The Rosary for the dead

For the soul of: _____

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross and the Act of Contrition

SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

2. Offer the Rosary

In your own words, offer it for the soul of the person, saying their name: “We offer this Rosary for the soul of…”

3. Pray the Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Marys and a Glory Be

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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.

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 thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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.

4. Pray the five mysteries

For each one: announce the mystery, then pray an Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be, the Fatima Prayer and the prayer for the dead.

FATIMA PRAYER

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

ETERNAL REST

Eternal rest grant unto him (her), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him (her). May he (she) rest in peace. Amen.

5. Close with the Hail, Holy Queen

Many families also pray the Litany of Loreto.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

6. Commend the person once more

Eternal Rest (as above)

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May his (her) soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sign of the Cross (as above)

When you pray for several people, say the Eternal Rest prayer in the plural (them, may they rest).

THE MYSTERIES FOR EACH DAY

Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

The Annunciation · The Visitation · The Nativity · The Presentation in the Temple · The Finding in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

The Baptism of the Lord · The Wedding at Cana · The Proclamation of the Kingdom · The Transfiguration · The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

The Agony in the Garden · The Scourging at the Pillar · The Crowning with Thorns · The Carrying of the Cross · The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

The Resurrection · The Ascension · The Descent of the Holy Spirit · The Assumption of Mary · The Coronation of Mary

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