

## ROSARY MEDITATIONS

**Introduction:** We come together in prayer for healing and prevention as horrible mass shootings and all violence in our communities tear at the heart of humanity. Let us pray with Mary our Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints to help break the cycle of violence and bring peace to every heart and mind in our communities.

### **JOYFUL MYSTERIES**

1. **The Annunciation:** Mary, just as you said Yes to God to be Mother of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, may we all say Yes to peace by preventing violence with faithful prayer and good works.
2. **The Visitation:** Mary, bearing God's love, as you visited your cousin, Elizabeth, while she was pregnant with John the Baptist, may we bear God's love to people who are in need of hope in order to prevent the spread of violence.
3. **The Nativity:** Mary, as you gave birth to your Son Jesus Christ, Who is the Light of the World, may we work and pray to bring Light and Love to all impacted by violent crime so suffering can be alleviated and further spread of violence can be eradicated.
4. **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple:** Jesus, as a believing Simeon witnessed Mary's and Joseph's presentation of You in the Temple, may we present You in our communities to those who most need to see You in a way that will lead them to believe that You are the Way to peace, hope, and love.
5. **Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple:** Mary, just as you and Joseph searched diligently until you found your Son Jesus, we pray you will help those most in need of Jesus to search just as diligently until they find Him as the Truth.

### **LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**

1. **The Baptism in the Jordan:** Jesus, as You were baptized and anointed as Priest, Prophet and King, so were we as Your followers. Renew in us every day our commission to spread Your message and to bring Your peace to our world.
2. **The Miracle at Cana:** Jesus, as You changed the water into wine at the wedding at Cana, change the hearts of those who commit, and would commit violence, and our hearts to forgive them for these acts.
3. **The Proclamation of the Kingdom:** Jesus, give us the courage to proclaim Your Good News in our communities, to bring about repentance of those who would and do commit violence, and hope to those most greatly impacted by violence in our communities.
4. **The Transfiguration:** Jesus, as You looked completely different as You talked with Moses and Elijah, help our communities to see You as we do Your Work.
5. **The Institution of the Eucharist:** Jesus, as You are present in Bread and Wine, we who take part in the Eucharist become what we receive. Help us to always remember we are Your Presence in our communities as we continue to do Your Work of bringing peace to eradicate the spread of violence.

## **SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

1. **The Agony in the Garden:** Jesus, we know You feel the suffering of the victims of violence, as well as the suffering of individuals who commit violence, in Your own suffering. Help them all to channel their pain, grief and struggles into good for the world.
2. **The Scourging at the Pillar:** Mary, it was so difficult for you to watch Your Son Jesus Christ suffer so unjustly. We pray for the victims and their families who suffer unjustly, often to the point of death. We pray for the individuals who commit violence, many of whom suffered unjustly, leading them to do so much harm to themselves, to others, and for their families, who see the aftermath of all involved.
3. **The Crowning with Thorns:** Dear Lord, crowned with thorns, You shed Precious Blood to deliver us from sin. Please give us Your courage to help us partake in Your work of redemption to stop the bloodshed in our communities.
4. **The Carrying of the Cross:** Jesus, You struggled and even stumbled and fell under the weight of Your Cross. We pray that You strengthen the survivors and families of those who have died by violence as they carry these crosses of injury, permanent disability, and loss of loved ones, and for the individuals who are struggling with crosses that have or may lead them toward committing such violence.
5. **The Crucifixion:** Jesus, as You hung on Your Cross for those three hours, You promised to open Paradise to the repentant, believing criminal, and that Your Father would forgive Your executioners because they really didn't know what they were doing to You. We pray to be able to forgive, as You forgive, individuals who commit violence, and that You would open Paradise to all who believe in You.

## **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

1. **The Resurrection:** Mary, Your Son Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life. Bring all people to Him---especially those who most need new life in His Love in place of vengefulness, and mental and emotional anguish.
2. **The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven:** Jesus, while we pray the victims of violence, whose lives on earth ended so tragically and abruptly, are up in heaven with You, let us not just stand looking up at the sky, but be busy about Your work on Earth to end such tragedy.
3. **The Descent of the Holy Spirit:** Jesus, send us all Your Spirit so Your Kingdom will come on Earth as it is now in Heaven. Like the saints who came before us, may each of us be conduits for God to work in the world.
4. **The Assumption of Mary into Heaven:** Mary, just as we believe you are in Heaven, body and soul, we know that is God's desire for all of us. We pray, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, that love and peace replace sin and violence so that all on earth and in purgatory will join your family of saints in God's Heavenly Kingdom.
5. **The Coronation of the Blessed Mother:** Queen of Heaven and Earth, as your Son Jesus Christ is the King of all the Universe, we pray that You Both rule in all our hearts and minds so that violence becomes a social epidemic of the past.