

PRAYERS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE SAINTS

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

THREE PRAYERS TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A PRAYER TO MARY
AND ALL THE SAINTS

A BLESSING IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
THE SAINTS AND ANGELS

A PRAYER TO ST MARY MAGDALENE



THE
EXPERIENCE
OF WORSHIP

SOURCES

Illustrations

pp. 3, 12: from *Primer in English and Latin, newly translated after the Latin Text* (Rouen, [N. Le Roux ?], 1536), *STC* (2nd edition), no. 15993, images 37 and 5 respectively.

Texts

1 (pp. 4–5) : This fifteen-decade form of the Rosary emerged during the fifteenth century and was widely promoted by the Dominicans. See J. D. Miller, *Beads and Prayers: The Rosary in History and Devotion*, (London, 2002).

2 (pp. 6–7): Three Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary : (1) ‘Blessyd lady moder of Jesu & virgin immaculate’ and (2) ‘Blessyd marye, virgin of nazareth’ are both found in *Horae Eboracenses*, f.161 and f. 170v respectively; both texts transcribed in the notes on *The Lay Folks’ Mass Book*, ed. by T. F. Symmons, Early English Text Society, Original Series, 71 (London, 1879), 199-200; (3) ‘Haill queen of hevin and steren of blis’; from London, British Library MS Arundel 285, f. 196v (early 16th century), ed. Douglas Gray, *A Selection of Religious Lyrics* (Oxford, 1975), no. 62.

3 (pp. 8–9) : ‘[M]Ary moder of mercy & pyte/ And seynt kateryn pray for me’, Oxford, Bodleian MS Bodley 939 (SC 27691), ff. 117v-118 ; Carleton Brown (ed.), *Religious Lyrics of the Fifteenth Century* (Oxford, 1939), 190-1.

4 (p. 10) : ‘Jesus, whom ye serve dayly’, original text in Cambridge, Fitzwilliam Museum, MS 40-1950, f.107v, ed. Gray, *A Selection of Religious Lyrics*, no. 66.

5 (p. 11) : ‘Saint Mary Magdalene, lady fair and bright’, original text in London, British Library MS Harley 667, f. 100v (text 14th century), ed. Gray, *A Selection of Religious Lyrics*, no. 67.



The Mysteries of the Rosary

The Five Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation of Jesus Christ by the Angel to Mary

Fruit of the mystery: humility

The Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth

Fruit of the mystery: love of neighbour

The Nativity of Jesus

Fruit of the mystery: poverty (being poor in spirit), detachment from the things of the world, contempt of riches, love of the poor

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

Fruit of the mystery: purity, obedience

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Fruit of the mystery: true wisdom and true conversion, piety, joy of finding Jesus

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

Christ's Agony in the Garden

Fruit of the mystery: sorrow for sin

Christ's Scourging at the Pillar.

Fruit of the mystery: mortification, purity

Christ's Crowning with Thorns

Fruit of the mystery: contempt of the world, courage

Christ's Carrying of the Cross

Fruit of the mystery: patience

The Crucifixion

Fruit of the mystery: salvation, forgiveness

The Five Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection of Jesus

Fruit of the mystery: faith

The Ascension of Jesus

Fruit of the mystery: hope and desire for ascension to heaven

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Fruit of the mystery: holy Wisdom to know the truth and share with everyone, divine charity, worship of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption of Mary

Fruit of the mystery: grace of a happy death and true devotion towards Mary

The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fruit of the mystery: perseverance and crown of glory, trust in Mary's intercession

Three Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessyd lady moder of Jesu & virgin immaculate, that arte welle of comforte, and moder of mercy, senguler helper to all that trust to the, be now gracyous lady medyatrice & meane unto thi blyssed sone our saviour Jesu for me, that by thyn intercessions I may obtayne my desires ever to be your seruaunt in all humilite. And by the helpe & socour of all holy saintes hereafter in perpetual ioy euer to lyue with the. Amen.

Blessyd marye, virgin of nazareth,
And moder to the myghty lorde of grace
That his people saued hath with his deth
From the paynes of the infernall place,
Now blessyd lady, knele before his face
And praye to hym my soule to saue from losse
Whiche with his blode hath bought us on the crosse.

Haill queen of hevin and steren of blis;
Sen that thi sone thi fader is,
How suld he ony thing the warn,
And thou his mothir and he thi barn?

Haill! fresche fontane that springis new,
The rute and crope of all vertu,
Thou polist gem without offence,
Thou bair the lambe of innocence.

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Blessed Lady, mother of Jesus and immaculate virgin,
the source of comfort and the mother of mercy,
especial helper of all that trust in you,
be gracious now, gracious Lady,
as the mediator and way for me to your blessed Son,
our Saviour Jesus,
that, by your intercessions,
I may obtain my desire ever to be your servant in all humility,
and by your help and the succour of all holy saints,
I may live with you in perpetual joy for ever hereafter. Amen

Blessed Mary, Virgin of Nazareth,
And mother of the mighty Lord of grace
Who, by his death, hath saved his people
From the pains of infernal hell;
Now, blessed Lady, kneel before his face
And pray to him that he might save my soul from loss –
He who with his blood hath bought salvation for us on the cross.

Hail Queen of heaven and star of bliss
Since that your Son your Father is,
How should he anything you deny,
You his mother, and he your child?

Hail fresh Fountain that springs anew,
The root and crown of all virtue,
You who are a polished faultless jewel,
You who bore the Lamb of innocence.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary & all the Saints (modernised version)

Mary, mother of mercy and pity,
And Saint Katherine, pray for me
To the blessed and righteous judge on high,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

Saint Michael and Saint Gabriel,
And all good Angels as well,
Pray for me to our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

Holy patriarchs and prophets,
To you I pray and ask,
Pray for me with our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

Peter and Paul and all the Apostles,
To you I cry and heartily call,
Pray for me with our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

Saint Stephen and Saint Laurence,
All martyrs that suffered torment,
Pray for me with our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

Saint Martin and Saint Nicholas,
And all good confessors that ever were
Pray for me with our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

Saint Katherine and Saint Margaret,
And all virgins good and sweet,
Pray for me with our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

All the hallows, that ever were
With Jesus Christ both believing and dear,
Pray for me with our Lady,
That Jesus may have mercy on me.

And for all those alive and dead.
Pater noster. Ave and Creed.

Blessing in the name of Jesus, the Saints & Angels (modernised version)

May Jesus, whom you serve daily,
Upon your enemies give you victory;
And may the virtue of the holy cross
Your good fortune always renew;
May our Lady and Saint Gabriel
Give you long life and good health;
And Saint George, the good knight,
Over your foes give you might;
And may Holy Saint Katherine
To your beginning send God's peace;
And may Saint Christopher,
Resourceful on sea and land,
Make you joyfully see England!

Prayer to Saint Mary Magdalene (modernised version)

Saint Mary Magdalene, lady fair and bright,
All Christendom passes through your clear and ghostly light;
You teach men to leave sin and love God aright;
To them who ask for your help make known your great might.

Saint Mary Magdalene, may your grace be abundant;
You have delivered many men out of prison and drink,
Out of all illnesses, and dead folk you have brought to life!
For my needs think on me, and may my help quickly succeed.

Saint Mary Magdalene, I make to you my complaint
I am sinful – I need your help before God's throne.
Of those you will defend, may none feel dejected,
I ask of you, make yourself known to me and all my friends like me.

