

SCRIPTURAL MEDITATIONS

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FOR THE DOMINICAN ROSARY AND THE FRANCISCAN CROWN



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Dedicated:

In Thanksgiving for the Good News of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Pondering in our hearts, like Our Blessed Mother Mary
In the Spirit of Our Holy Father, St. Francis

Meditating on the Joys of Mary
By interspersing an appropriate quote from Scripture
Before each Hail Mary.

Introduction:

You and I are not newcomers to praying the Dominican Rosary and/ or the Franciscan Crown. Certainly our love for these beautiful prayers cannot be questioned; but neither can one doubt their difficulty. Don't you share my *problems with meditation* on the mysteries? I lose my concentration so easily. Sure, I start off fairly well at the beginning of each mystery; but before I realize it, I've drifted off into thinking about some upcoming chore, like my shopping list or some needed repairs at home.

Let's look to *St. Dominic and St. Francis of Assisi* for guidance to improve our meditations. As we know, these two great saints were well acquainted with each other during their lifetimes upon earth. In fact, so high was their regard for one another and their respective missions, that they seriously considered becoming one Order. Although they ultimately decided that the Lord wanted them to remain separate, both orders retain a close fraternal relationship. In fact, to this very day, a Franciscan is invited to lead the celebration of St. Dominic's feast day; likewise, a Dominican presides over the Mass on St. Francis' feast day.

What was it that drew these men and their respective orders toward each other? Can those common elements help us better meditate? Certainly among other things, *they shared a great love of Holy Scripture and a deep devotion to Our Blessed Lady.* Therefore, why don't we combine our prayers to Mary with sections from the Bible that apply to those mysteries?

You will be happy to learn that one can find *at least ten verses from the Bible that deal with each mystery*, even appropriating the *Magnificat* from St. Luke for the Assumption and *Revelation's* "woman clothed with the sun" for the Coronation. In other mysteries where more abundant Scripture is applicable, I present substantially more than ten quotes from the Bible, leaving it up to you to pray some verses one day and others the next time you repeat that mystery.

Thus it has taken most of my life for it to dawn on me to **READ A QUOTATION FROM SCRIPTURE BEFORE PRAYING EACH HAIL MARY.** This method has enabled me to continually meditate on the specific mystery and still devoutly say the intervening prayers. For me now, *each Hail Mary becomes the melody and the Scripture verses the words to my spiritual song* to my Blessed Mother. And this is the method that I wish to propose that you try also, whether alone or in a group.

Come now; let us together pray the Dominican Rosary and the Franciscan Crown from Holy Scripture.

**THE TWENTY MYSTERIES
OF THE
DOMINICAN ROSARY**



By Giovanni Battista di Jacopa

**JOYFUL, LUMINOUS, SORROWFUL,
AND GLORIOUS**

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

I. ANNUNCIATION

(LK 1:26-38; JN 1:14)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth...
2. ...to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary.
3. "Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you."
4. "Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God."
5. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus."
6. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be since I know not man?"
7. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...therefore, the Child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God."
8. "Behold your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son...for with God nothing is impossible."
9. And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word."
10. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

II. VISITATION

(LK 1:39-45)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Mary...went with haste...(and)...entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth...
2. The babe in her womb leaped and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...
3. "...blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb..."
4. "...why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
5. "For behold when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
6. "...and blessed is she who believed that what was spoken to her from the Lord would be fulfilled."
7. And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."
8. "For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden."
9. "For behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed..."
10. "...for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

III. NATIVITY

(MT 1:18-24; LK 2:6-12; JN 1:1,4)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way: Mary had been betrothed to Joseph (and) before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.”
2. ...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”
3. “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”
4. “For behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and His name shall be called *Emanuel*, which means: God with us.”
5. “And you, Bethlehem, are a little one among the towns of Judah; but out of you shall He come forth unto Me, Him who is to be the ruler in Israel.”
6. A decree went out from Caesar Augustus...and Joseph went ...to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem...
7. ...Mary...gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. ...an angel of the Lord appeared to (the shepherds) saying, “...I bring good news of great joy ...for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord...”
9. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.”
10. And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. They made known the saying, which had been told them about this Child.
2. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.
3. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.
4. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen...
5. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus...
6. ...Behold wise men from the East came...saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
7. ...Herod ...assembling the priests and scribes...inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea..."
8. The star ... went before them, until it came to rest on the place where the Child was.
9. ...They saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.
10. ...They offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

