

The Chaplet of Saint Charbel

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The Chaplet of Saint Charbel is a short prayer said on a small string of beads, offered in honor of the Maronite hermit of Annaya. The most common form uses five groups of colored beads joined by a medal of the saint, with five black beads dividing the groups and a single white bead just after the medal.

The colors carry meaning. The red beads honor the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The white beads honor Saint Charbel's love for the Holy Eucharist. The blue beads honor his devotion to the Blessed Mother. Arrangements vary between beadmakers, so follow the guide that comes with your own chaplet if it differs.

HOW TO PRAY IT, BEAD BY BEAD

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Then move through the beads in this order.

On the medal, to begin: hold the medal of Saint Charbel and quiet your heart, offering the chaplet for your intention.

On the first white bead, pray the Father of Truth prayer. This ancient offering, drawn from the Maronite liturgy, places the sacrifice of Christ before the Father.

Father of Truth, behold Your Son, a sacrifice pleasing to You. Accept this offering of Him who died for me; behold His blood shed on Golgotha for my salvation. It pleads for me. For His sake, accept my prayer. Amen.

On each black bead, pray an Our Father. The black beads divide the sets, and the Lord's Prayer opens each part of the chaplet.

On the first three red beads, pray a Hail Mary on each in honor of Saint Charbel's fidelity to the vow of **poverty**.

On the second three red beads, pray a Hail Mary on each in honor of his fidelity to the vow of **chastity**.

On the third three red beads, pray a Hail Mary on each in honor of his fidelity to the vow of **obedience**.

On the three white beads, pray a Hail Mary on each in honor of his **love for the Holy Eucharist**.

On the three blue beads, pray a Hail Mary on each in honor of his **devotion to the Blessed Mother**.

THE CLOSING PRAYER FOR GRACES

Return to the medal to finish, naming your intention within the prayer.

Lord, infinitely holy and glorified in Your saints, You inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world, so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience might triumph in his hermitage. We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, who have manifested the power of Saint Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favors, grant us this grace (here name your intention) which we ask of You through his intercession. Amen.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.