At the next bead:

Lord of all power and might, Who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

At the next bead:

Make us, O Lord, like a most fruitful tree, planted in Thy garden; and vouchsafe that we, being watered by the showers of Thy grace, may bring forth to Thee plenteousness of fruit in due season; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

At the next bead:

Hearken, O Lord, to the prayers of Thy servants, and salve the wounds of our earthly pleasures with the bitter medicine of penitence, and by the corrective discipline of the Holy Ghost give pardon of sins, through Thy mercy which brought Thee down to visit us who lay wounded and half dead. *Amen*.

+ In the Name of the Father, etc.

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A Biblical Rosary

Part 1

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"The following series of Prayers will be found exceedingly profitable, as they contain the history of the Redemption and Restoration of man, and combine prayer with meditation and praise.... It often happens that we feel a strong desire to pray, and that we soon exhaust our petitions without having satisfied our desire [to pray]. In such cases the Rosary is of great value. The mind cannot always frame suitable expressions of its wants, and is not always sufficiently disposed to meditate. The rosary then supplies the need by affording brief subjects of meditation and prayers, the best possible, and of no great length."

Begin at the medallion. Say:

+ In the Name of the Father, etc.

First Decade: The Shepherd.

O Good Shepherd, who hast laid down Thy life for Thy sheep. Behold I am that sheep that was lost. Take me on Thy shoulders and carry me in Thy bosom. Be Thou my shepherd, and I shall lack nothing; and Thou wilt lead me forth to the green pastures of eternal life. *Amen*.

Our Father, etc.

O Good Shepherd, take me on Thy shoulders, and carry me in Thy bosom (ten times on the smaller beads).

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Second Decade: The Physician.

O Good Physician of men's souls, who camest to heal the infirmities caused by sin: Behold I am sick and wounded, heal Thou my sicknesses with Thy stripes. I am that sick soul whom Thou camest from heaven to heal: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. *Amen*.

Our Father, etc. (on the larger bead.)

O good Physician, heal my soul for I have sinned against thee (ten times).

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Third Decade: The Sower.

O Thou Sower of good seed, who didst sow the word of God in the field of this world, and in the hearts of the faithful; Root out the tares that encumber my soul, and plant therein the Christian graces. *Amen*.

Our Father, etc.

O Sower of good seed, plant in my soul all Christian graces (ten times).

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fourth Decade: The Lord of the Vineyard.

O Lord of the vineyard, and dresser of the vine, Who seekest fruit from those Whom Thou hast tended; grant that by Thy grace I may bring forth fruit unto life eternal. *Amen*.

Our Father, etc.

O Lord of the vineyard grant that I may bring forth fruit unto life eternal (ten times).

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fifth Decade: The Good Samaritan.

O Good Samaritan who, despised and rejected of men, didst shew compassion on those who lay wounded and despoiled; have mercy upon me, heal me with the unction of

the Holy Ghost and the wine of contrition. *Amen*.

Our Father, etc.

O good Samaritan, heal me with the unction of the Holy Ghost and the wine of contrition (ten times).

Glory be to the Father, etc.

At the medallion, say:

Jesus! My Shepherd, Husband, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, mine End, Accept the praise I bring.

At the next bead:

Lead forth, O Lord, Thy people by the waters of comfort which Thou hast formed by the baptismal streams; that they, inspired by the teaching of Thy law, may have their desire set on that place where Thou promisest Thyself to be their eternal reward; through Thy mercy, O our God, who art blessed, and livest and governest all things, world without end. *Amen*.

At the next bead:

O Thou that art the healer both of soul and body, send forth Thy salvation and make us whole; that while we deplore all our sickness and all our infirmity, we may by Thy strength overcome the temptations of the enemy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.