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THE HOLY ROSARY

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Fr Donald H Calloway writes in his book “Champions of the Rosary” there are three keys necessary for unlocking the history and power of the Rosary.

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Rosary Prayers - Sign of the Cross

Prayer

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

Amen

Remarks

- The sign of the cross is a sacramental, a sacred sign instituted by the church which prepares a person to receive grace., and which sanctifies a moment or circumstance.
- Trinitarian Prayer.
- Recognised by the early Church Fathers.
- The sign of the cross should be made with purpose and precision, not hastily or carelessly.
- In the Eastern Church, they also hold their 3 fingers together on their right hand to further symbolize the Trinity as they make the cross.
- The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties.” (ccc 2157)

Rosary Prayers – Apostles Creed

Prayer

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.

Remarks

- A statement of Christian belief, used by the western churches.
- The Apostles Creed is an enlargement of the “Old Roman Creed”, which was in use as early as the second century. The early church called this the “**rule of faith**”.
- Reflects traditions that were affirmed officially by the entire church in the Nicene Creed, although its roots are much earlier.
- In its present form dates to around the eight century.

Rosary Prayers – Our Father (Pater Noster)

Prayer

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.

Remark

- Jesus taught us to pray by the Lords Prayer (Luke 11: 1-4 / Mathew 6: 9-13)
- The liturgical traditions of the church has retained St Mathews text.
- The prayer is made up of petitions, and if we meditate on each petition, it serves as a moral compass that reveals the best way to go before the Father in requesting his guidance and protection.

Rosary Prayers – Hail Mary (Ave Maria)

Prayer

Hail **Mary**, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

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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**

1. The Hail Mary originated from the words from the Archangel Gabriel (Luke 1:28) and known as the **Angelic Salutation**.
2. Next part of the prayer is taken from the Visitation when Elizabeth greeted Mary (Luke 1:42) and known as the **Evangelic Salutation**.
3. 6th Century: Pope Gregory the Great decreed that the Angelic and Evangelic Salutation become an offertory prayer at mass on last Sunday in Advent
4. (590 – 604) Pope Urban IV added the Holy Name of **Mary** and **Jesus (Christ)** after the scriptural words.
5. 11th Century? First two parts take time to come together as a common prayer
6. 1508 **Petition** added to the Hail Mary and note the Franciscans were accustomed to saying “**now and at the hour of our death**”
7. 1568 Pope Pius V allowed the pray to be included in the Roman Breviary (little office)

Rosary Prayers – Glory Be.

Prayer

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.

Remark

- The Glory be is a doxology or a sort expression of praise for God.
- The tradition of doxology comes from the Jewish synagogues. St Paul uses doxologies similar to the “Glory Be” in his letters
- In 1521, another Dominican, Alberto de Costello, assigned a major Mystery to each decade of the Rosary, while retaining individual meditations for each bead. Around the same time, **the Gloria Patri was added to the end of each decade.**

Rosary Prayers – Fatima Decade Prayer

Prayer

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

Remark

The Fatima Prayer



The Decade Prayer for the rosary, commonly known as the Fatima Prayer, was revealed by Our Lady of Fatima on July 13, 1917. She asked the three shepherd children, Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, to recite it at the end of each decade of the rosary.

It was approved for public use in 1930.

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Rosary Prayers – Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Prayer

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.
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, * that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

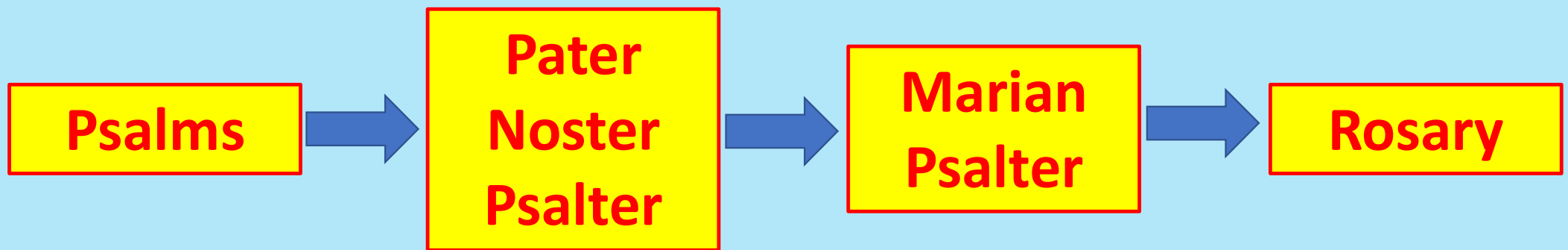
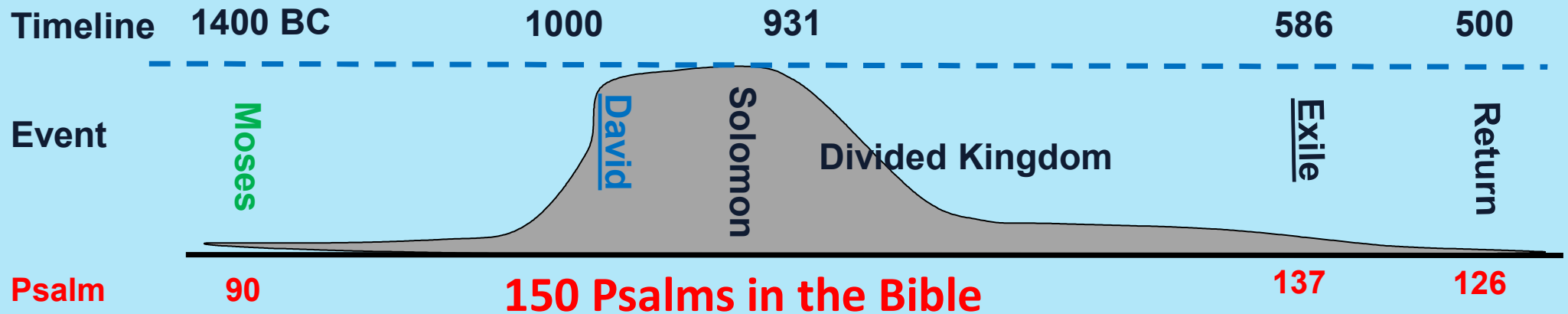
Let us pray. *

