

World Rosary Day

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RESOURCE GUIDE



Introduction and Jubilee Prayer

Introduction:

Welcome to this special resource, created to accompany the video reflection led by Archbishop Eamon Martin for World Rosary Day 2024. October is the month of the Rosary, and this year we are uniting with Pope Francis' intention for the success of the Jubilee of Hope 2025.

In his reflection, Archbishop Eamon reminds us of the importance of hope in our world today, and how we, as Catholics, are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope”. This resource is designed to deepen your prayer experience, helping you to reflect on the themes of hope, the role of the Holy Spirit, and how we can live out these messages in our lives.

The Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



Scripture and Reflection

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Scripture Reflection: Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:1-4 recounts the moment of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, giving them the courage to go out and spread the message of Jesus Christ. This passage speaks to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, who brings hope, wisdom, and courage in the face of fear and uncertainty.

Reflection Based on Archbishop Eamon's Message

In his reflection, Archbishop Eamon speaks of the Jubilee Year of Hope as an invitation to be messengers of hope, especially in times of uncertainty and challenge. Drawing from the story of Pentecost, he calls on the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us to act with courage, just as the Apostles were transformed by the Holy Spirit to go out and preach the good news.

We are also reminded of the issues facing our world—war, climate change, and personal struggles—and the need to bring hope and healing to those around us.

Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible and the Church

Hope in the Bible is often linked to the promises of God, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the assurance that God is present in every moment of our lives. This biblical hope is not passive, but active—it moves us to trust in God's plan and to take action for the good of others.

In the life of the Church, hope is central to our mission. We are called to be witnesses of hope to those who are suffering, lost, or in need of encouragement. Pope Francis' call to be “Pilgrims of Hope” reminds us that we are never alone on this journey. The Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding us in making wise judgments and inspiring us to share the love of Christ with others.



How to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is a powerful prayer that helps us to meditate on the life of Christ and the intercession of Mary, our Mother.

Here is a Step-by-step guide to praying the Rosary:

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Recite the Apostles' Creed.
3. Pray one Our Father.
4. Pray three Hail Marys for faith, **hope**, and love.
5. Pray one Glory Be.
6. Announce the Mystery and then pray one Our Father.
7. Pray ten Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery.
8. Pray one Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.
9. Repeat for the remaining mysteries.

The Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

This mystery focuses on the day of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and strength. As you pray, reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in your life and what God is calling you to do.



Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mystery of the Rosary

- The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary - Mary is chosen to be the mother of Jesus.
- The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - Elizabeth recognises Mary as the mother of our Lord.
- The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ - Jesus is born and laid in a manger.
- The Presentation of our Lord - Jesus is presented in the Temple of Jerusalem.
- Finding Jesus in the Temple at age 12 - Jesus is found discussing God's laws in the temple.

Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary

- The Agony of Jesus in the Garden - Jesus prays when confronted with the sins of the world.
- The Scourging at the Pillar - Jesus is whipped before His execution.
- Jesus is Crowned with Thorns - Jesus is mocked with a painful crown of thorns.
- Jesus Carried the Cross - Jesus carries the weight of our sins to His crucifixion.
- The Crucifixion of our Lord - Jesus Christ dies to save all mankind.

Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Jesus rises triumphant over death.
- The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven - As Jesus ascends, He gives us a special task.
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit - At Pentecost the Church is born.
- The Assumption of Mary into Heaven - The Virgin Mary is gloriously assumed into heaven.
- Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth - Mary is honoured above all creatures.

Luminous Mystery of the Rosary

- The Baptism in the Jordan - God proclaims Jesus is His Son.
- The Wedding at Cana - Jesus performs a surprising miracle at a wedding.
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom - Jesus calls us to do something important.
- The Transfiguration - Jesus is gloriously transformed.
- The Institution of the Eucharist - Jesus shares His Body and Blood for our salvation.



Reflection Activities

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After praying the Rosary, take some time to reflect on the disciples' experience of Pentecost and how it can inspire us today.

Questions for Reflection:

- How do you think the disciples felt when they first experienced the Holy Spirit in the upper room?
- If you were in their place, how would you have reacted to the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit?
- How does the message of Acts 2:1-4 resonate with you today, in your own life and in the world around you?
- What does this passage teach us about hope and trust in God, especially in times of fear and uncertainty?
- How can the Holy Spirit inspire us to make good judgments and take meaningful action in our lives?
- How can we, as the Church today, embrace the vision of being “Pilgrims of Hope,” as the early Church did after Pentecost?

As we journey towards the Jubilee of Hope 2025, let us be inspired by the courage of the Apostles and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. May our prayers, particularly the Rosary, unite us in faith, **hope**, and love, and may we carry this hope into the world, sharing it with all those we encounter.

