# The Medugorje Jesus Rosary

ECCE HOMO. (Behold the Man. Jn 19:5)



With addition & meditations from Fr Slavdo Barbaric

## BACKGROUND: Jesus Rosary in Medjugorje

## Who is Jelena Vasilj?

At just ten years old in December of 1982, Jelena began to hear Our Lady's voice and see Her in an interior way, which she describes as "intense presence of Mary... an experience of the heart," or, as seeing the Blessed Mother with "the eyes of the heart." These experiences are called "interior locutions." Several months later in March of 1983, Jelena's friend Marijana Vasilj (the two are friends but are not related) began to see Our Lady interiorly as well. Both girls hear Our Lady's voice and see her in two dimensions.

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### How the Medugorje Jesus Rosary is like

The Jesus Rosary was given to Jelena Vasilj by Our Lady. In the Medugorje shops, the rosary beads include a crucifix and the center features the Sacred Heart on the front and Our Lady of Sorrows on the back.



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The **original Rosary of Jesus** has 7 mysteries with 33 "Our Fathers" in honour of our Lord's 33

years on earth. In Medugorje, the 8<sup>th</sup> mystery was added by the late Fr Slavko Barbaric, the early, spiritual guide of the visionaries, with the intention of glorifying the Holy Spirit and the Prayer: My Jesus, at this moment, I want to be with You... *June 22 2012*.

### Can Roman Catholics say the Jesus Prayer?

The Jesus Prayer, also known as The Prayer, is a short formulaic prayer, and is especially esteemed and advocated in Eastern Christianity and Catholicism.

## How the Medugorje Jesus Rosary is prayed

## The Jesus Rosary

(Given by Our Lady to Jelena and with meditations by Fr Slavko)

In the name of the Father, and of... Amen.

#### The Apostles' Creed

## Introductory Prayer: (Fr Slavko's)

Jesus, I want to be with You at this moment. You are my Brother and my Saviour. You remain with me and because of me. Thank You! Thank You for Your life. That is why, at the beginning of this prayer, O Jesus, I entrust to You my life, my worries, my problems and everything that tries to attract me and separate me from You. I renounce

sin which destroy our friendship. I renounce evil which endangers our relation. Lord, I lay at Your feet everything I possess. I want to be entirely Yours, and with You, belong completely to the Father.

O Mary, no one other than you ever knew how it was to be with Jesus, for He grew up with you by His side. Stay with me now so that I may know how to stay with Jesus. Pray with me, oh Mary, so that the Spirit of Jesus may descend on me; pray in me and repeat, "Abba, Father!" Amen.

## I. First Mystery: Jesus is born in Bethlehem

Intention: Let us pray for peace! SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: O Jesus, be our peace. Eliminate the barriers that separate us from the other. Make us people of good will.

- And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to David's town of Bethlehem, to register with Mary, his espoused wife who was with Child. (Luke 2:4-5)
  - (Pray each time deeply and slowly.) Our Father
- While they were there, the days of her confinement were completed. She gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them where travellers lodged. (Luke 2:6-7)
   Our Father

- 3. The angel said to the shepherds watching their flocks that night, "Do not fear, I have come to proclaim good news to you- tidings of great joy to be shared with all the people." (Luke 2:10) Our Father
- 4. "This day, in David's city, a Saviour has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger, you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." (Luke 2:11-12)

#### **Our Father**

Suddenly, there was with the angel, a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the high heaven, peace to earth to those on whom His favour rests."
 (Luke2:13-14)
 Our Father

*Exclamation:* O Jesus, be our protection and our strength!

## **II.** Second Mystery: Jesus helped and gave all to the poor.

*Intention:* We pray for the our Holy Father Pope and all people of responsibility, authority and power in the world.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: O Jesus, You loved the poor and provided them with earthly bread. But moreover, You offered them heavenly bread and living water for all the hungry and thirsty. Move the hearts of our Pope and all those responsible for

the Church and the nations so that they promote the just distribution of earthly goods in order that all may be fed and still have leftovers.

- 1. When the sun was setting, the twelve disciples came to Him and said, "Send the people away to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging because this is a remote place here13)." (Luke 9: 12) Our Father
- 2. But Jesus said, "You yourselves, give them something to eat." (Luke 9:13) Our Father
- 3. They answered, "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fishes unless we go and buy food for this crowd." (About five thousand people were there.) (Luke 9:13) Our Father
- Jesus took the five loaves and two fishes and looking up to heaven, gave thanks and broke them. Then He gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. (Luke 9:16) Our Father
- They all ate and had enough, and the disciples took up the twelve basketfuls of what was left over. (Luke 9: 17)
   Our Father

Exclamation: O Jesus, be our protection and our strength!

## III. Third Mystery: Jesus surrenders completely to the Father and does His will.

*Intention:* We pray for priests and all called to serve Jesus in a special way all their lives.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: O Jesus, You entrusted

Yourself to the will of the Father even in the most difficult of moments. Grant to all priests and consecrated persons the grace to faithfully fulfil the Father's will. Take away their fear of drinking the bitter chalice of life. May all the anxiety and solitude that life presents to them not impede them on the secure road to resurrection.

1. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemani. He said to His disciples, "Stay here while I go over there and pray." (Mt 26:36)

#### **Our Father**

- 2. He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and was overwhelmed by sorrow and distress. He said to them, "My soul is overcome with sorrow to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with Me." (Mt 26:36-38) Our Father
- He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by. Still, let it be as You would have it, not as I." (Mt 26:39)
   Our Father
- Withdrawing a second time, He began to pray, "My Father, if this cannot pass Me by unless I drink it, may Your will be done." (Mt 26:42)

#### **Our Father**

 Again Jesus left them, went away and prayed the third time, saying the same words. (Mt 26:44)

#### **Our Father**

Exclamation: O Jesus, be our protection and our strength!

