

DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

We remember Mary during May



The month of May is set aside by the Church for special devotion in honour of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. During the month of May we can create a "May Altar" in honour of Mary. Place a statue or picture of Our Lady. A blue or white cloth is usually laid on the altar as these are the colours we think of when we think of Mary. As May is the first month of summer, fresh flowers and plants are usually used to decorate the altar. A candle [lit safely] and rosary beads can be placed on the altar and you could say a decade of the Rosary every day during the month of May.

THE MONTH OF MAY AND THE ROSARY

Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home within the family, in the month of May especially during this time of pandemic. On the Wednesdays in May, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.00am, followed by meditative Rosary, Individual prayer time and Benediction at 11.30am. You can also follow us on-line: <https://churchservices.tv/wembley3>



Mary's Meals Pray in May Campaign



May is traditionally the month of Mary, and Mary's Meals is asking for our prayers this month for all the many children in schools in the developing world that the charity supports through its feeding programme. As the pandemic continues to affect so many, we ask for your prayers for those in the world's poorest communities. For more information please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

[Mary's Meals provides chronically hungry children with one meal every school day, encouraging education that can lift them out of poverty in later life]

Prayer During the Pandemic

God you call us out of darkness.

May we hear your voice in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crises.

As you walk alongside us always,

may we walk beside one another listening and responding in love.

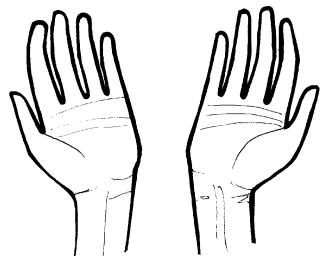
Shine the light of your compassion through us, dispelling chaos, fear and despair.

Breathe hope and courage into all our hearts as we work together to rebuild once more.

Strengthen us, Lord, and keep us steadfast.

Bring healing and comfort to all and lead us renewed into your marvellous light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



"Queen of the May" [Author unknown]

1. Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside
and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

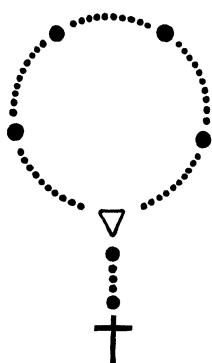
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May (2)



2. Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee.
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long, as the bowers
are radiant with flowers
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

3. Sing gaily in chorus,
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of their greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth

The Rosary



People have been praying the Rosary since the days of St. Dominic in the thirteenth century. Pilgrims would pray the Rosary as they walked between holy places, moving the beads in time with their footsteps whilst thinking about Jesus life, death and resurrection. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added The Mysteries of Light to the Rosary.

The days for each set of mysteries are:

The Joyful Mysteries to be prayed on Mondays and Saturdays
The Sorrowful Mysteries to be prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays
The Glorious Mysteries to be prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays
The Mysteries of Light to be prayed on Thursdays

The "Memorare"

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee. O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