O God, whose only-begotten Son by his life, death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remark

- Written by a German Benedictine Monk, Blessed **Herman the lame, also known by his Latin name as Herman Contractus**. Born 18 July 1013 and died 24 Sept 1054.
- Born with serious disabilities, but he had other gifts in languages and a scholar.
- Herman composed the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) and the Alma Redemptoris Mater (Loving Mother of the Redeemer). Both of which are incorporated into the church Liturgy of the hours.
- The pray at the end was added later (and came from the opening prayer of Mass of the Rosary).
- In 1492, Christopher Columbus would gather his men on deck every morning during his voyage to the new world to sing the Salve Regina as a sign of Our Lady's protection.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROSARY



KEY CHAMPIONS OF THE ROSARY

ST DOMINIC DE GUZMAN
1170-1221

- Dominic formed them into the Order of Preachers. → Dominicans.
- Preached against the Albigensian heresy.
- **Founder of the Angelic Psalter (Early Rosary) & Confraternity of the Rosary.**

BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE
1428-1475

- Blessed Alan was one of the Dominican Fathers from the monastery at Dinan, in Brittany. He was an eminent theologian and was famous for his sermons.
- **Our Lady told Blessed Alan to revive the ancient Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.**
- Blessed Alan began this great work in 1460 after a special warning from Our Lord.

ST POPE PIUS V
1504-1572

- Known for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and for being a great promoter of the [Holy Rosary](#), so much so that he is called "The Pope of the Rosary."
- **In 1569 Pope Pius V issued a papal bull, in which he secured the uniformity of the Holy Rosary.**
(15 decades, or 150 Hail Marys - which was given by Our Lady to St. Dominic).
- Established the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in thanksgiving for the victory of the Christian fleet over the Ottoman Turks at the Battle of Lepanto—a miraculous naval battle victory. October 7, 1571.

