

This Lutheran Rosary is designed for use according to Martin Luther's *A Simple Way to Pray*.

You may begin at the Luther Rose (or cross) by contemplating the centrality of the cross of Christ in our faith. One large bead marks the beginning of the Lord's Prayer followed by seven smaller beads, one for each of the petitions. As you recite each of the petitions, pause to contemplate and pray on their meanings.

Our Father who art in Heaven
 1. Hallowed be your name
 2. Thy kingdom come
 3. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
 4. Give us this day our daily bread
 5. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
 6. Lead us not unto temptation
 7. And deliver us from evil. Amen

The doxology (For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever) was not part of the text as Luther knew it.

The Ten Commandments are each marked by a large bead. Each Commandment is followed by four small beads, indicating Luther's "garland of four strands" (Schoolbook/Songbook/Penitential book/Prayerbook). That is, after saying the Commandment, you first say what this teaches you (school), then give thanks to God (song/psalm), followed by a confession of failure to follow the Commandment (penitential), and finally prayer to God for guidance and strength to fulfill the Commandment. The *Small Catechism* is instructive for the "schoolbook" aspects.

A Lutheran Rosary

Lord, Teach Us to Pray . . .

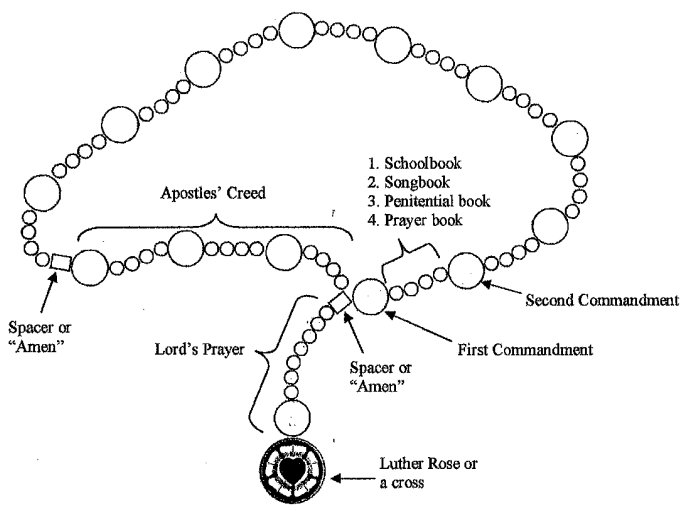


**A Simple Way to Pray
 Martin Luther**

Garland of Four Strands

1. Learning — what does this teach me?
2. Thanking — give thanks to God for compassion and instruction
3. Confessing — confess the ways in which you have failed to acknowledge this gift and instruction
4. Praying — pray for grace, faith, strength, and guidance

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1. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth
2. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
3. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed is then marked off, three beads indicating the three parts (Creator, Christ, Spirit). Each of these is again followed by four beads, indicating the same "garland of four strands" of learning, thanking, confessing, and praying.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not cover your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maid-servant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maid-servant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.