## IV. Fourth Mystery: Jesus freely gave His life out of love for us.

Intention: Let us pray for families.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: Jesus, You loved us and because of this, You returned to the Father serene and resigned, replete with complete abandon. For You, nothing was too difficult because You were full of love for us. Make our families also to be entirely disposed to do everything to make one another happy. Make our parents devote their lives to their children thereby sanctifying them too.

1. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glorify Your Son so that Your Son may glorify You." (*Jn 17:1*)

**Our Father** 

- For You gave Him authority over all mankind, so that He might give eternal life to all those You gave Him. (Jn 17:2)
   Our Father
- While I was with them, I kept them faithful by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me. Not one of them was lost –except the one who was bound to be lost, so that Scripture would be fulfilled." (Jn 17:12)
   Our Father
- 4. I do not ask You to take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of it. Sanctify them by means of the truth; Your word is truth. (Jn 17:15-17)
  Our Father

I sent them to the world just as You sent Me into the world. And for their sake, I sanctify Myself that they too may be truly sanctified.
 (Jn 17:18-19) Our Father

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## V. Fifth Mystery: Jesus made His life a sacrifice for us.

*Intention:* Let us pray that each of us may be willing to lay down his life for his neighbour.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: Jesus, You showed the infinite greatness of Your love when You gave up Your life to save us. You put aside the glory You had from the beginning and took on the form of a servant. You invite us to follow Your example: to live at the complete disposition of the other, just as You did right up to Your death on the cross. Thank You, for teaching us the conditions to be able to love as You do. Jesus, destroy the hatred, selfishness, arrogance, and sensuality in us.

1. For God did not send His Son into the world to be its Judge, but to be its Saviour. (*Jn 3:7*)

**Our Father** 

- My commandment is this: Love one another, just as I have loved you. (Jn 15:12)
   Our Father
- 3. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. (*Jn 15:14*)

**Our Father** 

- 4. He said to them, "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later, He will be raised to life." (Jn 9:22)
  Our Father
- If anyone wants to come with Me, he must forget himself, take up his cross every day and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his own life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (Lk 9:23-24)
   Our Father

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## VI. <u>Sixth Mystery: Jesus conquered Satan by His resurrection.</u>

*Intention:* Let us pray that all sin be eliminated and that Jesus may resurrect in our hearts.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: Lord Jesus, Conqueror of death, conquer sin and death in me. Conquer hatred in me and among people so that peace triumphs in us. By the power of Your Word, drive away from us the influence of Satan.

- The seventy-two men came back in great joy. They said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we gave them command in Your name!" (Lk 10:7)
   Our Father
- 2. Jesus answered them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." (*Lk 10:18*) Our Father
- 3. Listen, I have given you authority so that you

- can walk on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy. Nothing will hurt you. (*Lk* 10:19) **Our Father**
- 4. But don't be glad because the evil spirits obey you. (*Lk* 10:20) Our Father
- 5. ...rather be glad because your names are written in heaven. (*Lk 10:20*) Our Father

Exclamation: O Jesus, be our protection and our strength!

### VII. Seventh Mystery: Jesus ascends into heaven.

Intention: Let us pray for the fulfilment of God's will. SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: Jesus, grant us the spirit of prayer and joy so that we may be Your witnesses before all peoples and nations. Let Your Church be the perpetual witness of Your infinite love in the world!

- Then He led them out near Bethany and with arms up-raised, blessed them. As He blessed them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. (Lk 24;50)
   Our Father
- They fell down to do Him reverence, then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy.
   (Lk 24:52)
   Our Father
- 3. There they were to be found in the temple constantly speaking the praises of God.

  (Lk 24:53) Our Father

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<u>VIII.</u> <u>Eighth Mystery: Jesus sent us His Holy Spirit</u> <u>upon the apostles and His Mother, Mary.</u> (Additional mystery of Fr Slavko Barbaric)

Intention: Let us pray for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in His fullness upon all of us: our families, the Church, religious communities and all the baptised.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OR: Come, oh Holy Spirit! Consume us with Your fire, especially the hearts of all who govern the world, communicating to them a sense of justice for making wise decisions on the road to peace. Jesus, send us Your Spirit as You did to Your Apostles and Mother. May He enlighten us always and lead us to know the truth; teach us love and instil in us the desire for peace!

- But truly I tell you, it is for your own good that I am going away. Unless I go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go away, I will send Him to you. (Jn 16:7)
   Glory Be
- 2. When the Spirit of truth comes He will reveal to you into all the truth about God. (*Jn* 16:13) Glory Be
- 3. He will not speak on His own authority, but He will speak of what He hears and will tell you of things to come. (Jn 16:13) Glory Be
- 4. He will give Me the glory because He will take what I say and tell it to you. (Jn 16:14) Glory Be
- All that My Father has is Mine, and that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give Him

- and tell it to you. (Jn 16:15) Glory Be
- Jesus, send us Your Holy Spirit as You sent Him upon Your apostles and Your mother, Mary.Glory Be
- 7. May He continually inspire us, guide us and introduce us to His truth. May He teach us love and may He direct our steps towards peace.

**Glory Be** 

Exclamation: O Jesus, be our protection and our strength!

Closing Prayer: Jesus, it is good to be with You. Thank You! Thank You for Your life, for Your love of the Father and for Your surrender to His will. Thank You for having opened the way of salvation for us to come into our eternal glory. Amen.



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