

October Prayers

The Month of the Rosary

Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of her Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings.

Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, or "On the Most Holy Rosary," explains even further this wonderful devotion, and introduces the optional mysteries of light, or Luminous mysteries.

INVOCATION

Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

TO THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Queen of the most holy Rosary,
in these times of such brazen impiety,
manifest thy power with the signs of thine ancient victories,
and from thy throne, whence thou dost dispense pardon and graces,
mercifully regard the Church of thy Son,
His Vicar on earth, and every order of clergy and laity,
who are sore oppressed in the mighty conflict.
Do thou, who art the powerful vanquisher of all heresies,
hasten the hour of mercy,
even though the hour of God's justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men.
For me who am the least of men, kneeling before thee in supplication,
do thou obtain the grace I need to live righteously upon earth and to reign among the just in heaven,
the while in company with all faithful Christians throughout the world,
I salute thee and acclaim thee as Queen of the most holy Rosary:
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.



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 of 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 Saint Dominic,
thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries,
and the faithful imitator of thy virtues.
Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE
ROSARY *Cardinal*

FAMILY
Spellman

O Queen of the most holy Rosary:
with hearts full of confidence we earnestly beseech you to bless the Crusade of the Family Rosary.
From you came the grace to begin it.
From you must come the grace to win souls to it.

We beg you to bless this Crusade so that from every home the incense of this prayer will daily rise before you, O admirable Mother.

O Queen of Homes:

by the power of the Rosary we beseech you to embrace all the members of our family in the love of your Immaculate Heart.

May you abide with us and we with you, praying to you while you pray for us.

May you preside in our homes as once you did at Nazareth with Jesus and Joseph, filling them with the holiness of your presence and inspiration.

O Queen of Peace:

it is you who have placed the Rosary in our hands.

It is you, who bid us to recite it daily.

By the power of the Family Rosary, we beseech you to obtain peace for us, peace within our hearts, our homes, our country and throughout the world.

Through the daily recitation of the Family Rosary, we beg you to keep sin from our souls, enmities from our hearts and war from our shores.

By the graces received from the devotion of the Family Rosary, we pray to be made helpful to one another in following the paths of virtue so that we may be found worthy to be called children of your family, children of your home.

Amen.

