

💎 The Story Behind the Prayer

In 1422, a young Franciscan novice who was deeply devoted to Mary used to weave a fresh crown of flowers for her statue every day. When he was told he could no longer do this, he considered leaving the order out of sadness. Mary appeared to him and gave him a beautiful reminder: *"Do not be downcast. Instead of a crown of flowers that fades, weave for me a crown of prayers."* She taught him to meditate on her seven greatest joys on earth, giving birth to this beautiful 7-decade devotion.

Franciscan Crown Rosary

✚ Tirmis Decades

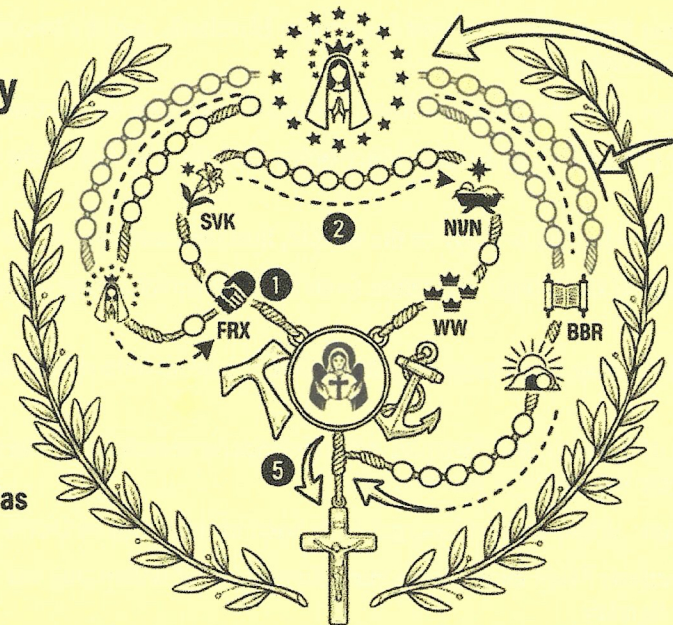
✚ Sign of the Cross

3 Seven Joys

A Nation Joy
B Martian Joy
C Chumibed Joy
D Goriden Joy
E Sunwen Joy
F Viorian Joy
7 Rhem Joy

4 The 72 Ave Marias

Total Pray
Columbiette
for Pope



1 Start Here

2 Each Decade

3 Seven Joys

✚ Recite Joy

1 1 Our Father

○ 10 Hail Marys

4 The 72 Ave Marias

Total no total beads
= 72 Hail Marys

5 Final Prayers

2 Hail Marys

1 Our Father for Pope

🕯 How to Pray It (Step-by-Step)

Unlike a traditional rosary, we jump right into the joy of the first decade without opening creeds or preparatory prayers!

1. **Begin:** Make the **Sign of the Cross**.
2. **The Decades:** For each of the **7 Joys**, announce the mystery, then pray:
 - **1 Our Father**
 - **10 Hail Marys**
 - (Note: Traditionally, a *Glory Be* is not required, but adding 1 *Glory Be* at the end of each decade is very common today!)
3. **The Extra Beads:** After finishing all 7 decades, pray **2 more Hail Marys**. This brings the total to 72 Hail Marys, traditionally honoring the 72 years Mary is believed to have lived on earth.

Our Lady of the Seven Joys, pray for us!

🌿 *Patronesses of the Columbiettes, pray for us!*

4. **For the Holy Father:** Pray 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary for the intentions of the Pope.
 5. **Conclude:** Make the Sign of the Cross.
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🌸 The Seven Joys of Mary

Feel free to have a different Columbiette sister read each reflection aloud during your meeting!

- **1. The Annunciation:** Mary says "Yes" to God's invitation to become the Mother of Jesus.
 - *Reflection:* Mother Mary, teach us to say a joyful "Yes" to whatever God asks of us today.
 - **2. The Visitation:** Mary travels to visit her cousin Elizabeth, and the two share a moment of pure, Holy Spirit-filled celebration.
 - *Reflection:* May we bring the love of Jesus to everyone we encounter, just as you did.
 - **3. The Nativity (The Birth of Jesus):** Mary holds the infant Savior of the world in a humble stable.
 - *Reflection:* Help us find joy in the simple, humble moments of our lives.
 - **4. The Adoration of the Magi:** Wise men from the East travel a long distance just to worship the child Jesus.
 - *Reflection:* May we always seek Jesus with the same determination and gift him our hearts.
 - **5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple:** After frantically searching for three days, Mary and Joseph find young Jesus safe in the temple.
 - *Reflection:* When we feel lost, guide us back to the peace of God's house.
 - **6. The Resurrection:** Mary experiences the ultimate joy of witnessing her Son alive, defeating death on Easter Sunday.
 - *Reflection:* Strengthen our faith, Lord, so we can live as people of Easter hope.
 - **7. The Assumption and Coronation of Mary:** Mary is taken body and soul into heaven and crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.
 - *Reflection:* Queen of Heaven, look over our sisterhood and guide us safely home to eternal life.
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♥ Columbiettes Closing Prayer

Dearest Mother Mary,

Thank you for gathering our sisterhood today and for weaving our voices into this crown of prayers. As Columbiettes, we strive to mirror your humility, your deep faith, and your joyful "Yes" to God's will.

As we leave this meeting, carry your Seven Joys in our hearts so that we may bring your Son's light, charity, and hope to our families, our parish, and our community. Protect our sisterhood, keep us united in love, and guide us always under your maternal mantle. **AMEN**

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