IV. PRESENTATION

(LK 2:25-32; MT)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...They brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.
2. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon...and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
3. And it had been revealed to him that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
4. And inspired by the Spirit...he took Him in his arms and blessed God...
5. "Lord, now you may let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word..."
6. ...for my eyes have seen Your salvation ...a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory to Your people Israel."
7. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold this Child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that will be contradicted..."
8. "...And a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
9. And there was a prophetess, Anna, who did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer day and night.
10. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and kept speaking of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Israel.

V. FINDING THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE (LK 2:41-50)

HAIL MARY...
(after each scripture)

1. Now His parents went up to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.
2. And when He was 12 years old, they went up as was their custom.
3. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it.
4. ...But supposing Him to be in the company, they went a day's journey and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances...
5. ...And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem seeking Him.
6. After 3 days they found Him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.
7. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done so? ...Behold, Your father and I have been looking for You in sorrow."
8. "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" And they did not understand the saying, which He spoke to them."
9. And He went down to Nazareth and was obedient to them ...and His mother kept all these things in her heart.
10. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

I. BAPISM OF JESUS

(MT 3:1-17, MK 1:4-13, JN 1:29-39)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. In those days came John the Baptist preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
2. ...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."
3. They went out to him...and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
4. Then Jesus came ...to John, to be baptized by him.
5. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"
6. And when Jesus was baptized ...behold the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him...
7. ...And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
8. The next day (John) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
9. "This is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen this and borne witness that this is the Son of God."
10. Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

II. MARRIAGE AT CANA

(JN 2:1-11)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there...
2. Jesus also was invited to the marriage with his disciples.
3. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."
4. And Jesus said to her, "What is that to you and to Me? My hour has not yet come."
5. His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."
6. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them to the brim.
7. "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast."
8. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, he called the bridegroom..."
9. "Everyone serves the good wine first and...then the poor wine, but you have kept the good wine until now."
10. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him."

III. KINGDOM PROCLAIMED

(MT 5; MK 1:14-15; LK 3:23, 4:4-12; JN 13:34)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom ...
2. “The Lord your God is one, you shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart ... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself...”
3. “Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets ...rather I have come to fulfill them.”
4. “Do unto to others, as you would have them do unto you; for this is the Law and the Prophets.”
5. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you...by this will all men know that you are My disciples.”
6. “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
7. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain and he sat down ...and taught them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...”
8. “Blessed are those that mourn ...meek ...thirst for righteousness ...merciful...pure in heart ...peacemakers...persecuted...when men revile ...for my sake.”
9. “You are the salt of the earth ...You are the light of the world.”
10. “...Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment...”

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. “Those who look with lust...have committed adultery in their heart...”
2. “When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...”
3. “And when you pray...go into your room and shut the door...Pray like this: Our Father who art in heaven...”
4. “But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face... your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
5. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
6. “Do not be anxious about your life...Consider the lilies of the field ...Sufficient for the day are the troubles thereof.”
7. “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto to you.”
8. “Judge not that you be not judged...Hypocrite, first take the beam out of your own eye...”
9. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father.”
10. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart. My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
11. “Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.”
12. “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me.”
13. “For what does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul.”
14. “For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”
15. “Let the little children come unto Me and do not hinder them, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”
16. “Come to a desert place apart and rest a while.”

17. **“The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”**
18. **“The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.”**
19. **“Come to me all you that labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest.”**
20. **“The things which come out of man are what defile him.”**



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IV. THE TRANSFIGURATION

(MT 17:1-8; MK 9:2-8; LK 9:28-36; II PT 1:16)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.
2. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light.
3. And behold, two men talked with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure.
4. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; Let us make three booths..."
5. He was still speaking when behold a bright cloud overshadowed them...
6. "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."
7. When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with fear.
8. But Jesus came and touched them saying, "Rise and have no fear."
9. And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but only Jesus.
10. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

V. INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

(MT 26:26-29; MK 14:22-25; LK 22:14; JN 13:1-11; I COR 10: 16,17)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...He sat down at table, and the disciples with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."
2. And during the supper...Jesus laid aside his garments, and ...began to wash the disciples' feet.
3. "If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet...And you are clean, but not all of you."
4. "One of you will betray Me...Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for him if he had not been born..." "Is it I, Lord?"
5. ...Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat; this is My Body...which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."
6. And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you, for this is My Blood of the New Covenant. Do this in memory of Me."
7. "For as often as you eat this Bread and drink this Cup, you proclaim the Death of the Lord until He comes."
8. "Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no life in you. And I will raise you up on the last day."
9. "He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in him."
10. The Cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

I. AGONY IN GARDEN

(MT26:36-49; MK 14:26-50; LK 22:39-46; JN 18:1-12)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. And they went to a Place, which was called Gethsemane, and He said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
2. And He took with Him Peter, James and John and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. "My soul is sorrowful, even unto death."
3. "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He withdrew from them a stone's throw.
4. "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."
5. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly and His sweat became like great drops of Blood falling down on the ground.
6. And There appeared to Him an angel from heaven strengthening Him.
7. And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping ... "The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.
8. And while He was still speaking, Judas came ...and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs... "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"
9. Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."
10. Then all his disciples abandoned Him and fled ...those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest ...but Peter followed Him as far as the courtyard.

II. SCOURGING AT PILLAR

(MT 27:26; MK 15:15; LK 23:15-18; JN 19:5; IS)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...The high priest asked Him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed (One)?" ...And Jesus said, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power...'"
2. And they all condemned Him, as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to strike Him...
3. And as soon as it was morning, the chief priest, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council...led Him away to Pilate.
4. "We found this man...saying that He Himself is Christ a king."
5. Pilate...said, "I do not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him; neither did Herod...I will therefore chastise Him and release Him." But they all cried... "Release to us Barabbas."
6. Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having Jesus scourged...
7. "I offered My back to those who struck Me."
8. "The plowers plowed upon My back; they made their furrows long."
9. "He was wounded for our iniquities, He was bruised for our sins ...and by His stripes we are healed."
10. Despised and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with infirmity.

III. CROWNING WITH THORNS

(MT 27:27-31; MK 15: 16-20; JN 18:37, 19:1-8. 14-15)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus in the praetorium and they gathered the whole battalion before Him.
2. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe upon Him...
3. ...And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on His Head...and (they) put a reed in His right hand.
4. And kneeling before Him they mocked Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the Head.
5. Pilate said, "I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no crime in Him."
6. So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.
7. "Behold the Man!"...But they cried out, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!"
8. "Shall I crucify your king," The chief priests said, "We have no king but Caesar."
9. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe, and put His own clothes on Him."
10. Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

IV. CARRYING THE CROSS

(MT 27:32-34; MK 15:21-22; LK 22:26-32; JN 19:1)

HAIL MARY...
(after each scripture)

1. And (they) led Him away to crucify Him.
2. ...And He went out, bearing His own cross.
3. He has borne our infirmities.
4. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who bewailed and lamented Him. “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”
5. ...They seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.
6. “Unless one take up his cross and follow Me, he cannot be My disciple.”
7. “He who puts his hand to the plow and turns back is not fit to be My disciple.”
8. Like a lamb He was led to the slaughter and He opened not His mouth.
9. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.
10. And they offered Him wine mingled with myrrh, but He would not drink it.

V. CRUCIFIXION

(MT 27:35-50; MK 15:22-46; LK 23:32-55; JN 19:25-30)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...They crucified Him with two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.
2. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."
3. When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments to make four parts; one for each soldier...but the tunic was without seam. "Let us cast lots for it..."
4. "They parted My garments among them and for My clothing they cast lots."
5. He was offered because of His own will.
6. Jesus said, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*"
7. "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
8. And Jesus said to him, "*Amen, I say to you; this day you will be with Me in paradise.*"
9. ...Standing by the cross of Jesus was His Mother.... Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near...
10. He said to his mother, "*Woman, behold your son!*" Then He said to the disciple, "*Behold, your mother!*"

