

The scripture verse provided before each decade is not recited out loud by whomever is leading the decade but just the narrative provided for each bead. The mystery refrain is listed after each narrative and the mystery summary prayer is provided after the 10<sup>th</sup> bead.

## Joyful Mysteries



### 1. **Annunciation:** Luke 1:31-32

*Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever.*

#### Jesus Incarnate

Bead 1: Meditate on the moment when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. Imagine the beauty and radiance of the angel, and feel the awe and wonder that Mary must have experienced.

Bead 2: Reflect on Mary's response, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Consider Mary's courage and trust in God's plan for her life.

Bead 3: Picture the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary, bringing forth the conception of Jesus within her womb. Contemplate the profound mystery of the Incarnation.

Bead 4: Imagine Mary's journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Feel the joy and warmth as they greet each other, both carrying miraculous pregnancies.

Bead 5: Reflect on Mary's beautiful prayer, the Magnificat, in which she praises God's greatness and mercy. Consider how Mary's words inspire us to give glory to God in all circumstances.

Bead 6: Meditate on the humility of Mary, recognizing herself as a humble servant of the Lord. Ask for the grace to cultivate humility in your own life.

Bead 7: Picture Joseph's reaction upon discovering Mary's pregnancy. Feel his confusion and concern, and then his acceptance and trust in God's plan.

Bead 8: Reflect on Joseph's dream, in which an angel reassures him of Mary's purity and the divine nature of her pregnancy. Consider the importance of trust and obedience to God's guidance.

Bead 9: Imagine the humble surroundings of Jesus' birth in the stable. Contemplate the simplicity and purity of this moment, and the profound love that filled the hearts of Mary and Joseph.

Bead 10: Meditate on the awe and wonder of the shepherds as they receive the angel's message and visit the Holy Family. Consider how they were among the first witnesses to the birth of the Savior.

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## 2. Visitation: Luke 1:42-45

*And she cried out with a loud voice, and said: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb*

*leaped for joy. And blessed art thou that hast believed because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.*

### ***Jesus Sanctifying***

Bead 1: Meditate on Mary's journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Picture the landscape, the anticipation, and the joy that must have filled Mary's heart.

Bead 2: Imagine the moment when Mary greets Elizabeth. Feel the shared joy and the recognition of the miraculous events occurring within them.

Bead 3: Reflect on Elizabeth's words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Consider the profound significance of this proclamation.

Bead 4: Contemplate Mary's response, the Magnificat, as she praises God for His goodness and mercy. Consider how this prayer can inspire gratitude in your own heart.

Bead 5: Picture the time Mary spent with Elizabeth, the conversations they had, and the support they offered each other during their pregnancies.

Bead 6: Meditate on the bond between Mary and Elizabeth, and the mutual encouragement they provided as they prepared to welcome their miraculous children.

Bead 7: Imagine the moment when John the Baptist leaped in Elizabeth's womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Contemplate the recognition of the unborn Savior.

Bead 8: Reflect on the significance of this meeting, where two women and their unborn children played crucial roles in the unfolding plan of salvation.

Bead 9: Picture the parting of Mary and Elizabeth, filled with mutual blessings and gratitude for the divine presence in their lives.

Bead 10: Meditate on the journey back home for Mary, and the continued sense of purpose and fulfillment she must have felt after this extraordinary visit.

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### 3. **Nativity:** Luke 2:6-7

*And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

Jesus born in poverty

Bead 1: Reflect on the presence of the animals in the stable, and how they might have responded to the newborn King.

Bead 2: Contemplate the angels appearing to the shepherds, announcing the birth of Jesus. Feel the awe and wonder that must have filled their hearts.

Bead 3: Imagine the shepherds making their way to the stable to witness the newborn Savior. Consider their excitement and reverence.

Bead 4: Picture the moment when the shepherds knelt before Jesus, offering their simple gifts of love and adoration.

