



How to Pray the Chaplet of the Holy Face

The purpose of the Crown or Chaplet of the Holy Face is to honor the five Wounds† of our Lord Jesus Christ and to ask of God the triumph of his Holy Church.

This Chaplet is composed of a cross and thirty-nine beads; of these six are large beads and thirty-three small ones; to this Chaplet is attached a medal of the Holy Face. It would be well to recite it daily in order to obtain from God, by the Face of his well-beloved Son, the triumph of our holy mother, the Catholic Church. On the cross, which reminds us of the mystery of our Redemption, we begin the Chaplet by saying the words: “*Deus in adiutorium meum intende; Domine ad adjuvandum me festina*” (“Incline unto my aid, O God; O Lord, make haste to help me”), followed by the *Gloria Patri*, etc.

The thirty-three small beads represent the thirty-three years of the mortal life of our Divine Lord. The first thirty beads recall to us the thirty years of his hidden life, and are divided into five parts of six beads each, in honor of the five senses of touch, hearing, sight, smell and taste of Jesus; and, as they were situated principally in his Holy Face, to make reparation for all the sufferings which our Lord has endured in his face through each one of these senses.

The six beads are preceded by a large bead, followed by a *Gloria Patri*, etc., to recall the sense we wish to honor. The other beads mark the three years of the public life of our Lord, and have for their intention to honor all the Wounds of his Adorable Face. These are also preceded by a large bead, to be followed by a *Gloria Patri*, etc., for the same intention.

On each large bead is said: “My Jesus, mercy” (100 days indulgence). On the small beads is said: “Arise, O Lord, and let thy enemies be scattered, and let those that hate thee fly before thy Face.”

The *Gloria Patri*, etc., is recited seven times in honor of the seven last words of Jesus upon the Cross and the seven Dolours of the Immaculate Virgin.

The Chaplet is concluded by saying on the medal: “God our protector, look down upon us and cast thine eyes upon the Face of thy Christ.”*

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Recommend Options

On the last 5 beads and crucifix say these prayers:

1. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and all the other instruments of His Holy Passion, that Thy may put division in the camp of Thine enemies, for as Thy beloved Son has said, “A kingdom divided against itself shall fall.”
2. May the thrice Holy Name of God overthrow all their plans.
3. May the name of the Living God split them up by disagreements.
4. May the terrible Name of the God of Eternity stamp out all their godlessness!
5. Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but I want him to be converted and to live. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”
6. May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven, on earth and in the hells, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

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1. On the Crucifix make the sign of the Cross: "O God come to my assistance, O Lord make haste to help me." Followed by, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen."

2. On the large bead preceding the Holy Face centerpiece say, "In honor of the sense of *touch*, Glory be...my Jesus mercy" – Nov. 15, 1843, approx., *Golden Arrow*.

3. On the next six beads say, "Arise O Lord, and let Thy enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Thee fly before Thy Face." – Nov. 15, 1843 approx. *Golden Arrow*.

On the large bead repeat 2. for 4. *hearing*, 5. *sight*, 6. *smell*, 7. *taste*.

8. Then on the small beads, "Arise..." (6x). Continue on the remaining sextets.

9. On the large bead by the centerpiece say, "In honor of the *three years* of His public life, Glory be...my Jesus mercy." Honor the wounds of His adorable Face, the slaps, the crown of thorns, spittle, scourges, spear, nails,

10. On the next three beads say, "Arise..."

11. In honor of the seven Dolours of the Immaculate Virgin say, "Glory be to the Father..." (7x)

12. In honor of the seven last words of Jesus say, "Glory be to the Father..." (7x) Then say, "O God our protector, look down upon us and cast Thine eyes upon the Face of Thy Christ." (Ps. 83, 9) – April 6, 1847, Sister Saint-Pierre, p. 327 *Life Sr. St-Pierre*. (If not doing the optional prayers, make the sign of the Cross.)

Golden Arrow Prayer
18. May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven, on earth and in the hells, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen. Then make the Sign of the Cross.
– August 26, 1843, *GA*, p. 113. (Day after Feast of St. Louis!)

Recommend Options Nos. 13—18.
13. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and all the other instruments of His Holy Passion, that Thou may put division in the camp of Thine enemies, for as Thy beloved Son has said, "A kingdom divided against itself shall fall."
– March 29, 1847, *Golden Arrow*, p. 203.

14. May the thrice Holy Name of God overthrow all their plans. – April 6, 1847, *GA*, p. 207.

15. May the name of the Living God split them up by disagreements. – April 6, 1847, *GA*, p. 207.

16. May the terrible Name of the God of Eternity stamp out all their godlessness! – April 6, 1847, *GA*, p. 207.

17. Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but I want him to be converted and to live. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." – April 6, 1847, *GA*, p. 207.

