

℟. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

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  
Sorrowful 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 Agony in the Garden.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by Thine agony and bloody sweat in the garden of Gethsemane, and by Thy sacred name of Jesus, to give us the spirit of prayer. *Amen.*

O Jesu! King most wonderful!  
Thou conqueror renowned,  
Thou sweetness most ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found.

Our Father (on the larger bead.)

℣. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times on the small beads.)*

Glory be to the Father, etc.

**Second Decade: The Scourging at the Pillar.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by the pillar to which Thou wast bound, and the thongs that scourged Thee, and by Thy sacred name of Jesus, to give us the spirit of mortification of our senses, and self-denial. *Amen.*

When once Thou visitest the heart,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanities depart,  
Then kindles love divine.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*

Glory be to the Father, etc.

**Third Decade: The Crowning with Thorns.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by the cruel braid of thorns woven about Thy head, and mangling Thy temples, and by Thy sacred name of Jesus, to give us fortitude to endure reproach for Thy sake. *Amen.*

O Jesu, light of all below,  
Thou fount of life and fire!  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
And all we can desire.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*

Glory be to the Father, etc.

**Fourth Decade: The Bearing of the Cross.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, by the cross Thou didst bear upon Thy shoulders through the streets of Jerusalem, and by Thy sacred name of Jesus, to give us patience to bear those crosses Thy hand lays upon us. *Amen.*

May every heart confess Thy name,  
And ever Thee adore;  
And seeking Thee, itself inflame  
To seek Thee more and more.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*

Glory be to the Father, etc.

**Fifth Decade: The Crucifixion.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, who didst hang upon Thy cross on Calvary, by the merits of Thy perfect sacrifice, and by Thy sacred name of Jesus, to give us the spirit of forgiveness of injuries. *Amen.*

Thee may our tongues forever bless;  
Thee may we love alone;  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Thine own.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

℞. *Have mercy upon us (ten times).*

Glory be to the Father, etc.

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.