

## **October: The Month of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**

The Holy Rosary helps me to adore: my Beloved Father in Heaven Who constantly extends His unfathomable mercy towards me; my Savior and Brother, Jesus Christ Who lives in Sacred Scripture and the Church's Apostolic Tradition—and is present in a most unique way, as the Prayer after the Divine Praises during the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament puts it, “in every Tabernacle throughout the world, even until the end of time”; my Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Who inspires me to embrace good fully and avoid evil.

The Holy Rosary is an opportunity to answer the urgent summons of Our Lady of Fátima. Six times during 1917, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary appeared to the Servant of God Lúcia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos (1907-2005), Saint Francisco de Jesus Marto (1908-1919) and Saint Jacinta de Jesus Marto (1910-1920) in Fátima, Portugal, encouraging them to pray the Rosary daily for “the end of the War” (World War I). Although that War has concluded, there are plenty of problems that elicit our earnest prayers. The Rosary helps me to reply affirmatively to Mary's request to pray her Rosary for all the intentions lodged deep in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the pure Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Holy Rosary is an opportunity to unite myself to all the holy men and women, boys and girls who are reciting (and who have recited) this prayer. Imagine the Poor Souls in Purgatory (“The Church Suffering”) who prayed the Rosary. Now they look to us to assist them in their plight as they continue onward to the Everlasting Kingdom. Imagine the Saints in Heaven (“The Church Triumphant”) who recited the Rosary. With the abundant grace of God, they have achieved their goal of perfect union with Jesus Christ in Paradise. Now they pine for our arrival. Imagine the Faithful here on earth (“The Church Militant”) who presently pray the Rosary. They are convinced of the intercessory power of Our Blessed Lady and recognize her God-given ability to change hearts and minds.

May I understand the Most Holy Rosary better and pray it more!

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“Continue to pray the Rosary every day.” **Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lucia**

“Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood.” “When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.” “If you say the Rosary faithfully unto death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, ‘you will receive a never-fading crown of glory’ (1 St. Peter 5:4).” “Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day become a formal heretic or be led astray by the devil.” **Saint Louis Marie de Montfort**

“You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.” **Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche**

“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” **Pope Blessed Pius IX**

“If you persevere in reciting the Rosary, this will be a most probable sign of your eternal salvation.” “The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessing.” “When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary.” **Blessed Alan de la Roche**

“The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” **Saint Francis de Sales**

“One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.” **Saint Dominic**

“You must know that when you ‘hail’ Mary, she immediately greets you! Don’t think that she is one of those rude women of whom there are so many—on the contrary, she is utterly courteous and pleasant. If you greet her, she will answer you right away and converse with you!” **Saint Bernardine of Siena**

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.” **Pope Saint Pius X**

“Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in Hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if—and mark well what I say—if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.” **Saint Louis Marie de Montfort**

“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**

“‘Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!’ No creature has ever said anything that was more pleasing to me, nor will anyone ever be able to find or say to me anything that pleases me more.” **Our Lady to Saint Mechtilde**