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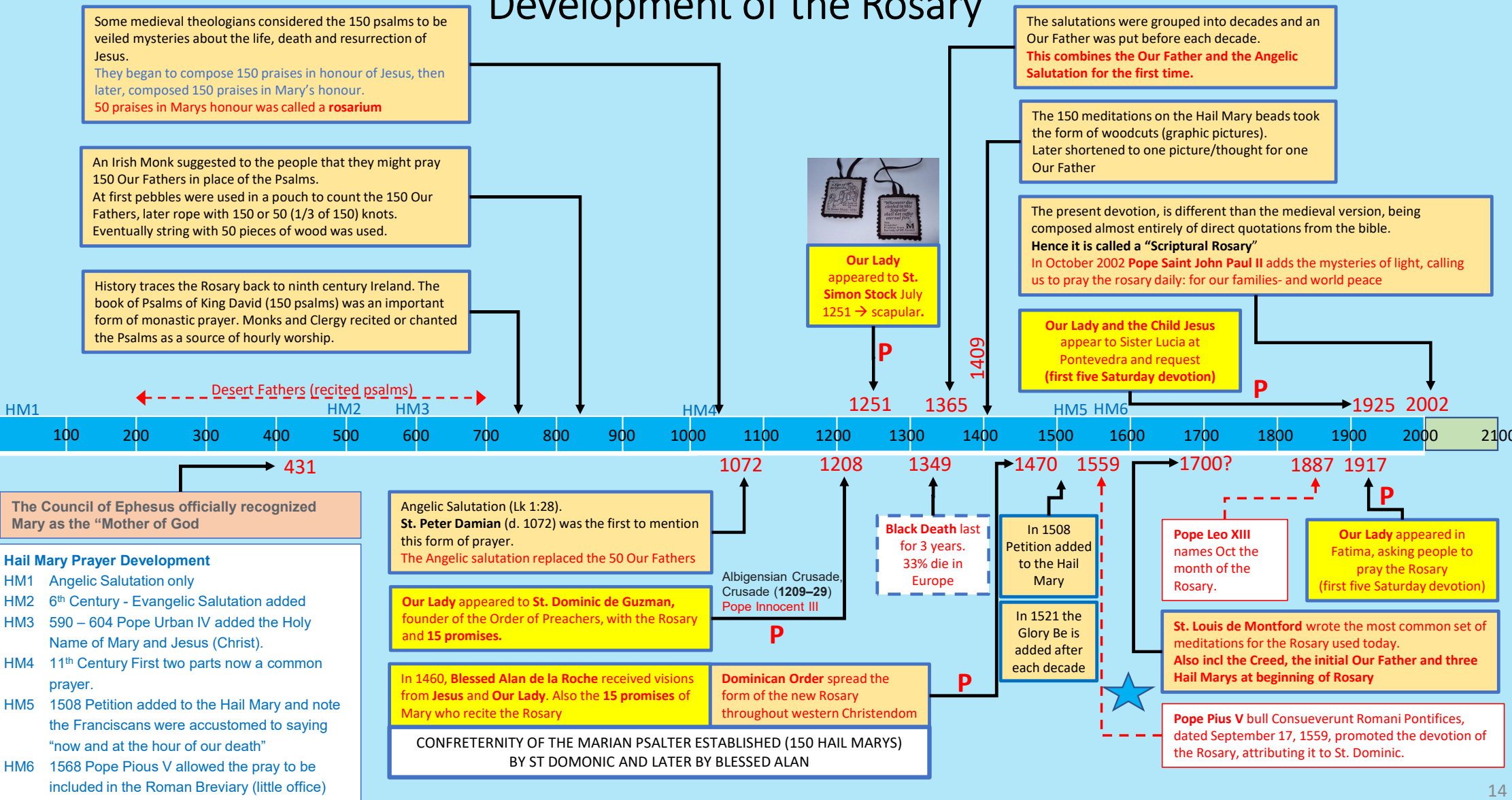
ST LUDOVIC DE MONFORD
1673-1716

- Louis's life is inseparable from his efforts to promote genuine devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. *Totus tuus* ("completely yours") was Louis's personal motto.
- Wrote "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and used the Rosary to preach against Jansenists".
- The practice of the Apostles Creed, the initial Our Father, three Hail Marys as well as assigning a fruit to each mystery is associated to his preaching.

ST POPE JOHN PAUL II
1920-2005

- He wrote the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in which he added the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary.
- Most travelled Pope in History and took the Rosary with him.
- Integral to the message of Fatima and recognised as the pope in the third part of the secret.
- Pope John Paul II chose *Totus tuus* ("completely yours") as his episcopal motto.

Development of the Rosary



JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



POWER OF THE ROSARY



15 Promises of the Rosary (St Dominic/Blessed Alan de La Roche)

The 15 promises fall under the category of "private revelation", and as such are a pious tradition, which a person is free to believe or not believe.

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful Armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the heart of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered and never overwhelmed by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death (unprepared for heaven). The sinner shall convert. The just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

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8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



My Rosary Story

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My Rosary Story and Reflection

In the morning I had attended mass at St Cuthbert's at Cowpen where the Bishop had come to visit and celebrated mass. I spoke to him about my role as a promoter in Hexham and Newcastle and he agreed he would send out an internal mail to the curia about that, although he did warn me that some priests would not want me to talk about Fatima after mass. He said, however he was on my side.

Today was also the day of the big match, England were in the European cup final playing Italy.

I was now on my way to see my daughter Leanne and granddaughter Ruby and decided to walk the four miles and say the Rosary along the way. I also decided to stop at the end of each decade and meditate on what I could see. Being Sunday 11 July 2021 it was the Glorious Mysteries.



WEeping WILLOW

THE RESURRECTION

A thought came to mind, it somehow symbolizes the resurrected Jesus after the resurrection.

In some ways sad, but overall magnificent in beauty and strength.



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THE ASCENSION

A thought came to me, and it was like Jesus' ascension into heaven, leaving behind the world we live in, which was vacant and needing a new owner.

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THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A thought came to me. The Holy Spirit does indeed welcome everyone, if we allow him.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN

A thought came to me as I wondered what was behind the door.

Heaven's door is open to all, we just need to keep to the right path.

A photograph of a narrow, dark path leading through a dense, green forest. At the end of the path, a wooden door is slightly ajar, revealing a bright light behind it. The scene is dappled with sunlight filtering through the trees.

AN OPEN DOOR ON A
NARROW PATH

CROWNING OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

I thought about heaven and was thinking I want to go there. I want to be a saint and just glanced up into the sky.

I noticed some clouds and looked at the shapes they formed. Then I saw two clouds joined together just like Angels wings waiting for some one to put them on.



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