

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray the Rosary!

The Church dedicates October to the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7. Living Faith invites you to pray the Rosary with vigor!

Five Reasons to Pray the Rosary

1. It's the second-most powerful prayer in the world. The first, of course, is the Mass. St. Louis de Montfort taught: "When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer." St. Pio preached: "Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." Learn to pray the Rosary: Bit.ly/LearnTheRosary

2. It's a meditation on the truths of the Gospel. The Mysteries of the Rosary are amazing meditations on the lives of Jesus and Mary as found in Scripture. Through them you will become intimately acquainted with the truths of our faith. Learn the joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the Rosary: Bit.ly/20Mysteries

3. It's easy to learn but a lifetime to master its riches. While children can learn the prayers of the Rosary, the deepest mystics and greatest saints recommend the graces that can be gained through it. St. Francis de Sales says, "Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." Fifteen promises are connected to the Rosary, via St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche. Discover them: Bit.ly/15Promises

4. It is a powerful prayer of intercession. Pray for your every concern, great and small. St. Alphonsus Liguori assures us: "Mary is more prompt than all the saints in coming to our aid. She has a great desire to comfort us. The moment she is invoked, she welcomes our prayers and grants us her assistance." St. Bernard reflects: "In danger, anguish, or doubt, think of Mary and call upon her! Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong."

5. It will call you to be a saint. St. John Paul II wrote: "Although the repeated Hail Mary is addressed directly to Mary, it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed, with her and through her. ...The Rosary helps us to be conformed ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness." Finally, St. Thérèse of Lisieux offers this advice: "Do not be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her enough. And Jesus will be very happy, because the Blessed Virgin is His Mother."