

THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPLET

The St. Joseph Chaplet contains fifteen groups of four beads. Each group of four consists of one white bead and three blue beads. A Mystery of the Rosary is contemplated while each group of beads is prayed.

Here is how to pray the St. Joseph Chaplet:

- •Make the Sign of the Cross.
- •Offer any intentions you may have.
- •On the white bead, announce the Mystery, and say three Hail Marys.
- •On each of the three blue beads, say: "Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!"

Here are the fifteen Mysteries:

1. The Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary

[The Angel's annunciation to Joseph in a dream should also be considered here.]

- 2. The Visitation of Mary to St. Elizabeth
- 3. The Nativity
- 4. The Presentation in the Temple

[The Circumcision of Our Lord may be considered here, too.]

- 5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 6. The Agony in the Garden
- 7. The Scourging at the Pillar
- 8. The Crowning with Thorns
- 9. The Carrying of the Cross
- 10. Jesus' Death on the Cross
- 11 The Resurrection of Our Lord
- 12. The Ascension of Our Lord
- 13. The Descent of the Holy Ghost
- 14. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
- 15. The Coronation of the Virgin

End the chaplet with the following prayer:

- V. Pray for us, O holy St. Joseph!
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

V. Let us pray.

O God, Who has predestined St. Joseph from all eternity for the service of Thine Eternal Son and His Blessed Mother, and made him worthy to be the spouse of this Blessed Virgin and the foster father of Thy Son: we beseech Thee, through all the services he has rendered to Jesus and Mary on earth, that Thou wouldst make us worthy of his intercession and grant us to enjoy the happiness of his company in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

