

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

We celebrate Mother's Day and remember that Jesus gave his Mother to be our Mother. We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima in May and remember that Mary has appeared to children throughout history to speak of God's love and her love for us and our need to pray.

### ROSARY MEANS "CROWN OF ROSES"

Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses!

### THE ROSARY CAN BENEFIT ANYONE

at any stage of the spiritual life from beginners to advanced. As you pray the Hail Mary's, form images of the mysteries in your mind and meditate on the life of Jesus, the Son of Mary.

Prayer that is carried by the mother of Jesus to her son has a very special quality as it is believed she takes our prayer and enriches it before giving it to her son. What loving mother wouldn't? And we know that Jesus listens to his mother. What loving son wouldn't?

Throughout its history, the Rosary has been considered a powerful weapon against the forces of evil. The saints have called the Rosary a "ladder to heaven".

### IT HAS BEEN USED AND ENCOURAGED FOR CENTURIES

by the greatest saints and Popes, and because of its good effects - like a good tree it bears good fruit (Mt.7: 17).

*"... It represents a most effective means of fostering among the faithful that commitment to the contemplation of the Christian mystery... as a genuine 'training in holiness': 'What is needed is a Christian life distinguished above all in the art of prayer'... The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation."*

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

## Why Pray the Rosary?



*"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

*"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary."*

~ Pope Pius IX

*"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."*

~ Our Lady of Fátima

*"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family... than the daily recitation of the Rosary"*

~ Pope Pius XII

*My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God."*

~ Sister Lucia, to whom our Lady appeared at Fátima

*"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world"*

~ Pope Saint John XXIII

*"Among creatures no one knows Christ better than Mary; no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of His mystery better than His Mother."*

— Pope Saint John Paul II

St. Louis de Montfort warns us against both ignorant and scholars who regard the Rosary as something of little importance. It *"is a priceless treasure inspired by God."*

*"Of all prayers the Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces; of all it is the one which is most pleasing to Mary, the Virgin Most Holy. Therefore, love the Rosary and recite it every day with devotion."*

~ St. Pius X

*"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."*

~ Saint Padre Pio

## HOW CAN YOU START PRAYING A DAILY ROSARY?

By praying just a decade, one mystery with one Our Father and ten Hail Mary's each day until you feel you want to pray more.

# ***IF YOU ARE NOT HONORING MARY***

*you are either not a part of the Body of Christ  
or you are breaking the Fourth Commandment*

If you belong to Jesus, if you have “put on Christ,” if you wish to imitate Jesus and belong to His Body, then His mother becomes your mother. At the cross Jesus gave His mother to John, the beloved disciple and He gives her as His great gift to all of us who claim to be His disciples.

Honoring Mary takes nothing away from Jesus as God has commanded us to honor our mothers and fathers. If you wish to identify with Jesus, who is both God and Man, then you must honor his earthly mother as you would your own mother in order to fulfill the Fourth commandment to honor you father and mother. As Christians, we should strive to honor whatever Jesus honors and Jesus perfectly fulfilled God’s commandments as He Himself is God!

Mary is our great intercessor! At the wedding feast of Cana, it was Mary who told Jesus that they had run out of wine. At Mary’s intercession He made more wine in abundance for this feast.

Mary will care for our needs and keep us close to her son Jesus, if we stay close to her.

## **Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

## **Affectuate Salutations to Mary**

I greet thee, Mary, Daughter of God the Father.  
I greet thee, Mary, Mother of the Son of God.  
I greet thee, Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.  
I greet thee, Mary, Temple of the Blessed Trinity.  
I greet thee, Mary, White Lily of the resplendent Trinity.  
I greet thee, Mary, Fragrant Rose of the heavenly court.  
I greet thee, Mary, Virgin full of meekness and humility,  
of whom the King of Heaven willed to be born  
and nourished by thy milk.  
I greet thee, Mary, Virgin of virgins.  
I greet thee, Mary, Queen of martyrs,  
whose soul was pierced by the sword of sorrows.  
I greet thee, Mary, Lady and Mistress,  
to whom all power has been given  
in Heaven and on earth.  
I greet thee, Mary, Queen of my heart, my sweetness,  
my life and all my hope.  
I greet thee, Mary, Mother most amiable.  
I greet thee, Mary, Mother most admirable.  
I greet thee, Mary, Mother of beautiful love.  
I greet thee, Mary, Conceived without sin.  
I greet thee, Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed be the Fruit of thy womb.

Blessed be thy spouse, Saint Joseph. Blessed be thy father, Saint Joachim. Blessed be thy mother, Saint Anne.  
Blessed be thy angel, Saint Gabriel. Blessed be the Eternal Father, who has chosen thee.  
Blessed be thy Son, who has loved thee. Blessed be the Holy Ghost, who has espoused thee.  
May all those who love thee bless thee. O Blessed Virgin, bless us all in the name of thy dear Son. Amen