Bead 5: Meditate on Mary's tender care for her infant son, and Joseph's protective presence. Consider the depth of their love and devotion.

Bead 6: Reflect on the quiet moments in the stable, as the Holy Family embraces the miracle of this sacred night.

Bead 7: Contemplate the arrival of the Magi, guided by the star. Picture their reverence and the gifts they brought to honor the Christ child.

Bead 8: Imagine the exchange between the Holy Family and the Magi, and the mutual recognition of the significance of this moment.

Bead 9: Picture the Holy Family's departure from Bethlehem, carrying with them the knowledge that they were entrusted with the care of the Savior.

Bead 10: Meditate on the legacy of this night, as the world was forever changed by the birth of Jesus.

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#### **4. Presentation: Luke 2:22-24**

*And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord: As it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord: And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons...*

#### **Jesus Sacrificed**

Bead 1: Reflect on Mary and Joseph's journey to the Temple in Jerusalem, a sacred act of obedience to the law.

Bead 2: Contemplate the moment when Simeon takes the infant Jesus in his arms. Feel the profound connection and recognition of the Messiah.

Bead 3: Picture Anna, the prophetess, offering her own words of blessing and recognition for the Christ child. Consider her role in this sacred moment.

Bead 4: Meditate on Simeon's prayer, the Nunc Dimittis, as he acknowledges the fulfillment of his longing to see the Savior.

Bead 5: Reflect on Mary and Joseph's gratitude and awe at the prophetic words spoken over their child.

Bead 6: Contemplate the parting words of Simeon, warning of the challenges and ultimate triumph that would accompany Jesus' mission.

Bead 7: Imagine the return journey to Nazareth, filled with a deeper understanding of the significance of their child.

Bead 8: Picture Mary and Joseph discussing the events of the day, and the shared sense of purpose in raising the Son of God.

Bead 9: Meditate on the impact of this day on the Holy Family, as they continued to navigate their unique role in salvation history.

Bead 10: Reflect on your own role in God's plan, and the ways in which you are called to present yourself to Him.

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## 5. Finding in the Temple: Luke 2:46-47

*And it came to pass that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers.*

### Saint among Saints

Bead 1: Imagine the excitement and anticipation as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus make their way to Jerusalem for Passover.

Bead 2: Reflect on the moment when Jesus stays behind in the Temple, engrossed in discussion with the teachers.

Bead 3: Contemplate the worry and concern that Mary and Joseph must have felt upon realizing Jesus was not with them.



Bead 4: Picture the frantic search for Jesus in Jerusalem, and the relief and joy when they find Him in the Temple.

Bead 5: Meditate on Mary's words to Jesus, expressing their anxiety and concern for His safety.

Bead 6: Reflect on Jesus' response, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Consider the deeper understanding of His divine mission.

Bead 7: Contemplate the journey back to Nazareth, as the Holy Family ponders the significance of this event.

Bead 8: Imagine the conversations between Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, as they seek to comprehend the unfolding of God's plan.

Bead 9: Meditate on the growth and maturation of Jesus, as He embraces His identity as the Son of God.

Bead 10: Reflect on your own spiritual journey and the moments of revelation and understanding that have shaped your faith.

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## Sorrowful Mysteries



### 1. Agony in the Garden: Matthew 26:36-39

*Then Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemani; and he said to his disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder*

*and pray. And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to grow sorrowful and to be sad. Then he saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death: stay you here, and watch with me. And going a little further, he fell upon his face, praying, and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

### ***Jesus in his Agony***

Bead 1: Meditate on the garden where Jesus went to pray. Picture the natural surroundings and the stillness of the night.

Bead 2: Reflect on Jesus' emotional state as He entered the garden. Feel the weight of His impending sacrifice.

Bead 3: Contemplate the disciples with Jesus. Imagine their struggle to stay awake and provide support.

Bead 4: Picture Jesus in intense prayer, pouring out His heart to the Father. Feel the depth of His communion with God.

