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# Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe



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# History of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Adapted from text written by Monsignor Eudardo Chávez, PhD.*

Early on a cold Saturday morning (Dec. 9, 1531), Juan Diego, baptized into the faith as an adult in 1523, was on his way to attend Mass about 2.5 miles from Tlateloco (located in modern-day Mexico), where there was a church. Suddenly, he heard beautiful music and a woman's voice calling to him from the top of Tepeyac Hill.

At the top, he saw a beautiful woman who revealed that she was the Blessed Virgin Mary. She instructed him to visit the bishop to tell him that a temple should be built in her honor at the base of the hill. Juan Diego immediately went to Bishop Juan de Zumárraga, who received him kindly but was reluctant to believe the story. Juan Diego returned to the hill to report his failure. Our Lady told him to return to the bishop repeating the request.

On Sunday (Dec. 10), Juan Diego returned to the bishop who – after many questions – said he needed a sign before believing that it was really Our Lady who had appeared. Juan Diego relayed the message to Our Lady, who told him to come back on the next day, and she would fulfill his request.

On Monday (Dec. 11), however, Juan Diego's uncle became gravely ill, so Juan Diego was unable to return to Tepeyac. After a day of fruitlessly searching for someone to help his uncle, Juan Diego told him that he would bring a priest the next morning, so his uncle could make his confession and die at peace.

Very early Tuesday morning (Dec. 12), rushing toward Tlateloco to find a priest, Juan Diego passed Tepeyac Hill. Thinking it better not to let Our Lady interrupt his errand of mercy, he decided to go around the other side of the hill. However, Our Lady came down the hill to meet him. After listening to his explanation for not keeping the appointment, she told him that his uncle would not die of the sickness and that he was healthy. (That same morning, Our Lady appeared to his uncle and cured him.) Juan Diego was greatly relieved. Our Lady also disclosed her name: "Santa María de Guadalupe" or "Holy Mary of Guadalupe" and told him to go to the top of the hill and gather the flowers he would find there.

Upon arrival at the top, he found in the frozen earth a miraculous garden of roses not native to the area. He gathered some and then brought them to Our Lady, who arranged them in his tilma (cloak). She told him to take them to the bishop as the sign he had requested.

When Juan Diego arrived in front of the bishop, he opened his tilma, and the roses fell to the floor. At that moment, they both discovered something even more wondrous: a remarkable portrait of Our Lady was imprinted on the coarse fabric of the tilma.

The appearance of Our Lady at Tepeyac and the miracle of the tilma led to the mass conversion of millions of indigenous people to the Catholic Faith. Since then, the tilma has been preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the Patroness of the Americas. St. John Paul II canonized Juan Diego in 2002. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message and her image continue to be celebrated, venerated, studied, and passed on throughout the world.



# Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe

## INTRODUCTORY PRAYERS

### Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*Pray the following:*

- Our Father 1x
- Hail Mary 10x
- Glory Be 1x

## MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

*For each decade, the leader announces the mystery and then leads the participants in praying the following:*

- Our Father 1x
- Hail Mary 10x
- Glory Be 1x
- Fatima Prayer 1x
- “Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!” 1x

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

### Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy

toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Prayer after the Rosary**

Let us pray: O God whose only begotten Son, who, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Virgin of Guadalupe**

*Adapted from prayer written by  
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Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the true God for whom we live, bearer of Jesus Christ who gives us His Spirit and gives life to the Church.

We thank you because you are our loving and compassionate Mother; because you hear our weeping, our sorrow; because you are the remedy and the cure for our grief, our misery and our pain.

Thank you, Mother, for placing us in your heart, for allowing us to be under your shadow and your protection, for being the source of our joy and for keeping us in the hollow of your robe and the crossing of your arms.

Thank you, Mother, because we have learned this message through your humble son St. Juan Diego and through his intercession, we ask that you fortify us in peace, in unity and in love. Amen.

### **Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## **Appendix**

### **Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## **Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy.

# **Mysteries of the Rosary**

## **Joyful Mysteries**

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity of Jesus
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

## **Sorrowful Mysteries**

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

## **Luminous Mysteries**

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

## **Glorious Mysteries**

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven



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