

CHAPLET OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Composed by our patron St. John Berchmans and recited by him daily in order to obtain, through the intercession of Mary, the grace never to commit any sin against the virtue of purity, this Chaplet consists of three groups of four beads, with a medal with the image of Mary Immaculate framed by the prayer “O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE.”



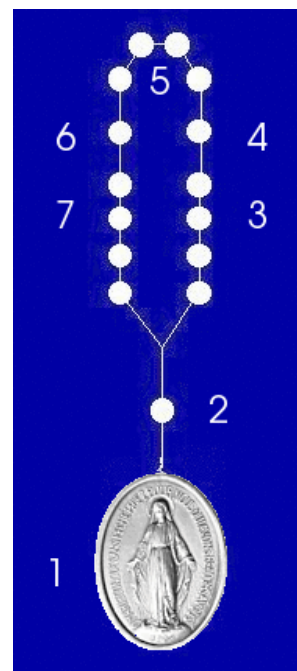
The Chaplet consists of three Our Fathers in honor of each person of the Blessed Trinity, each followed by four Hail Marys in honor of twelve virtues of our Lady. St. John Berchmans called it the “Chaplet of the Twelve Stars” with which to crown our Lady. He composed short and pithy meditations for each prayer, in all fifteen, which show fully the scope and fruit of this, his much loved devotion.

So great was his love for our Blessed Mother and his zeal for Mary’s Immaculate Conception, that he made a vow that the first book he should write would be on her Immaculate Conception. Among his effects, after his death, was found a small paper, on which he had written and signed:

I, John Berchmans, most unworthy child of the Society of Jesus, proclaim to thee, O Mary, and to thy Son, whom I believe and confess is here present in the most august Sacrament of the Eucharist, that always and forever, unless the Church judges otherwise, I will be the supporter and defender of thy Immaculate Conception...



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1. Holding the Miraculous Medal, make the Sign of the Cross saying:

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

(It is customary to kiss the Medal after signing oneself.)

**O God, come to my assistance.
O Lord, make haste to help me.**

2. On the Single Bead say:

I thank Thee, O Eternal Father, for having by Thy Almighty power preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Daughter, from the stain of original sin.

Then: **Our Father...Amen.**

3. On each of the four beads say:

Hail Mary... Amen. adding each time: **Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

4. On the Single Bead say: **I thank Thee, O Eternal Son, for having by Thy wisdom preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Mother, from the stain of original sin.** Then: **Our Father...Amen.**

5. On each of the four beads say: **Hail Mary... Amen.** adding each time: **Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

6. On the Single Bead say: **I thank Thee, O Holy Spirit Eternal, for having by Thy love preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Spouse, from the stain of original sin.** Then: **Our Father...Amen.**

7. On each of the four beads say: **Hail Mary... Amen.** adding each time: **Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

The Chaplet is concluded by saying: **Glory be... Amen.**