Bead 5: Meditate on Jesus' plea to the Father, "Let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." Consider the surrender of His own desires for the divine plan.

Bead 6: Reflect on the arrival of the soldiers and Judas. Feel the tension and betrayal in the air.

Bead 7: Contemplate the kiss of Judas, a painful symbol of betrayal from one who was close to Jesus.

Bead 8: Imagine Peter's attempt to defend Jesus, and Jesus' gentle rebuke. Reflect on the complexity of their relationship in this moment.

Bead 9: Picture the arrest of Jesus. Feel the confusion and fear among His disciples.



Bead 10: Meditate on the departure of the disciples, leaving Jesus alone with His captors. Consider the isolation and loneliness He must have felt.

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## 2. **Scouring at the Pillar:** Matthew 27:25-26

*And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and our children. Then he released to them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him unto them to be crucified.*

### *Jesus Scourged*

Bead 1: Reflect on the scene at the pillar, where Jesus was bound and exposed to harsh treatment.

Bead 2: Contemplate the brutality of the scourging, the pain inflicted upon Jesus for our sins.

Bead 3: Picture the soldiers carrying out this act of violence, perhaps with indifference or cruelty.

Bead 4: Meditate on Jesus' silent endurance, His willingness to suffer for the sake of humanity.

Bead 5: Reflect on the wounds inflicted on Jesus' body, and the depth of His sacrificial love.

Bead 6: Contemplate the moments of respite between lashes, as Jesus gathers His strength to continue.

Bead 7: Imagine the witnesses to this cruel punishment, and their varied reactions - from indifference to horror.

Bead 8: Picture the blood and sweat, the physical toll on Jesus' body. Consider the depth of His physical and emotional agony.

Bead 9: Meditate on the redemptive power of this suffering, as Jesus takes on the weight of our sins.

Bead 10: Reflect on the aftermath of the scourging, and the profound impact it had on Jesus' physical condition.

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### 3. **Crowning with Thorns: Matthew 27:28-29**

*And stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him. And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying: Hail, king of the Jews.*

#### *Jesus Crowned with Thorns*

Bead 1: Meditate on the soldiers leading Jesus to the place of His mock crowning.

Bead 2: Reflect on the cruelty of the crown of thorns, pressed onto Jesus' head.

Bead 3: Contemplate the soldiers' mocking, their intent to humiliate and belittle the Son of God.

Bead 4: Picture Jesus enduring this pain, His divine patience and love shining through the suffering.

Bead 5: Meditate on the blood streaming down Jesus' face, a visible sign of His sacrifice.

Bead 6: Reflect on the contrast between the soldiers' mockery and Jesus' true kingship.

Bead 7: Contemplate the moment of the mock crowning, the thorns digging into Jesus' skin.

Bead 8: Imagine the onlookers, some perhaps moved by compassion, others hardened in their hearts.

Bead 9: Picture the soldiers' cruel laughter, their ignorance of the true significance of their actions.

Bead 10: Meditate on Jesus' enduring love, His willingness to suffer even further for our salvation.

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#### 4. Carrying the Cross: John 19:12-18

*And from henceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out, saying: If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend. For whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Caesar. Now when Pilate had heard these words, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat, in the place that is called Lithostrotos, and in Hebrew Gabbatha. And it was the parasceve of the pasch, about the sixth hour, and he saith to the Jews: Behold your king. But they cried out: Away with him; away with him; crucify him. Pilate saith to them: Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered: We have no king but Caesar. Then therefore he delivered him to them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him forth. And bearing his own cross, he went forth to that place which is called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha. Where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the midst.*

#### Jesus carrying his Cross

Bead 1: Reflect on Jesus shouldering the heavy cross, the weight of our sins.

Bead 2: Contemplate the crowd along the Via Dolorosa, some filled with pity, others with indifference or cruelty.

Bead 3: Picture Simon of Cyrene being enlisted to help Jesus carry the cross. Consider the unexpected act of compassion.

