St. Louise de Marillac School End of the Day Prayer:

Week 1 The Joyful Mysteries

As we pray the rosary this week, let's reflect on some of the happiest moments in the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. We call these the **Joyful Mysteries**.

(Monday): The first Joyful Mystery, "The Annunciation"

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her that she will be the mother of Jesus. Imagine how she must have felt to hear such incredible news!

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: what do you think Mary's first reaction was when she heard she would have the baby Jesus, the savior of the world?

"Our Father…10x Hail Mary… Glory Be…"

(Tuesday) The Second Joyful Mystery, "The Visitation"

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is also pregnant. Elizabeth's baby, St. John the Baptist, recognizes Jesus even before they are born. It's a truly special moment between the two mothers sharing in the excitement of motherhood.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think Mary and Elizabeth felt, sharing this amazing experience together, both being the mothers of baby sons who would change the world forever?

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(Wednesday) The Third Joyful Mystery, "The Nativity"

Mary gives birth to Jesus in a humble stable, laying him in a manger.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: If you've ever held a newborn baby, you know how delicate and precious they are. How do you think Mary felt, holding her own baby, who is the savior of the world, for the very first time?

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(Thursday) The Fourth Joyful Mystery, "The Presentation of Jesus"

Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus to the temple. There, two holy people, Simeon and Anna, immediately recognize that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think it made Mary feel to hear Simeon and Anna acknowledge how special her baby was?

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(Friday) The Fifth Joyful Mystery, "Finding Jesus in the Temple"

On a trip to Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph lose track of the now 12 year old Jesus. After searching frantically, they finally find him in the temple, where he is talking with the religious leaders.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: Have you ever been lost in a crowd, even for a moment? It can be a scary feeling. Imagine how Mary and Joseph felt looking for Jesus. How do you think Mary felt when they finally found him and she knew he was safe?

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Week 2 The Sorrowful Mysteries

As we pray the rosary this week, let's reflect on some of the difficult and sad moments in the life of Jesus, which were also very painful for his mother, Mary. We call these the **Sorrowful Mysteries**.

(Monday) The First Sorrowful Mystery, "The Agony in the Garden"

The night before Jesus was going to die, he went to a special place to pray to his Father. He was feeling sad and afraid, so he brought his friends along for support. But when he was praying, he found his friends had fallen asleep.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think Jesus felt when he found his friends asleep during such a difficult time?

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(Tuesday) The Second Sorrowful Mystery, "The Scourging at the Pillar"

After he was arrested, soldiers mocked and whipped Jesus.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: Imagine how much pain Jesus was in, even though he did nothing wrong except live out the Will of His Heavenly Father. How do you think this made both him and his mother feel?

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(Wednesday) The Third Sorrowful Mystery, "The Crowning with Thorns"

The soldiers continued to tease Jesus about being a king. They wove a crown out of thorns and pressed it onto his head.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: Think about a time you were teased or saw someone else being teased. How do you think Jesus felt while being mocked?

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(Thursday) The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery, "The Carrying of the Cross"

Jesus was forced to carry the heavy, rough wooden cross.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: What do you think Jesus was thinking and feeling as he carried that heavy cross? And how do you think Mary felt, watching her son struggle?

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(Friday) The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery, "The Crucifixion"

Finally, Jesus was nailed to the cross.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: What do you think was going through Mary's mind as she watched her son, Jesus, die on the cross out of love for us?

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Week 3 The Luminous Mysteries

As we pray the rosary this week, let's think about times when Jesus showed us how much God loves us. We call these the **Luminous Mysteries**.

(Monday) The First Luminous Mystery, “The Baptism of Jesus”

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, showing us the way to becoming beloved children of God.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: What do you think John the Baptist was thinking about as he was baptizing Jesus, the Son of God?

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(Tuesday) The Second Luminous Mystery, “The Wedding at Cana”

At a wedding, the hosts ran out of wine. Mary asked Jesus to help, and he miraculously turned water into wine so the celebration could continue.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: Why do you think Jesus chose to help the bride and groom? How do you think your parents feel when they see you helping other people?

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(Wednesday) The Third Luminous Mystery, “The Proclamation of the Kingdom”

Jesus taught people that God loves us very much. He asked us to trust God and love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How does it make you feel to know that God loves you and will always take care of you? How do you tell others this?

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(Thursday) The Fourth Luminous Mystery, “The Transfiguration”

Jesus took three of his friends—Peter, James, and John—up a mountain. A bright light suddenly appeared, and two great prophets, Moses and Elijah, appeared beside Jesus. Then, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: What do you think the disciples were feeling during this incredible moment? How would you feel if you were there?

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(Friday) The Fifth Luminous Mystery, “The Giving of the Eucharist”

At the Last Supper, Jesus made the bread and wine become his Body and Blood and shared this with his disciples for the very first time.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you feel knowing that Jesus wants to share himself with you in such a special way during Mass each and every Sunday?

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Week 4 The Glorious Mysteries

As we pray the rosary this week, let's reflect on the wonderful events that happened in the lives of Jesus and Mary after the crucifixion. We call these the **Glorious Mysteries**.

(Monday) The First Glorious Mystery, "The Resurrection"

After being crucified, Jesus rose from the dead!

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think Mary felt when she learned that Jesus had risen from the dead?

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(Tuesday) The Second Glorious Mystery, "The Ascension"

Jesus ascended into heaven, promising his disciples that he would always be with them in spirit.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think Mary felt knowing that Jesus was reunited with his Father in heaven? If you have a loved one in heaven, how does it make you feel to know they are safe and joyful with God?

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(Wednesday) The Third Glorious Mystery, "The Coming Down of the Holy Spirit"

The Holy Spirit came down to Jesus's followers as a special gift to help them understand God and love others.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think the Holy Spirit helped Mary and the Apostles? How does the Holy Spirit help you?

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(Thursday) The Fourth Glorious Mystery, "The Assumption of Mary into Heaven"

Mary was taken up into heaven to be with Jesus and God the Father.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: How do you think Mary felt knowing she was going to be with her son in heaven forevermore? How does she help you?

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(Friday) The Fifth Glorious Mystery, "The Coronation of Mary"

God gave Mary a special place in heaven, crowning her Queen of Heaven and Earth.

- **Reflection Question:** As you pray this decade of the rosary, think about this question: Have you ever given a special gift to someone you love? How did it make you feel? How did it make them feel? How do you think Mary felt receiving this special gift?

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