

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said: ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech Thee, to our most humble supplications the gift of Thy most Divine Love, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, words and works, and never cease praising Thee.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name: who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

From Sabine Baring-Gould's

*The Golden Gate*

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# The Crown of Jesus

A Biblical Rosary: The Five Joyful  
Mysteries

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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."*

At the Cross (and making the sign of the Cross) say:

℣. Blessed + be the name of the Lord.  
℞. *From this time forth forevermore.*  
℣. O Christ make speed to save us.  
℞. *O Lord make haste to help us.*

We offer to Thee, most holy Trinity these our prayers and praises and this confession of our faith, in honour of the unity of Thy essence, and the Trinity of persons, and we beseech Thee to grant us lively faith, a firm hope and burning charity. *Amen.*  
I believe, etc. (Apostle's Creed)

At the bead above that say **Our Father**, etc.  
At the three beads say:

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

At the next bead, say:

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### **First Decade: The Annunciation.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by the Annunciation to Thy Virgin Mother of the glad tidings that in her all generations should be blessed, and by Thy precious name of Jesus, grant us the grace of lowliness of spirit and profound humility. *Amen.*

Jesu! The very thought is sweet;  
In that dear Name all heart-joys meet;  
But O than honey sweeter far  
The glimpses of His presence are.

Our Father (on the larger bead.)

℣. Jesus, Son of David.  
℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times on the small beads.)*

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### **Second Decade: The Visitation.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by the visit of Thy blessed mother to her cousin Elizabeth in the hill country, and by Thy precious name of Jesus, grant us the spirit of simplicity. *Amen.*

No word is sung more sweet than this;  
No name is heard more full of bliss:  
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh,  
Than Jesus, Son of God most high.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus, Son of David.  
℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

### **Third Decade: The Nativity.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by Thy nativity in the stable of Bethlehem, and by Thy precious name of Jesus, grant us the spirit of perfect obedience. *Amen.*

Jesu! The hope of souls forlorn!  
How good to them for sin that mourn!  
To them that seek Thee, O how kind!  
But what art Thou to them that find?

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus, Son of David.  
℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

### **Fourth Decade: The Presentation.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, who wast presented in the temple at the purification of Thy mother, grant us, by this Thy presentation, and by Thy precious name of Jesus, the spirit of piety. *Amen.*

Jesu, Thou sweetness, pure and blest!  
Truth's fountain, light of souls distressed,  
Surpassing all that heart requires,  
Exceeding all that soul desires.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus, Son of David.  
℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

### **Fifth Decade: The Finding in the Temple.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by Thy sitting among the doctors hearing them and asking them questions, and by Thy precious name of Jesus, grant us the love of true wisdom. *Amen.*

No tongue of mortal can express,  
No letters write its blessedness;  
Alone who hath Thee in his heart,  
Knows, love of Jesus! What Thou art.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus, Son of David.  
℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
℞. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*