Bead 4: Meditate on the exhaustion and pain Jesus experienced, every step a testament to His love for us.

Bead 5: Reflect on Jesus' encounters along the way - with His mother, with Veronica, with the women of Jerusalem.

Bead 6: Contemplate the falls, the struggle to rise again, and the determination to fulfill His mission.

Bead 7: Imagine the soldiers' prodding, the harsh words, and the harsh reality of the journey.

Bead 8: Picture the final stretch to Calvary, the culmination of this agonizing procession.

Bead 9: Meditate on the moment Jesus arrives at Calvary, the place of His crucifixion.

Bead 10: Reflect on the significance of this journey, the symbolic weight of the cross, and Jesus' unyielding love for humanity.

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## **5. Crucifixion & Death: Luke 23:45-46**

*And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And Jesus crying out with a loud voice, said: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And saying this, he gave up the ghost.*

### **Jesus Crucified**

Bead 1: Meditate on the moment Jesus is nailed to the cross, the searing pain and ultimate surrender.

Bead 2: Reflect on the cross being raised, and Jesus' body suspended in agony.

Bead 3: Contemplate the onlookers, some grieving, others mocking, and the varying reactions to this profound event.

Bead 4: Picture the thieves crucified beside Jesus, and their contrasting responses - one repentant, one hardened.

Bead 5: Meditate on Jesus' words from the cross, each one a testament to His mercy and love.

Bead 6: Reflect on the darkness that fell over the land, a powerful symbol of the weight of sin.

Bead 7: Contemplate the soldiers dividing Jesus' garments, a stark contrast to the gravity of the moment.

Bead 8: Imagine the moment of Jesus' death, the earth shaking, and the veil of the temple tearing.

Bead 9: Think about the look on the high priest as he realizes he killed the messiah.

Bead 10: Think about the curtain being torn in the temple from top to bottom signifying the end of the old covenant.

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## Glorious Mysteries



### 1. Resurrection of Our Lord: Matthew 28:5-6

*And the angel answering, said to the women: Fear not you; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come, and see the place where the Lord was laid.*

### *Jesus risen from the dead*

Bead 1: Picture the scene at the tomb, the stone rolled away, and the guards in astonishment.

Bead 2: Reflect on the moment when the risen Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene. Feel her surprise, recognition, and overwhelming joy.

Bead 3: Contemplate Jesus' words to Mary, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father." Consider the significance of this encounter.

Bead 4: Meditate on Mary Magdalene's joy and urgency as she runs to tell the disciples the good news.

Bead 5: Reflect on the disciples' initial disbelief upon hearing Mary's proclamation of the risen Lord.

Bead 6: Contemplate the disciples' hurried journey to the tomb, their hearts filled with a mixture of hope and uncertainty.

Bead 7: Picture the moment when Peter enters the tomb and sees the burial cloths, realizing that something extraordinary has occurred.

Bead 8: Meditate on John's account of the events, and the growing realization that Jesus has indeed risen from the dead.

Bead 9: Reflect on the disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, their hearts burning with understanding.

Bead 10: Consider the profound impact of the Resurrection on the disciples' faith, and the joy that must have filled their hearts as they began to comprehend the magnitude of this miracle.



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## **2. Ascension into Heaven: Luke 24:50-51**

*And he led them out as far as Bethania: and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. And it came to pass, whilst he blessed them, he departed from them, and was carried up to heaven.*

### ***Jesus ascending into heaven***

Bead 1: Reflect on the forty days after Jesus' resurrection, during which He appeared to His disciples and taught them.

Bead 2: Contemplate the scene at the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prepared to ascend to Heaven.

Bead 3: Picture the disciples gathered around Jesus, listening to His final instructions, and receiving His blessing.

Bead 4: Meditate on Jesus' ascent into the clouds, His physical departure from the disciples.

Bead 5: Reflect on the awe and wonder that must have filled the hearts of those who witnessed this miraculous event.

