

## A Rosary Confraternity Publication

✠ OCTOBER is the MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY ✠

JOIN OUR OCTOBER ROSARY CRUSADE FOR OUR NATION

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, PLEASE JOIN US IN OFFERING OUR ROSARIES TO BEG FOR GOD'S MERCY and FORGIVENESS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND FOR GOD'S WISDOM AND GUIDANCE FOR HER PEOPLE ON ELECTION DAY

### OCTOBRI MENSE *Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII* Sept. 22, 1891

At the approach of the month of October, dedicated and consecrated to the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary, we recall with satisfaction the instant exhortations which in preceding years we addressed you, Venerable Brethren, desiring, as we did, that the faithful, urged by your authority and by your zeal, should redouble their piety toward the august Mother of God, the mighty helper of Christians, and should pray to her throughout the month, invoking her by the most holy rite of the Rosary which the Church, especially in difficult times, has ever used for the accomplishment of all desires.

### AUGUSTISSIMAE VIRGINIS MARIAE *Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII* Sept. 12 1897

As the month of October again approaches, Venerable Brethren, we would not willingly leave you without our Letter this year, once more urging you with all possible earnestness to strive by the recitation of the Rosary to aid both yourselves individually and the Church in her need. This form of prayer appears, under the guidance of Divine Providence, to have been wonderfully developed at the close of the century for the purpose of stimulating the lagging piety of the faithful. This is witnessed in the splendid churches and much-frequented sanctuaries of the Mother of God. To this heavenly Mother we have offered the flowers of the month of May; to her we would have also fruit-bearing October dedicated with especial tenderness of devotion. It is fitting that both parts of the year should be consecrated to her who said: "My flowers are the fruit of honor and riches."

## Rosary Sunday - Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

First Sunday in October in the Dominican Rite

### HISTORY OF ROSARY SUNDAY (from *The Rosary of Mary* by William Lawler, O.P. 1945)

The efficacy and power of this devotion was also wondrously exhibited in the sixteenth century, when the vast forces of the Turks threatened to impose on nearly the whole of Europe the yoke of superstition and barbarism. At that time the Supreme Pontiff, St. Pius V, after rousing the sentiment of a common defence among all the Christian princes, strove, above all, with the greatest zeal to obtain for Christendom the favor of the most powerful Mother of God. So noble an example offered to Heaven and earth in those times rallied

around him all the minds and hearts of the age. And thus Christ's faithful warriors, prepared to sacrifice their life and blood for their faith and country, proceeded undauntedly to meet their for near the Gulf of Corinth; while those who were unable to take part formed a pious band of supplicants, who called on Mary and unitedly saluted her again and again in the words of the Rosary, imploring her to grant the victory to their companions engaged in battle. Our Sovereign Lady did grant her aid; for in the naval battle near the Echinades Islands the Christian fleet gained with no great loss to itself a magnificent victory, in which the enemy were routed with great slaughter. And it was to preserve the memory of the great boon thus granted, that the same most holy Pontiff desired that a feast in honor of Our Lady of Victories should celebrate the anniversary of so memorable a struggle.

His successor, Gregory XIII, altered this title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and appointed the first Sunday in October for the new feast.

### **ROSARY SUNDAY MASS**

COLLECT - "O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating on the 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 Lord ..."

### **Prayer for the Apostolate of the Rosary** (from the Most Holy Rosary Novena)

O good Jesus, if sinners only knew Thee, they would never offend Thee! Then hearken to the prayer of my heart and soul, that I may become a generous and loving apostle of the Most Holy Rosary. Let my every breath pour forth the eloquence of the five Joyful Mysteries; and with a love far exceeding the tenderness of a mother's love, let me through the five Sorrowful Mysteries assist and console the most abject of sinners, and with the help of Thy grace and the protection of Mary, the Mother of God, and my own Mother, let me merit the reward of sorrow turned into joy and eternally contemplate the five Glorious Mysteries. Amen.

