

# Meditation Rosary: Glorious Mysteries

## **1st Mystery: Resurrection**

### **Fruit of the Mystery: Faith**

*"If Christ has not been raised, our faith is in vain."* Saint Paul reminds us of the essential foundation of our joy as Christians, of our reason for being Catholic: Christ is risen and invites us to follow Him on the paths of eternal happiness. How can we think of restoring a country, a civilization, without showing it the beauty of our faith, the hope it brings, the charity it deploys? The monasteries of Saint Benedict are those islands of faith that imbued all of Europe and gave it the Christian breath that built our civilization. Let us pray that, following their example, we may radiate our faith around us.

## **2nd Mystery: Ascent into Heaven**

### **Fruit of the Mystery: Stronger desire for Heaven**

Little Hope, as Charles Péguy called her, is she who drags her two older sisters, Faith and Charity, who prevents them from settling. Hope invites us to always walk, to never lock ourselves into a comfortable little rhythm, as we would like; she leads us on the paths of Christ, teaches us to let ourselves be surprised by His ways, always confident in His immense love. She shone in the monasteries of Saint Benedict, like a fire that set all of Europe and Christendom ablaze: the end of an empire never made them lower their arms because they were confident in the arms of God.

## **3rd Mystery: Descent of the Holy Ghost**

### **Fruit of the Mystery: Zeal for souls**

After three years of formation, the Apostles receive the Holy Spirit. Were they really ready to announce the love of God to men? Will we ever be? And yet here they are, here we are, chosen by Him and inspired by His Spirit to go and announce the Gospel to the nations and to ours in particular. Do we want to do the will of God? "God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," Saint Paul tells us. Let us ask in this decade for the strength to announce the Good News simply and without fear to our neighbor. May a generation of missionaries arise, Lord!

**4th Mystery: Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Fruit of the Mystery: Grace associated with a holy death**

The Virgin is our Mother: she gives us life by giving life to Christ; she shows us the way and salvation by preceding us into heaven. She is all our hope in that she shows us our heavenly destiny: to sit in body and soul beside her Son! What joy, Lord, you give us by showing us in Mary the fulfillment of all the promises you make to those who welcome your grace and your love! Our Lady of Holy Hope, convert us!

**5th Mystery: Crowning of our Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven**

**Fruit of the Mystery: Stronger devotion to Mary**

O Our Lady, you are our Queen! The good God gives us a mother who is also our Queen, who reigns over us not only personally but also over our societies. And we know that the rejection she suffers is only a sign of a sick society that will collapse in flames. But, Holy Virgin, look at us, on our knees before you, we pray for our society, that it may not abandon you forever. We want its salvation so that every man may recognize the love that your Son has for us! Increase in our hearts your devotion so that our prayer may be even more ardent.