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, *“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”*... which means, *“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”*
2. ...Jesus knowing that all was now finished said to fulfill the scripture, **“I thirst.”**
3. Then Jesus, crying with loud voice said, *“Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.”*
4. **“It is finished.”** and He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.
5. The centurion said, **“Truly this was the Son of God.”**
6. ...To prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath...the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken away.
7. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear...
8. **Not a bone of Him shall be broken”** and **“They shall look on Him Him, whom they have pierced.**
9. And Joseph of Arimathea...went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus ...and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud.
10. And (he) laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

VI. THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

I. RESURRECTION

(MT 28; MK 16; LK 24; JN 21 & 22; ACTS 1:1-3)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Joseph (of Arimathea) ...rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the sepulcher.
2. The Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that Imposter said while He was still alive. "After three days I will rise again."
3. Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers, go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the sepulcher secure by sealing the stone and setting the guard.
4. And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, brought spices...very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.
5. And looking up they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man...and they were amazed...
6. "Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here...but go tell His disciples and Peter..."
7. "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how He told you, '...the Son of Man must be...crucified and on the third day rise?'" And they remembered His words.
8. The women told this to the Apostles, but...they didn't believe them Peter then came out with the other disciple and they went to the tomb ...then they went back to their homes."
9. But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping....She turned around and saw Jesus, but did not know that it was Jesus.
10. "Mary...go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God."

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. That very day two (disciples) were going to a village named Emmaus ...Jesus Himself drew near...but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.
2. "...We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel... Moreover, some women of our company...had a vision of angels who said that He was alive.
3. "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted...all of scripture...
4. "Stay with us for it is getting toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them.
5. When He was at table with them, He took bread and blessed and broke it...and their eyes were opened and they recognized Him ...in the breaking of the bread.
6. They found the Eleven...who said, "The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon (Peter)."
7. As they were saying this, Jesus Himself stood among them, "...See My hands and My feet that it is I Myself."
8. Now Thomas...was not with them...but he said, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails ...I will not believe."
9. Eight days later...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Thomas, put your finger here...do not be faithless, but believing." "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."
10. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God.

II. ASCENSION (ACTS 1:6-11)

HAIL MARY... (after each scripture)

1. ...He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ... “Before many days, you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
2. When they had come together they asked Him, “Will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”
3. “It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father has set by His own authority.”
4. “...You shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be My witnesses...to the end of the earth.”
5. Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them.
6. ...As they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.
7. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men in white robes stood by them.
8. “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.”
9. Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet...and they went up to the upper room...where they devoted themselves to prayer, together with ...Mary the mother of Jesus...
10. ...Peter stood up among the brethren, (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty).

III. PENTECOST

(ACTS 1:4-5; 2:1-7)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all-together in one place.
2. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, parting and resting on each one of them.
4. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven...
5. ...They were bewildered because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
6. Peter standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "...These men are not drunk as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day."
7. "This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel."
8. "God declares that in the last days, I will pour out My Spirit and they shall prophesy and whoever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved."
9. "Men of Israel, hear these words, ...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised Him up."
10. For David says, "You will not abandon My soul to the nether world, nor will You let Your Holy One see corruption."

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. "This Jesus, God has raised up, and of that we are all witnesses."
2. "Being exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit..."
3. "He has poured out this which you now see and hear."
4. "...Know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."
5. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"
6. And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
7. So those who received his word were baptized and there were added that day about three thousand souls."
8. And they devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and fellowship and to the breaking of bread and prayer.
9. And fear came upon every soul; and many signs and wonders were done through the Apostles."

IV. ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(LK 1:46-55)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
2. "For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden."
3. "For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."
4. "For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."
5. "...and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation."
6. "He has shown strength with His arm. He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts."
7. "He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of low degree."
8. "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away."
9. "He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy."
10. "As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever."

V. HER CORONATION AS QUEEN

(Genesis 3:15; Rev 12:1-6)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. And the Lord God said to the serpent... "I will put enmities between you and the woman, and your offspring and her Offspring..."
2. "...He will crush your head, and you will lie in wait for His heel."
3. And 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...
4. ...She was with Child and she cried out in her travail of birth, in anguish for delivery.
5. And another sign appeared in heaven: a great red dragon...
6. And the dragon stood before the woman, who was about to bear a Child, that he might devour her Child when she brought it forth...
7. She brought forth a male Child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.
8. But her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.
9. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God....
10. Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon...