### **THE BLESSED ROSES OF THE ROSARY** (Altar roses blessed on Rosary Sunday)

There is, in the Order of St. Dominic, a pious custom of blessing roses on the great feast of the Rosary for distribution among the Associates. When piously kept, like the blessed palm, in the houses of the faithful, these blessed roses are always an assurance of Divine Protection. The Annals of the Rosary inform us of a great number of favors obtained for both soul and body through their virtue. Thousands of sick persons have been cured by the Blessed Roses of the Rosary.

When we read the formula which the Church uses in blessing these roses, we can have no doubt of their virtue. "O God, Creator and Preserver of mankind! Deign to pour out Thy heavenly benediction upon these roses, which we offer to Thee through devotion and reverence for Our Lady of the Rosary. Grant that these roses, which are made by Thy Providence to yield an agreeable perfume for the use of men, may receive such a blessing by the sign of Thy Holy Cross, that all the sick on whom they shall be laid, and all who shall keep them in their houses, may be cured of their ills; and that the devils may fly in terror from these dwellings, not daring to disturb Thy servants."

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A BLESSED ROSE PETAL, SEND A  
SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED LETTER SIZE ENVELOPE TO:**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel  
Rosary Confraternity  
Post Office Box 283  
Monroe, CT 06468**

# Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima

PRAYER OF THE NOVENA

**I**MMACULATE Heart of Mary, my Mother † I come to you this day as a little child in prayer. † I beg to make this offering of my heart † as simple and child-like as I can. † The three little ones of Fatima have taught us † what it is pleases your maternal heart. I earnestly desire that all the people of the world † be brought back to a humble knowledge and love † of the Sacred Heart of your dear Son. † I pray, dear Mother of my God † that the indescribable beauty † and the glow-white purity of your own Immaculate Heart † may so captivate our souls that we will detest all sin † and dedicate our lives to the honor and glory † of the God who created us.

As much as I feel the need of many things † I do not dare in this novena † Mother Mary † to ask one selfish petition for myself. † You revealed the secrets of your own sad heart at Fatima † and begged for the restoration of the world to God. † What can I ask of greater good † than to unite my heart to yours in this great yearning? † What can I add but the fervent prayer † that all the world may listen to your pleading?

I give my heart to you, my heavenly Queen † and in utmost confidence I leave to you † the choice of what is best for me † in answer to my prayer of love and reparation.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima † I give you my heart.

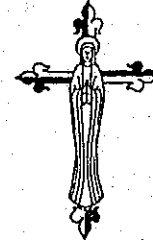
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima † I put my trust entirely in you.

Immaculate Heart of the Mother of my God † we implore, through your powerful intercession † the conversion of the hearts of men † complete victory over sin † and the return of peace which you have promised.

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AND OCTOBER

Suggested practices to make this month more beneficial to yourself and pleasing to Our Lady.

1. Attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, or often as possible.
2. Try to overcome some bad habit and acquire the opposite virtue.
3. Ask our Lord to give you the grace to imitate the virtues of His Mother.
4. Recite the Rosary frequently; daily if possible.
5. Promote devotion to our Blessed Mother.



### Act of Consecration to Our Lady

O Mary, my Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day, my sight, my hearing, my speech, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, my good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession.

**ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE INTENTIONS PLACED ON THE ROSARY ALTAR FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, CUT AND SEND THE FORM BELOW TO THIS CHAPEL**

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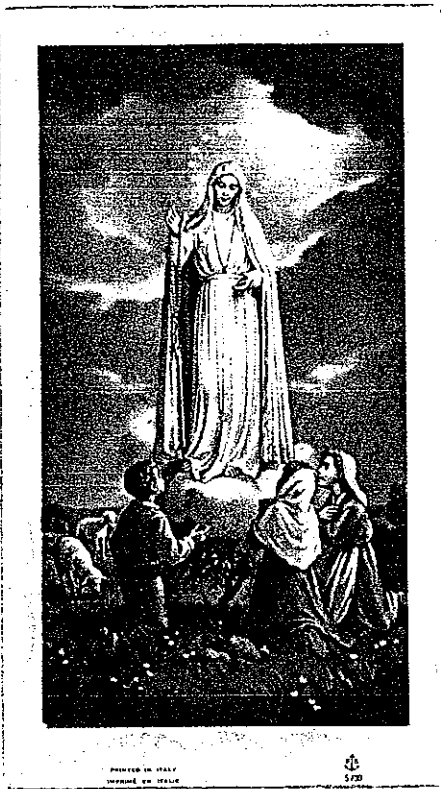
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## October 13 - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Sixth Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima



“What do you want of me?” Lucia inquired of the Queen of Heaven.

