

Contemporary Rosary

By Jane Via

Prayers by Jackie Davis

Presider's Script

Jane: Opening Prayer:

We come together to pray the rosary. We focus on resisting the normalization of evil in our time by living out our faith to the fullest. Prayer can help us expose evil for what it really is. Our faith, love and courage in the Divine Center of the Universe grabs the attention of all who witness it. This is possible for all of us, right here and right now, one moment at a time. We pray together for these intentions.

Jackie: First Intention (Mystery): *Prayer for our planet Earth.*

Breath of Life, we ask for the very survival of our planet earth. Our previous vision, set in prayer was: "as it was in the beginning, is now and forever will be". We have learned from science that there is no forever, creation is always in process, the Earth will not always exist. Had we acknowledged this sooner, perhaps our Earth would not be on the path to extinction.

Wrap us in your power of intention and action , that we may protect and heal our planet's precious life from the depths of the oceans to the heights of our skies. We pray...*Amen*

5 Hail Marys¹

Karen: Hail Mary, Grace Incarnate, maternal face of Holy Mystery, blessed are you among women and blessed is Jesus, the child of your womb...

Jackie: Holy Mary, truly our sister, Mother of the Cosmos, help us protect our planet Earth from further human desecration, devastation and destruction.
Amen.

¹ Hail Mary (Basic Version): Hail Mary, Grace Incarnate, maternal face of Holy Mystery, blessed are you among women and blessed is Jesus, the child of your womb. Holy Mary, truly our sister, Mother of the Cosmos, (be with us now and at the hour of our death) (altered depending on the intention of the prayer).

Glory Be

Karen: Glory be to the Source of all that is, everlasting Wisdom, eternal Word and Sophia (Holy)² Spirit,

Jackie: ...as it was in the beginning, is now and will be...**Amen.**

Karen: Prayer of Jesus

Loving God, in Whom is heaven, may Your Name be honored everywhere. May your Kin-dom come, the desire of Your heart for the world be done, in us, by us and through us. Give us the bread we need for each day. Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others. Keep us from all anxiety and fear. For You reign in the power that comes from Love, which is Your glory, now and always...**Amen.**³

Jackie: **Second Intention (Mystery): *Prayer for our Country and the Survival of Democracy.*** (Taken loosely from JesuitResource.org.)

Holy Life, we ask for the wisdom to see the damage being done to our democracy by those who would mislead, deflect, disrupt, and deny the humanity of others.

We ask for the courage to learn, to witness, to speak up; to take daily actions as caring citizens, and to protect the right of all to vote and be heard.

Help us to connect to our fellow citizens and commit to their well-being.
Amen.

5 Hail Marys

Karen: Hail Mary, Grace Incarnate, maternal face of Holy Mystery, blessed are you among women and blessed is Jesus, the child of your womb.

Jackie: Holy Mary, truly our sister, Mother of the Cosmos, help us protect our country as a democracy and democracy everywhere, now and always...**Amen.**

Glory Be

² Contemporizing ancient prayers requires attention to the prayer's rhythm or cadence. The more similar to the traditional prayer the rhythm, the more easily the praying person adjusts to the new words, especially if they have no knowledge of the New Cosmology/ contemporary Catholic theology. While a feminist approach favors the use of Sophia, some may find the rhythm, or cadence, favors the use of Holy since Sophia involves 3 syllables and Holy only 2 syllables.

³ The author of this version of the Prayer of Jesus is unknown. Should you know who created it, please contact us at MMACC.org

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Jackie: **Third Intention: *Prayer for All Migrants, Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants*** everywhere and especially for those currently living in our country or along our borders.⁴

Divine Love, we ask your blessing on, and entrust to you, all those who have made the journey to another land, enduring fear, uncertainty and danger to reach a place of safety and hope.

We ask you to accompany them through the dangers that chase them from their home countries, the dangers they encounter on the journey, the dangers near the camps along the border and the dangers to those who are incarcerated and abused by our own government.

We ask your tenderness and protection for them; and, in caring for all immigrants, may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home, where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.

Finally, we pray especially for those refugees, migrants, asylum seekers or immigrants who have died this year in the custody of our government...May they find a permanent home in the womb of your Holy Love. *Amen.*

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Karen: Hail Mary, Grace Incarnate, maternal face of Holy Mystery, blessed are you among women and blessed is Jesus, the child of your womb.

⁴ Taken loosely from Pope Francis and others.

Jackie: Holy Mary, truly our sister, Mother of the Cosmos, be with all migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants. Help us to love and protect them, defend and console them, now and always. **Amen.**

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Jackie: **Fourth Intention** (Mystery): ***Prayer for LGBTQIA+ people; for women as a class; and for oppressed people of all genders everywhere.***
(Taken loosely from New Ways Ministry.)

Consoling Presence, we ask you for sanctuary for those in the LGBTQIA+ community, and for women, who feel fear due to many national protections that have previously and recently been put in place and now have been withdrawn (as well as the threat of others to be retracted),

And for all those who ever wondered if they were truly made in the image and likeness of God because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

We ask this blessing of knowing that we all are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image. **Amen.**

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Jackie: Holy Mary, truly our sister, Mother of the Cosmos, be with LGBTQIA+ people, women as a class, and oppressed people of all genders. Help us to love and protect them, defend and console them, now and always. **Amen.**

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Jackie: **Fifth Intention:** *Our personal, special intentions and prayers for our families and friends.* (All those who would like to share an intention are invited to do so. When appropriate, begin the Hail Marys.)

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Jane: **Concluding Blessing:**

A Lakota Prayer

Edited to use plural pronouns.

O Great Mystery,
Teach us how to trust
 our hearts, our minds, our intuition, our inner knowing,
 the senses of our bodies,
 the blessings of our spirits.
Teach us to trust these things
 so that we may enter Sacred Space,
 love beyond our fear,
 and walk in balance
 with the passing of each glorious sun.

Amen.