

Children's Rosary

Practical Guide for
Forming Groups

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Milíu, Matko milíu,
plný radostí přicházející dříve k tobě,
abys mne to velkou důvěrou svou miloval.
Děvčátko to je vřelá, že chci a že radím,
věřím v tebe.

K tomu chci přivést všechny,
kterých mne ve světě miluje:
můj bratřiček, sestřičku,
abys mne, dle své lásky,
šťastně radil Matko.

Přicházej k nám, Matko milíu,
chceme tě milovat,
abys dle milosti své chvilu,
a s námi se radil.

Katky dle chvilu svých ne žij,
že ti přání
Matko, prosíme tě, ať nás miluje.
Máme těba a s tebou
chceme navždy radostně žít.

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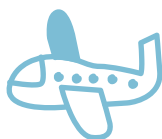
Dear Children,
Dear friends of “One million children praying
the Rosary”,

We would like to thank you from the bottom
of our hearts for praying the Rosary with
us and many others around the world. Your
prayers are helping to bring peace and unity
to the world.

But... the prayer doesn't stop here! Following
Pope Francis's invitation to children to pray
in families and groups, we encourage you to
continue praying and to form prayer groups
around the Rosary, where there aren't any
yet. In his message for the World Children's
Day 2024, the Holy Father wrote:

“I would ask all of you to pray the same
prayer that Jesus taught us – the Our
Father. Recite it every morning and
every evening, in your families too,
together with your parents, brothers,
sisters and grandparents. But not just
by saying the words! Think about those
words that Jesus taught us. He is calling
us and he wants us to join actively with
him, on this World Children's Day,
to become builders of a new, more
humane, just and peaceful world.”





To support you on this path, we have prepared two practical guides:

1 / First steps

This step-by-step guide will help you to start a prayer group in your parish, community or at home and overcome the initial challenges.

2 / Guide for the first gathering

To ensure a smooth start, this guide offers practical tips for organising your first prayer meeting.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.
May the Rosary continue to unite us and bring us closer to God's peace together.

1



FIRST STEPS FOR STARTING A CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP





Ask your parish priest, the responsible of your institution or some parents for permission to start a children's Rosary group.

Ask the responsible person in your parish or institution about the guidelines regarding the protection of minors (safeguarding). Take the necessary steps to obtain permission to lead a group with children

Choose a suitable location, such as a church, parish community centre or somebody's home..

Arrange regular meetings, for example, monthly, fortnightly, or, if there is interest, even weekly.



Invite a small number of families and children to your first meeting. Use various communication channels: parish bulletin, WhatsApp, local newspaper, personal contact, email, etc.

2



GUIDE FOR THE FIRST GATHERING



Pray for the beginning of the new prayer group and invite others to do the same (e.g., a novena to St. Joseph).

Create a beautiful setting for the prayer (lit candles, dimmed lighting, icons, a statue of Mary or images related to the Rosary, floral decorations, etc.). How should the children sit? In rows? In a circle? Kneeling in front of the altar?

Prepare the content: Who will lead the prayers? Which songs will be sung? What else will be said?

Prepare all the materials beforehand.

Example schedule (with ACN booklet “Children Praying the Rosary”):



Itinerary



- » Introduction
- » Marian hymn
- » “Creed” (and the first three “Hail Marys”)
- » Reading of the texts for the 1st Mystery (three different children), leaving pauses after the questions
- » Pray the 1st Mystery
- » Marian hymn
- » Reading of the texts for the 2nd Mystery, and so on for every mystery
- » Closing prayer (consecration of children or another prayer)
- » Closing hymn
- » A small gathering afterwards is recommended

Guidelines



Take turns with each child leading a decade of the Rosary, or go around and have each child lead one “Hail Mary”. A microphone can help amplify the children’s voices.

One child should lead the first part of each prayer:

“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”

Then the whole group continues:

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

The “Our Father” and “Glory Be” should also be prayed alternately.

You may wish to light a candle for each decade.



A box for prayer intentions can be placed in front of the altar, where children and adults can place slips of paper with their intentions. The prayer intentions can also be spoken aloud at the beginning. The box should be decorated by the children. If the group wishes and the parish priest agrees, the box can be placed in a suitable location, so that parish members can place intentions in until the next meeting, for which the children will pray.





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