“I want to tell you that they must build a chapel here in my honor; that I am the Lady of the Rosary; that they continue to say the Rosary every day.”

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute to filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through St. Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

### NOVENA DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA (taken from Our Lady of Fatima Manual 1948)

NOTE: Place yourself in the best dispositions in order that your prayers may be granted through the intercession of Our Heavenly Mother. As common prayer is more efficacious, try to make this Novena with your family or at least some friends. Begin this Novena by a good Confession and a fervent Communion, with the firm and efficacious purpose of leading a good Christian life, of being faithful to the Heavenly Message of Fatima, and of spreading it around you. Then, on all the days of the Novena, recite the whole Rosary fervently, for Our Lady of Fatima has recommended it to us as a supernatural remedy for all our evils!

**Preparatory Prayer:** O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, who hast deigned to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message, we beseech thee to inspire in our hearts a fervent love of the recitation of the Rosary, that by meditating on the mysteries of our redemption recalled therein, we may obtain the graces and virtues that we ask (*mention your request*) through the merits of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father. Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!*

O Most Holy Virgin, whom in the Joyous Mysteries we behold overflowing with the joy of carrying in your womb the incarnate Son of God, of being His Blessed Mother, and of nursing Him at your virginal breast; obtain for us the grace of living according to the humility of your Annunciation, the charity of your Visitation, the gentleness of your love for the Infant Jesus, the purity and obedience of your Presentation of Our Lord in the

Temple in order that as a reward for our eagerness in seeking Jesus during this life, we may merit also to find Him at last in His Home of Heaven, never to be away from Him. Amen.

*5 Hail Marys*

*Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!*

O Virgin, true picture of sorrow at the foot of the Cross of Your Divine Son Who, after enduring a Bloody Sweat in the Garden of Olives, and being cruelly scourged, and crowned with thorns, ascended Mount Calvary accompanied for you, to die there crucified before you, vouchsafe to teach us the secret of this divine patience, that has associated you with the Passion of Jesus and has made you Co-redemptrix of the human race, so that we may learn from you the way to Calvary, Christian resignation, and love of the Cross. Amen.

*5 Hail Marys*

*Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!*

O Virgin Most Glorious, Thou who are infinitely below Thy Son Jesus but who nonetheless art of all creatures the nearest to Him, thou who hast shared more than any other human being the triumph of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, thou who hast been filled with the Holy Spirit who came down in a visible manner on you in the Supper Room, thou who hast been assumed body and soul into heaven after a most holy life, and thou who hast deserved to be crowned Queen of Heaven, deign to obtain for us that through the meditation on the Mysteries of your glorious and triumphant life we may one day merit to be among the ranks of your blessed servants in Heaven to render to you the eternal homage of our filial love. Amen.

*5 Hail Marys*

*V. Pray for us, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.*

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

**LET US PRAY:** O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has merited for us the rewards of everlasting salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that pondering over these Mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise.

Our Lady of Fatima, most sweet Virgin Mary, in union with the Sovereign Pontiff who has consecrated to your Immaculate Heart the whole human race, we wish to consecrate ourselves also to your Immaculate Heart, so that your Maternal Heart may watch over us, may hear our prayers and help us to gain salvation. May it obtain for poor sinners, the grace of conversion, and for all, the graces of light and strength necessary to remain faithful to God, and may it be our certain refuge at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!*

*Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation (3 times) 300 days indulgence*

**FATIMA**

**ROSARY DECADE PRAYER**

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy.

**FATIMA**

**PARDON PRAYER**

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.

**FATIMA**

**ANGEL'S PRAYER**

With the Blessed Sacrament suspended in the air, the angel at Fatima prostrated himself, and recited this prayer:

• *O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation of the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.*