Mary.**

And, behold, Jesus met them (the other women), saying: All hail. But they came up and took hold of his feet and adored him. Then Jesus said to them: Fear not. Go, tell my brethren that they go into Galilee. There they shall see me. - Matt. 28. **Hail Mary.**

And after that he appeared in another shape to two of them walking (to Emmaus). And they going told it to the rest; neither did they believe them. - Mk 16. **Hail Mary.**

At length he appeared to the eleven as they were at table; and he upbraided them with their incredulity and hardness of heart, because they did not believe them who had seen him after he was risen again. - Mk 16. **Hail Mary.**

And he saith to them: Peace be to you. It is I; fear not. See my hands and feet, that it is I myself. And he showed them his hands and feet (Lk. 24) and his side. - Jn 20. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY
THE ASCENSION

Our Father.

To whom (the apostles) he (Jesus) showed himself alive after his passion, by many proofs. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**
For forty days appearing to them and speaking of the kingdom of God, and eating together with them. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

And he said to them: Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. - Mk 16. **Hail Mary.**

And, when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up and a cloud received him out of their sight. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

He (had) led them out as far as Bethania ; and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. - Lk. 24. **Hail Mary.**

And it came to pass, whilst he blessed them, he departed from them and was carried up to heaven. - Lk. 24. **Hail Mary.**

God is ascended with jubilee; and the Lord with the sound of trumpet. - Ps. 46. **Hail Mary.**

And while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold, two men stood by them in white garments. - Acts 1.

Hail Mary.

Who also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven shall so come as you have seen him going into heaven. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

And they, adoring, went back into Jerusalem with great joy (Lk. 24); and all these were persevering with one mind in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY THE COMING DOWN OF THE HOLY GHOST

Our Father.

And he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard (saith he) by my mouth. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

For John indeed baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the uttermost parts of the earth. - Acts 1. **Hail Mary.**

The Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. - Jn 14. **Hail Mary.**

And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished they were all together in one place. - Acts 2. **Hail Mary.**

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming; and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. - Acts 2. **Hail Mary.**

And there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were of fire; and it sat upon every one of them. - Acts 2. **Hail Mary.**

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost; and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. - Acts 2. **Hail Mary.**

But they, going forth, preached everywhere; the Lord working withal, and confirming the word with signs that followed. - Mk 16. **Hail Mary.**

While Peter was yet speaking these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word; and the faithful of the circumcision, who came with Peter, were astonished for that the grace of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the Gentiles also. - Acts 10. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Our Father.

Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come. For winter is now past, the rain is over and gone: the flowers have appeared in our land. - Cant. 2. **Hail Mary.**

Show me thy face. Let thy voice sound in my ears; for thy voice is sweet and thy face comely. - Cant. 2. **Hail Mary.**

Who is she that goeth up by the desert, as a pillar of smoke of aromatical spices, of myrrh and frankincense? - Cant. 3. **Hail Mary.**

My dove, my perfect one. The daughters saw her and declared her most blessed; the queens, and they praised her. - Cant. 6. **Hail Mary.**

Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array? - Cant. 6. **Hail Mary.**

And Mary said He (the Lord) hath regarded the humility of his handmaid, and hath exalted the humble. - Lk. 1. **Hail Mary.**

Thou (O God of Israel) hast held me by thy right hand; and by thy will thou hast conducted me; and with thy glory thou hast received me. — Ps. 72. **Hail Mary.**

And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested ; and my power was in Jerusalem. — Ecclus 24. **Hail Mary.**

I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress-tree on Mount Sion: I was exalted like a palm-tree in Cades, and as a rose-plant in Jericho. — Ecclus 24. **Hail Mary.**

And I took root in an honourable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance; and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. — Ecclus 24. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY
THE CORONATION OF OUR LADY IN HEAVEN AND THE GLORY OF ALL THE SAINTS

Our Father.

And Mary said: Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed, because he that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is his name. — Lk. 1. **Hail Mary.**

And a throne was set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. — 3 Kings 2. **Hail Mary.**

And the King said to her: My mother, ask; for I must not turn away thy face. — Ibid. **Hail Mary.**

Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honour of our people. — Judith 15. **Hail Mary.**

And the bridegroom shall rejoice at his spouse; and thy God shall rejoice in thee. — Is. 62. **Hail Mary.**

Thou art all fair, O my love, and there is not a spot in thee. Come from Libanus, my spouse, come: thou shalt be crowned. — Cant. 4. **Hail Mary.**

And the king loved her; and he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen. Esther 2. **Hail Mary.**

The queen stood on thy right hand, in gilded clothing: surrounded with variety. - Ps. 44. **Hail Mary.**

I decked thee also with ornaments, and put a jewel upon thy forehead and a beautiful crown upon thy head. - Ez. 16. **Hail Mary.**

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and, the moon under her feet, and on her head, a crown of twelve stars. - Apoc. 12. **Hail Mary.**

Glory be.
(Hail Holy Queen.)

ST PIUS. THE FIFTH'S PRAYER

Hear, O merciful God, the prayer of thy servants, that We who meet together in the Society of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, by her intercession, may by thee be delivered from the dangers that continually hang over us. Amen.