COME, LORD JESUS!

**THE FRANCISCAN CROWN'S
SEVEN JOYS
OF MARY**



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I. THE ANNUNCIATION

(LK 1:26-38; JN 1:14)

HAIL MARY...
(after each scripture)

1. ...The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth.
2. ...to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary.
3. Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you.
4. Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God.
5. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.
6. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be since I know not man?"
7. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will over-shadow you...therefore, the Child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God."
8. "Behold your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son...For with God nothing is impossible."
9. And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word. "
10. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

II. THE VISITATION

(LK 1:39-45)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Mary...went with haste...(and)...entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth...
2. The babe in her womb leaped and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...
3. "...Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb..."
4. "...Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
5. "For behold when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
6. "And blessed is she who believed that what was spoken to her from the Lord would be fulfilled."
7. And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."
8. "For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden."
9. "For behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed..."
10. "...For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

III. NATIVITY

(MT 1:18-24; LK 2:6-12; JN 1:1-4)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way: Mary had been betrothed to Joseph (and) before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.
2. ...An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit...”
3. “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”
4. “For behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and His name shall be called *Emanuel*, which means God with us...”
5. “And you, Bethlehem, are a little one among the towns of Judah; but out of you shall He come forth unto Me, Him who is to be the ruler in Israel.”
6. A decree went out from Caesar Augustus...and Joseph went ...to the city of David which is called Bethlehem...
7. ...Mary gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. ...An angel of the Lord appeared to (the shepherds) saying, “...I bring good news of great joy ...for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.”
9. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.”
10. And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. They made known the saying, which had been told them about this Child.
2. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.
3. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.
4. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen...
5. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus...
6. ...Behold wise men from the East came saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
7. ...Herod...assembling the priests and scribes...inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea..."
8. The star...went before them until it came to rest on the place where the Child Was.
9. ...They saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.
10. ...They offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

IV. PRESENTATION

(LK 2:25-32)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. ...They brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.
2. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon...and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
3. And it had been revealed to him that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
4. And inspired by the Spirit...he took Him in his arms and blessed God...
5. "Lord, now you may let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word..."
6. "...For my eyes have seen Your salvation ...a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory to Your people Israel."
7. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold this Child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that will be contradicted..."
8. "...And a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
9. And there was a prophetess, Anna, who did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer day and night.
10. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and kept speaking of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Israel.

V. FINDING THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

(LK 2:41-50)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Now His parents went up to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.
2. And when He was 12 years old, they went up as was their custom.
3. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it.
4. ...But supposing Him to be in the company, they went a day's journey and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances...
5. ...And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem seeking Him.
6. After three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.
7. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done so...Behold, Your father and I have been looking for You in sorrow."
8. "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" And they did not understand the saying, which He spoke to them.
9. And He went down to Nazareth and was obedient to them ...and His mother kept all these things in her heart.
10. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

VI. RESURRECTION

(MT 28; MK 16; LK 24; JN 21 & 22; ACTS 1:1-3)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

1. Joseph (of Arimathea)...rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the sepulcher.
2. The Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said: “Sir, we remember how that Imposter said while He was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’”
3. Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went and made the sepulcher secure by sealing the stone and setting the guard.
4. And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, brought spices...very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.
5. And looking up they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man...and they were amazed...
6. “Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here...But go tell His disciples and Peter...”
7. “Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how He told you, “...the Son of Man must be...crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered His words.
8. The women told this to the Apostles, but they didn’t believe them. Peter then came out with the other disciple and they went to the tomb. ...Then they went back to their homes.
9. But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping...She turned around and saw Jesus, but did not know that it was Jesus.
10. “Mary...go to My brethren and say to them I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.”

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1. That very day two (disciples) were going to a village named Emmaus...Jesus Himself drew near...but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.
2. "...We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel...Moreover, some women of our company...had a vision of angels who said that He was alive."
3. "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted ...all of scripture...
4. "Stay with us for it is getting toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them.
5. When He was at table with them, He took bread and blessed and broke it...and their eyes were opened and they recognized Him...in the breaking of the bread.
6. They found the Eleven...who said, "The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon (Peter)."
7. As they were saying this, Jesus Himself stood among them saying, "...See My hands and My feet that it is I Myself."
8. Now Thomas...was not with them...but he said, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails...I will not believe."
9. Eight days later...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Thomas, put your finger here...do not be faithless, but believing."
10. Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

VII. ASSUMPTION & CORONATION

(LK 1:46-55; Rev 12:1-6)

HAIL MARY...

