

## The Rosary

The month of October is filled with many wonderful feast days. It starts out with St. Therese of the Child Jesus, The Guardian Angels, and St. Francis of Assisi, and that's just in the first four days. Along with these Saints, October is dedicated to Our Lady of The Rosary. Her Feast Day is October 7.

The rosary developed from the praying of the 150 Psalms. In the third century, the early Christians used stones to keep track when they prayed each of the 150 Psalms. Later, they said a Hail Mary in place of each Psalm. Then, in 1214, Mary appeared to St. Dominic. She gave him the rosary and asked that he spread the devotion. From then on, people have been praying Mary's prayer, the Rosary.

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer. St. Padre Pio and Pope St. John Paul II said the rosary was their weapon. In 1571, when the Ottoman Turks were invading, Pope St. Pius V asked all the faithful to pray the rosary and ask Mary's intercession. At the end of the day, the Christians significantly defeated the Turks. The date was Sunday, October 7, 1571. Pope Pius V established the feast day in honor of Our Lady of Victory, later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary.

During this month, I challenge you to pray the rosary every day. If you already do, then invite someone to pray with you. Ask Mary to intercede for you and your intentions as you meditate on each of the mysteries. At the end of the month, look back, and thank Mary for all she has done for you. This will begin a wonderful, spiritual habit in your life.

### **The 15 Promises of Our Lady to Those Who Pray the Rosary**

1. To all those who shall recite my rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my rosary shall receive signal graces.
3. The rosary shall be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
4. The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world to the love of God, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. How many souls shall sanctify themselves by this means!
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who shall recite my rosary devoutly, meditating on its mysteries, shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune. The sinner shall be converted; the just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.

8. Those who faithfully recite my rosary shall find during their life and at the hour of their death the light of God, the fullness of his graces, and shall share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I shall deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my rosary.
10. The true children of my rosary shall enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you ask through my rosary, you shall obtain.
12. Those who propagate my rosary will be aided by me in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Our Lady of the Rosary – Pray for Us