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Message From the Author

This is the Rosary prayer book I wish I had when I first learned how to pray the Rosary. I had a lot of questions, and I had to go to many different resources to find answers. My main questions involved things like: What is the Rosary? What's the point of it? Why should I pray the Rosary every day? How do I pray the Rosary? What is the purpose of the different sets of mysteries?

The Rosary can be prayed by ourselves, with another person, or even with a large group of people. I pray the Rosary first thing in the morning so that I can start each day on the right foot and continue to build my relationship with God. Praying the Rosary is one of the best ways to reflect on the life of Jesus. I thank God the Father that He loves me so much, even through my shortcomings and my failures.

In this Rosary prayer book, I give a brief history of the Rosary and how it has evolved. Next, I go into the Fifteen Promises of the Rosary, given by the Virgin Mary herself to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche. I provide a visual of the Rosary, showing all the steps that go into reciting it. I provide all of the prayers that are recited while praying the Rosary, so you don't have to go and search for those yourself, so you can focus on reverent prayer. I list all the mysteries and where they come from in the Bible, or if they come from any other Catholic resource (such as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Edition). I summarize each mystery, reflecting on each one hoping to give you a better understanding.

After you finish praying the Rosary, that doesn't necessarily mean you have to be finished praying and meditating altogether. Reading a little bit of Scripture each day brings us closer to the Lord as well. I recommend reading **Bible in a Year** from the Augustine Institute. The format of the book is perfect for those who have read the Bible before and for those just reading it for the first time.

Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays, Saturdays, and Sundays of Advent)

1. The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-35)
2. The Visitation (Luke 1:36-45)
3. The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:4-7)
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-35)
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FATIMA PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 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. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And He said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Mary and Joseph experienced every parent's worst nightmare - Jesus went missing. And he wasn't missing for just a couple of hours, he went missing for **THREE DAYS**. They went to Jerusalem as a family for Passover, for a joyous occasion, and it ended in fear and anxiety. They looked everywhere for Jesus. When they finally found Him, he was at the temple of all places. I can imagine the relief Mary and Joseph felt when they found Him, but also the anger and frustration they might have felt too.

"How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's house?" This is the answer that Jesus gave to His mother when His parents finally found Him. Even though Mary did not grasp the full significance of these words, she had no doubt in her heart that Jesus was the Son of God.

We learn from Mary and Joseph here that if we look for Jesus, we will find him. He will rid us of our fears, worries, and anxieties. We can find Him at Church, we can find Him in prayer, we can find Him in Scripture, and we can find Him everywhere in our daily lives.



About the Author

Kristine's spiritual journey started in March of 2013. Although born and raised Catholic, she never understood the meanings and the rituals and the traditions of the Church until she got much older. It was through a dear friend that she became closer to the Lord and really started to know Him and build a relationship with Him. Kristine learned that no matter what we have done in life, there is nothing that the Lord will not forgive us for. If we have a heart for Him, He will forgive us no matter what, as long as we have a repentant heart. Kristine has done her best to help others come to the Lord, by planting seeds and watching them grow right before her very eyes. Kristine always tells people, "I don't claim to be perfect by any means, and I need Him just as much as everyone else. I am just a sign twirler, pointing people to Him."

Kristine currently resides in Northern Colorado with her family and their dog, Sam. Kristine is a United States Navy Veteran and served for four years from 2006 to 2010 in the Aviation Administration field. In 2013, she went to college and completed her bachelor's degree in Business Management from Johnson and Wales University, Denver. She has always enjoyed hiking and being outdoors. She also enjoys the company of a good book - her favorites are historical fiction and romance.

Fun fact: The Rosary shown on the front cover of this book was handmade by Kristine. She wanted a Rosary that she couldn't find anywhere else, that represents who she is. So, she learned how to make them herself. She has since then made Rosaries for her closest family members and loved ones. If you would like a Rosary of your own at no cost to you, please visit www.kristinehutchinson.com and request one.

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