



## A POWERFUL WEAPON

We must pray and fast with a living faith and a firm confidence—and there is no better way to do this than by praying the Holy Rosary.

The rosary is a prayer of immense power through which countless miracles have been obtained and victories won. When the days seem dark, we must not be afraid. Like our forebears in faith, we must once again turn to the rosary, calling on the Immaculate Virgin to come to our assistance and put our enemies to flight.

Here are 15 quotes from popes and saints to encourage you in praying this powerful prayer.

1. "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." -*Saint Padre Pio*
2. "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." -*Blessed Pope Pius IX*
3. "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." - *Saint Francis de Sales*
4. "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." -*St. Padre Pio*
5. "Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!" -*St. Padre Pio*
6. "The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." -*St. Josemaria Escriva*
7. "Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!" -*St. Josemaria Escriva*
8. "For those who use their intelligence and their study as a weapon, the Rosary is most effective. Because that apparently monotonous way of beseeching Our Lady as children do their Mother, can destroy every seed of vainglory and pride." - *St. Josemaria Escriva*
9. "You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God." - *St. Josemaria Escriva*
10. "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." - *Pope Pius XI*
11. "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description." - *Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. October 7 is the Feast day of the Most Holy Rosary. This Feast was originally known as Our Lady of Victory because "On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was the last battle at sea between "oared" ships, which featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Moslem force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers. The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary" The feast of October 7th was renamed 'Our Lady of the Rosary' and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716.



In all Her appearances at Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the importance of praying the Rosary daily and performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. Our Lady of Fatima requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world.

12. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." *Pope Leo XIII*
13. "No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary" - *Bishop Hugh Doyle*
14. "The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." -*Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima*
15. "Here is an example to help you understand the efficacy of the Rosary. You remember the story of David who vanquished Goliath. What steps did the young Israelite take to overthrow the giant? He struck him in the middle of the forehead with a pebble from his sling. If we regard the Philistine as representing evil and all its powers: heresy, impurity, pride, we can consider the little stones from the sling capable of overthrowing the enemy as symbolizing the Aves of the Rosary." - *Dom Columba Marmion, Christ, the Ideal of the Priest*

If you practice no other devotion in the spiritual life, pray the rosary. Through it, you will obtain all that you need and will vanquish the enemies of your soul. Through it, you will find peace and joy in the trials of life.

**Conquer the devil—pray the rosary!**

## HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY



Make the +*Sign of the Cross*:

*In the Name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **Pray the *Apostle's Creed*:**

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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.

### **Pray the *Our Father*:**

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.

### **Pray three *Hail Mary's* (for faith, hope and charity):**

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

### **Pray the *Glory Be*:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Each of the five decades begins with one *Our Father*, then ten *Hail Mary's*, then one *Glory Be*.**

**Conclude each decade with the *Fatima Prayer*:**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

### **The five decades are followed by the *Hail Holy Queen*:**

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 towards 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. Amen.

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 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.

A full Rosary consists of 20 decades, 5 each of the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries.

A Rosary may be prayed in full or in part.

#### *Joyful Mysteries*

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity of Jesus
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

#### *Sorrowful Mysteries*

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

#### *Luminous Mysteries*

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

#### *Glorious Mysteries*

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### October 2014

- **Peace.** That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.
- **World Mission Day.** That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

### November 2014

- **Lonely people.** That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.
- **Mentors of seminarians and religious.** That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.