(after each scripture)

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CONCLUSION

1. Add two Hail Mary's for the last two years of Our Lady's earthly sojourn.
2. Add an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory for the intentions Of our Holy Father, the Pope.



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MARY'S SONG

(LK 1:46-55)

“My soul glorifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For he has been mindful
Of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
For the Mighty One has done great things for me –
Holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
From generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
He has scattered those who are proud
In their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones
But has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
But has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
Remembering to be merciful
To Abraham and his descendants forever,
Even as he said to our fathers.”

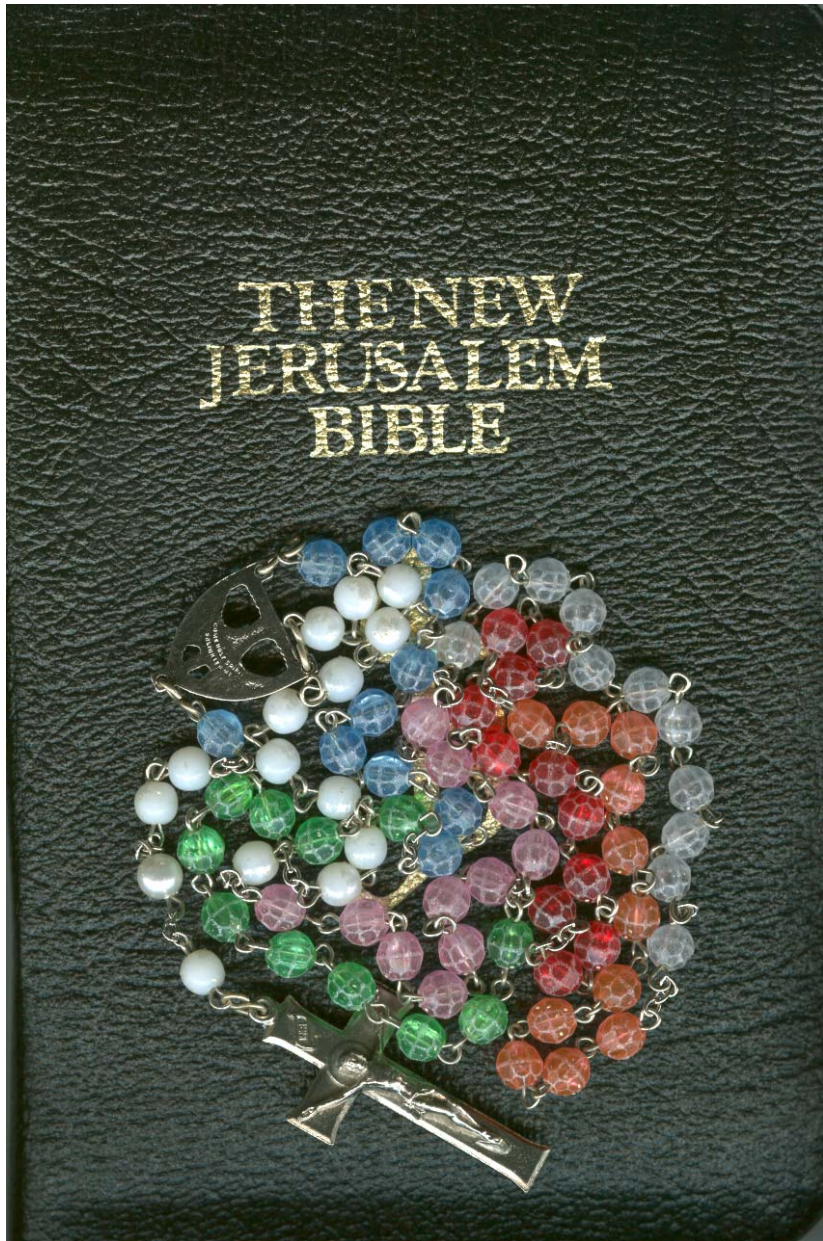


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