Bead 6: Contemplate the lingering presence of the angels, who assured the disciples that Jesus would return.

Bead 7: Imagine the disciples' mixture of emotions - awe, sadness, and a sense of mission as they awaited the promised Holy Spirit.

Bead 8: Picture the disciples making their way back to Jerusalem, carrying with them the profound experience of the Ascension.

Bead 9: Meditate on the commission Jesus gave His disciples to go forth and spread the Gospel to all nations.

Bead 10: Reflect on your own mission to share the Good News and live out the teachings of Jesus in your own life.

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### **3. The Pentecost: Acts 2:3-4**

*And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.*

*Jesus filling thee with the Holy Spirit*

Bead 1: Contemplate the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, united in prayer and anticipation.

Bead 2: Picture the sudden rush of wind and the appearance of tongues of fire, as the Holy Spirit descended upon each of them.

Bead 3: Meditate on the transformation that took place within the disciples, as they were filled with courage and newfound gifts.

Bead 4: Reflect on the languages spoken by the disciples, enabling them to communicate the Gospel to people from various nations.

Bead 5: Contemplate the amazement of the crowds who witnessed this miraculous event and heard the disciples' proclamation.

Bead 6: Imagine Peter's boldness as he addressed the crowd, explaining the significance of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Bead 7: Picture the conversions and baptisms that took place on that day, as many came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

Bead 8: Meditate on the formation of the early Christian community, united in faith and fellowship.

Bead 9: Reflect on the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church, guiding and empowering believers throughout history.

Bead 10: Consider how the Holy Spirit continues to work in your own life, guiding, inspiring, and empowering you in your faith journey.

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#### **4. Assumption of Mary: Hebrews 11:5**

*By faith Henoch was translated, that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had testimony that he pleased God.*

#### **Jesus raising thee up**

Bead 1: Reflect on Mary's life of faith and her unique role as the Mother of God.

Bead 2: Contemplate the moment of Mary's assumption into Heaven, body, and soul, by the power of God.

Bead 3: Picture the angels and heavenly hosts welcoming Mary with joy and reverence.

Bead 4: Meditate on Mary's glorification in Heaven, her perfect union with God.

Bead 5: Reflect on Mary's intercession and her special role as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Bead 6: Contemplate the love and tenderness with which Mary continues to care for her spiritual children.

Bead 7: Imagine the beauty and splendor of Heaven, where Mary now dwells in perfect union with God.

Bead 8: Picture the saints and angels surrounding Mary, honoring her as the Mother of the Savior.

Bead 9: Meditate on the hope and promise of our own eventual reunion with Mary in the glory of Heaven.

Bead 10: Reflect on your own longing for union with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the heavenly kingdom.

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### **5. Coronation of Mary: Apocalypse 11:19-12:1**

*And the temple of God was opened in heaven: and the ark of his testament was seen in his temple, and there were lightnings, and voices, and an earthquake, and great hail. And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...*

#### *Jesus crowning thee*

Bead 1: Contemplate the moment when Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth by the Blessed Trinity.

Bead 2: Picture the angels and saints rejoicing in Mary's exaltation and offering her their love and praise.

Bead 3: Meditate on Mary's perfect union with the will of God and her special role in the divine plan.

Bead 4: Reflect on the profound love and reverence that Jesus and the Father have for Mary, their beloved daughter.

Bead 5: Contemplate Mary's intercession on behalf of all humanity, and her motherly care for each of us.

Bead 6: Imagine the beauty and splendor of the heavenly court, where Mary reigns as Queen.

Bead 7: Picture the saints and angels offering their own praises to Mary, acknowledging her as their Queen and Mother.

Bead 8: Meditate on the role of Mary as our powerful intercessor, always ready to bring our needs before the throne of God.

Bead 9: Reflect on your own devotion and love for Mary, and the ways in which she has touched your life.

Bead 10: Consider how you can emulate Mary's faith, humility, and love in your own journey of faith.

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