

ROSARY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S INTENTIONS

Purpose: to pray for and intercede for the issues arising from the Residential Schools in Canada

How to Intercede/Pray: This rosary is prayed in the same way as a regular rosary except that the intention of each mystery is dedicated to the specific needs of the Indigenous Peoples in the recent discoveries in Kamloops and across other parts of Canada.

Who: groups of 7 people, one for each day of the week, or individuals

Should a group of 7 people wish to form a team, one person would act as coordinator of the team and assign a day of the week to each member of the team. After 14 days, the team would move ahead one day of the week to pray those mysteries and so it would go on, moving ahead one day of the week every 14 days. This would give them a chance to pray for these specific intentions on each of the days of the week.

Should individuals or groups wish to pray they are free to use the intentions of each of the mysteries.

Duration: 115 days from Ps. 115 (18x14+3)

For each of the Mysteries 5 specific intentions are to be said.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1st Sorrowful Mystery- **Agony in the Garden**- we pray for all the children whose lives were lost while attending Residential Schools in Canada. Lord, receive them into your loving arms and let them rest in peace.

2nd Sorrowful Mystery-**Jesus is Scourged**- we pray for those children who were abused at the hands of those who were charged with running the Residential Schools. We ask for the intercession of our Mother Mary, and the intercession of all those little children who are with you in Heaven. **** I am recalling Fr. Harry's homily on Sunday about praying to the children because they are already in heaven and are interceding.**

3rd Sorrowful Mystery- **Crowning with Thorns**- we pray for all those who observed the mistreatment and were crushed by this experience. Bring healing and peace into their hearts we pray.

4th Sorrowful Mystery- **Jesus Carries His Cross**-we pray for all those who observed the mistreatment and were silent bystanders. In your compassion, pour out your mercy upon them.

5th Sorrowful Mystery- **Jesus Dies on the Cross**-we pray for the parents of children who never returned home, whose hearts cannot rest until their loved ones are brought home to their lands.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1st Joyful Mystery- **The Annunciation**-We pray for all our Indigenous children and youth that they may be safe from harm and one day come to know You, their Creator, and their true path in life.

2nd Joyful Mystery-**The Visitation**- We pray for our current government officials that they might be proactive in addressing the concerns of Indigenous peoples

3rd Joyful Mystery-**The Nativity of Jesus**- We pray for all newborn Indigenous children, that they may be nurtured and loved in their families of origin.

4th Joyful Mystery- **Presentation in the Temple**- we pray for all those whose hearts have been pierced by the loss of their children and the ongoing trauma that has been revisited upon them with the discovery of the unmarked grave sites.

5th Joyful Mystery-**Finding Jesus in the Temple**- we pray that despite the media reports and inaccurate statements regarding the discovery of the unmarked graves, that the people of God would be strong in faith, and act in fidelity to the teaching Magisterium of the Church.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1st **Glorious Mystery-Resurrection**- we pray for all those who have been traumatized by the scandal of the residential schools. Help us to remember that the darkness of the Crucifixion was followed by the light of the Resurrection.

2nd **Glorious Mystery- Ascension**- we pray for all peoples inside the church who have been wounded by the actions of the colonization of indigenous peoples and who have lost their faith and trust in Jesus, would regain it with true joy.

3rd **Glorious Mystery- Descent of the Holy Spirit**- we pray that by the working and power of the Holy Spirit that our sorrow, grief and horror will be turned into right action.

4th **Glorious Mystery- Assumption of Mary**- we pray that the people of God through fervent prayer and penance become signs of God's love and witnesses to Christ in this time of need, and use this opportunity to love the Church even more.

5th **Glorious Mystery- Coronation of Mary**- we pray that all God's people will turn to Mary, seeking her intercession and be guided on the journey to reconciliation.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1st **Luminous Mystery- Baptism of Jesus**-we pray for a deeper awareness of the damage caused to indigenous peoples and the enduring harm of colonization. Shine your light into this situation that we may learn from it. Pour forth your mercy and forgiveness upon all who participated in this sin against your children.

2nd **Luminous Mystery- Wedding at Cana**- we pray that you would enlighten the eyes of our minds to the many ways in which we continue to turn a blind eye to the inequities facing the indigenous peoples.

3rd **Luminous Mystery- Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**- we pray for the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, that resistance on the part of government to address the recommendations would be overcome and that your Spirit would guide the process of addressing these according to your will.

4th **Luminous Mystery- Transfiguration**- we pray that your Spirit would change our hearts so that we would set aside our own personal opinions and listen with love to the needs of the indigenous peoples.

5th **Luminous Mystery- Institution of the Holy Eucharist**- we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist, spiritual food for those holy men and women who served the indigenous peoples with love.