# The ROSARY

Comic Book



Includes the Luminous Mysteries

Written & illustrated by Gene Yang



Comic Book

Written & illustrated by Gene Yang Colored by Lark Pien

Includes the Luminous Mysteries



# What's the Rosary?

The rosary is a prayer in which we think about, or *meditate*, on the life of Jesus. We say the rosary for the same reason we say any other prayer: to get to know Jesus, who is our Teacher, our Savior, and our Lord. Whenever we pray the rosary, Jesus' mother Mary prays with us and for us. This makes the rosary an especially powerful prayer.

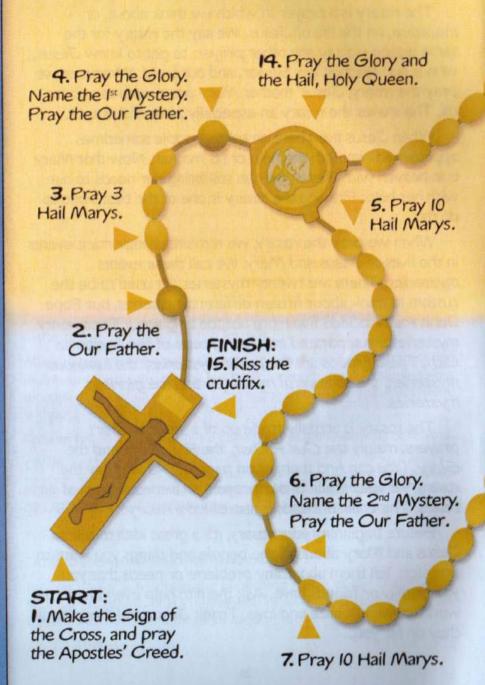
When Jesus lived here on earth, people sometimes approached him with the help of his mother. Now that Mary is in heaven with Jesus, we can still bring our needs to him with her help. Praying the rosary is one of the best ways to do this.

When we pray the rosary, we remember important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. We call these events *mysteries*. There are twenty mysteries. (It used to be the custom to think about fifteen different mysteries, but Pope John Paul II added five more not too long ago.) The twenty mysteries are separated into four groups of five mysteries each. These groups are the *joyful mysteries*, the *luminous mysteries*, the *sorrowful mysteries* and the *glorious mysteries*.

The rosary is actually made up of a series of short prayers, mainly the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary* and the *Glory*. (You can find them all on page 6.) As we pray the rosary, we keep track of our prayers on a special chain of beads. This chain of beads is also called a *rosary*.

Before beginning your rosary, it's a great idea to talk to Jesus and Mary about all the people and things you want to pray for. Tell them about any problems or needs that you, your family or friends have. Ask them to help everyone in the world to live in peace and love. Thank Jesus and Mary for all they do for you.

# How to pray it...





**12.** Pray the Glory. Name the 5th Mystery. Pray the Our Father.

11. Pray 10 Hail Marys.

8. Pray the Glory. Name the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mystery. Pray the Our Father.

Name the 4th Mystery.
Pray the Our Father.

9. Pray 10 Hail Marys.

#### You'll need to know...

#### The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### 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.

# Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Glory

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# The Fatima Decade Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy.

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was
buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

# Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

#### You can choose...

Your **Rosary Comic Book** tells the stories of the joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. You can use it in two ways:

- 1. Read it as you would a regular comic book.
- **2.** Pray with it, using the panels in place of the beads of a traditional rosary.



Treat each long, rectangular panel as an Our Father bead and



every square picture as a Hail Mary bead.



Wherever you see a picture of a small rose, pray the Glory. (The chart on pages 4 and 5 will help you, too.)

You can also read more about the mysteries of the rosary in your Bible. Just look up the verses listed at the end of each mystery.

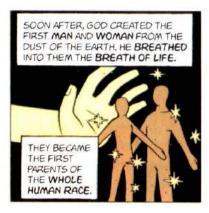
Chapter One

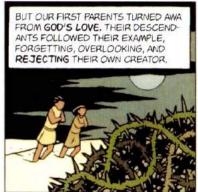


# The Joyful Mysteries













#### The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation























Luke 1:26-38



#### The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation



