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FOREWORD

THIS BOOKLET is dedicated to Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, and to you, Catholic citizens of the United States of America. Its purpose is to invite you to join a Rosary Crusade by saying the Rosary every day for the shortening of the most destructive war in history.

Our beloved country was dedicated to Mary Immaculate in 1847. That is to say that the Holy Ghost, through the voice of the American Bishops united in Council at Baltimore, gave to this nation the Mother of God as its principal Patron.

In times of crisis, a mother rushes to her offspring. A mother bird appears on the scene when her nest is approached. A mother beast defends her young with life itself. A human mother darts into a burning home to save her child. So Mary, Mother of mankind, will protect those who have recourse to her through her favorite prayer, the Rosary.

Mary is stronger than an army in battle, because Jesus, Lord of hosts, refuses His Mother nothing. When the tyrant Herod sought the life of the Divine Infant, Mary took the God of nations into her protecting arms, and fled with Him into Egypt. She is divinely chosen likewise, to protect those nations which recommend themselves to the Lord.

Mary's title "Queen of Peace" is a reward for service rendered in war. When the greatest battle in history was being waged on the rock of Calvary, the powers of darkness seemed to triumph, devils joined forces with brutal soldiers, but Mary, valiant woman, stood her ground. Jesus, our Commander-in-Chief, was fighting to the death. Mary, selfless Mother, did not ask Him to surrender. She bade Him win. She encouraged Him on to victory. She too was marked with the wounds of battle. Her motherly heart w

pierced with a sword of sorrow, but she emerged victorious, Queen of Martyrs, Queen of Peace.

It is Mary's will to bring us peace, with Jesus. Jesus came into the world through Mary. The hearts of men must first be converted to charity and justice by a crusade of prayer and penance. That is the purpose of a Rosary Crusade to Mary. "When we have once found Mary and by Mary Jesus, and by Jesus God the Father, we have found all good things," says Blessed De Montfort.

A Rosary Crusade will bring spiritual victory in the present conflict, if Mary's orders are obeyed. Those orders were given in the last World War when our heavenly general at Fatima repeatedly bade the shepherd children to say the Rosary, to preach a crusade by word and example, for the purpose of obtaining an early peace. She assured them that she would obtain peace and blessings for the world, if men would heed the lessons of the Rosary.

Since wars are caused by unbelief, selfishness, immorality, and revolt against God, a spiritual weapon is needed. That weapon is the Rosary, **a very powerful armor against hell**. The American Catholic can confidently say of the Rosary what David said of the sword of Goliath: "There is no sword like it. Give it me." (1 Kings, 21:9)

Because Mary has promised that through the Rosary **sinners will be converted and the just will grow in grace**, devout Catholics should recite the Rosary for the conversion of sinners who draw down the punishment of God and the scourge of war. St. Charles Borromeo used to say, during his holy war against heresy, "I rely almost entirely upon the Rosary for the conversion and sanctification of my people."

The Rosary will foster religion, humility, and personal purity in these days, when weak souls lose faith in God at the sight of the misery of nations

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE ANNUNCIATION



THE ANGEL GABRIEL announces to the Virgin Mary that God wishes her to become the Mother of His Son. Mary obeys with humility and joy.

Resolution: I will be humble and courteous toward all.

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and horrors of war, abandoning themselves to unbelief and immorality as a means of escape or as a consequence of evil example.

The Rosary is a map of life, a social pattern, a complete Christian theology, capable of inspiring faith, hope and confidence as a heavenly antidote for the bitterness and moral confusion which reign in the conscience of men and nations at war. **It will substitute in hearts the love of God for love of the world.**

The word "rosary" derives from the Latin word "rosarium" meaning a garden of roses, and was used as far back as the thirteenth century. Pray that these fair gardens may sanctify every Catholic home in the dark days to come. The Rosary, containing one hundred and fifty Hail Marys, is sometimes called the Psalter of Mary, in imitation of the one hundred and fifty Psalms of David contained in the Bible. The Psalter of David is used by the priest in the breviary, whence the Rosary is called the People's Breviary. It is also referred to as the People's Bible, because its fifteen mysteries unfold to the world God's most sublime revelation—the life of His only-begotten Son.

Catholics of America, join the Rosary Crusade! The Mother of God wills it. Remember the stirring words of Pope Pius IX: "Give me an army of men of prayer and with it I will overcome all my foes."

SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE VISITATION



MARY visits St. Elizabeth, who is to be the mother of St. John the Baptist. She remains and assists Elizabeth lovingly for three months.

Resolution: I will help my neighbor in need.

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THE HISTORY OF THE ROSARY

ABOUT the year 1208, while St. Dominic was preaching among the irreligious Albigenses of southern France, Our Lady appeared to him and gave him the Rosary. Dominic had worked for years among these people, preaching to them by day and praying for them by night. But he had little success until, one night while he was kneeling in the chapel of Notre Dame at Prouille, our Blessed Lady appeared to him holding a Rosary in her hand. According to tradition, she taught him how to say it and bade him preach it to the world, promising that it would convert sinners and obtain graces for the just.

THE VICTORY OF MURET, 1213

ARMED with his new weapon, St. Dominic worked successfully among the Albigenses, bringing many of them back to the faith. In the military crusade carried on against these people by Simon de Montfort, the Rosary scored another triumph. The Christian army, instructed by St. Dominic, recited it before the crucial battle of Muret (1213). De Montfort ascribed his victory, under God, to the prayers of the Rosary, and built at Muret, in token of his gratitude, the first chapel of the Rosary.

LEPANTO, 1571

THE mightiest of all Rosary victories was the battle of Lepanto. The Mohammedans, at the peak of their naval power in the Mediterranean, threatened to overrun Christian Europe. In this extremity Pope St. Pius V formed a league against them. The Christian fleet, furnished by Venice, Genoa, and Spain, was commanded by Don John of Austria.

As early as September 17, 1569, Pope Pius enjoined the recitation of the Rosary on all Christendom for the success of the Christian arms. He had ordered all the churches to have the Forty Hours Devotion, with public processions and recitation of the Rosary.

THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



JESUS CHRIST, The Son of God, is born in a stable. His Mother places Him in a manger. He is visited by the Shepherds and Wise Men.

Resolution: Christ became Man; I will become Christlike.

With this picture in mind, say the third decade of the Rosary.

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On that fateful October 7th, he himself spent the entire night in prayer.

Before moving to the attack at Lepanto the Christian sailors devoutly recited the Rosary while the Papal Legate gave the Apostolic Benediction to them. For three hours, the sixty-five thousand men, all of whom had received Holy Communion that morning, continued to recite the Rosary. Then on each ship general absolution was given for the last time by one of the chaplains. The attack began. The wind which had been against the Christians, suddenly dropped. The battle raged until late in the afternoon when the Turks gave way. The victory gave the naval power of the enemy a blow from which it never recovered and ended their threat in the Mediterranean Sea.

From the very first Don John ascribed the triumph of his fleet to the powerful intercession of the Rosary Queen. The Venetian Senate wrote to the other States which had taken part in the Crusade. **It was not generals nor battalions nor arms that brought us victory; but it was Our Lady of the Rosary.**

LA ROCHELLE, 1627

WHEN Louis XIII of France moved against the rebellious Huguenots who had entrenched themselves in the fortress of La Rochelle, he had recourse to Our Lady of the Rosary. Before beginning the siege, he went on foot to visit the altar of Our Lady of Victories in Paris.

The King then ordered the public recitation of the Rosary. On May 20, 1627, the Archbishop of Paris publicly recited the Rosary in the presence of the clergy, the Queen Regent, many of the nobility, and an immense congregation of people. The petition was renewed every Saturday for the triumph of the King's army against his enemies. Meanwhile, while the Rosary was zealously preached in the soldiers' camp. More than fifteen thousand Rosaries

FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE PRESENTATION



IN obedience to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph take the Infant Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem to present Him to His Heavenly Father.

Resolution: I will obey the laws of God and His Church as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did.

With this picture in mind, say the fourth decade.

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were distributed among the soldiers, and at the appointed hours of the day and night the whole camp resounded with Mary's praises. Finally, they stormed the fortress. Once again the Rosary triumphed over the enemies of the Blessed Virgin, and once again France was saved for the Catholic faith.

The victory was accepted, in an official declaration, by the University of Paris as a miracle of the Holy Rosary.

VIENNA, 1683

THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO broke the sea-power of the Turks, but they were still powerful on land.

In 1682 they invaded Hungary, and in the following year they laid siege to Vienna, capital of Austria. The Turkish army — 200,000 strong — under the command of the Grand Vizier Kara Mustapha, approached the city before the Austrian army had been completely mobilized, and began the attack on July 13, 1683, making violent assaults almost daily. The loss of life among the defenders was heavy, hunger and misery spread, and the hospitals were filled with sick and wounded. The fall of the city seemed at hand, but the Emperor Leopold placed all his hope in Our Lady of the Rosary. Relief came on September 12th. The rescuing army, commanded by John Sobieski, King of Poland, made three magnificent charges from the heights of Kahlenberg and completely routed the Turks.

The Turkish attack, aimed at the very heart of Christian Europe, was repulsed by the Blessed Mother of God. To let us know that she is the un-failing **Help of Christians**, the city was rescued on September 12th—the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary.

TEMESVAR, 1716

ALTHOUGH the Turks steadily lost ground after their defeat at Vienna, they were still a menace to Europe. They suffered another great defeat

FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY
THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE



HAVING lost Jesus, Mary and Joseph seek Him. After three days they find Him in the Temple talking with the learned men.

Resolution: I will fulfill my daily duties.

With this picture in mind, say the fifth decade of the Rosary.

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at the hands of Prince Eugene of Savoy, the commander of the Christian armies, at Temesvar, in modern Rumania, on August 5, 1716. Pope Clement XI attributed the victory to the devotion shown toward the Mother of God, for an enemy of 200,000 held a Christian army at bay near Belgrade, while another Turkish army of 40,000 besieged an island off the Greek coast. Knowing the power of the Rosary, the Christians again called upon Our Lady of Victories. As if by miracle they raised the siege, took Belgrade, and won the battle of Temesvar.

One of the five banners carried by the Christian troops during the battle was brought to Rome where it was placed in the Dominican Church of the Holy Rosary. The victory was gained on the feast day of Our Lady of Snows, August 5th. at the precise moment when the Rosary Confraternities were marching in public procession through the streets of Rome. As a sign of gratitude to the Queen of the Holy Rosary, the Pope commanded the feast of the Holy Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

FOUR YEARS after the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed to the world, the Blessed Virgin, clad in white with blue girdle, a long Rosary hanging from her arm, appeared to Bernadette Soubiroux, the fourteen-year-old daughter of a poor miller. The apparitions took place in 1858, in a grotto near Lourdes, a town in southwestern France, not far from where St. Dominic first preached the Rosary.

At our Lady's bidding, Bernadette unearthed a spring, the celebrated waters of which are used piously throughout the world. Processions were made to the grotto, and today the Basilica and Church of the Rosary stand on the venerated spot. Millions of pilgrims visit the shrine, and marvelous conversions and cures attested by medical authorities are wrought.

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN



JESUS prays in the Garden of Olives. The thought of His coming sufferings and of our sins causes Him to sweat blood.

Resolution: My Jesus, I will pray with all my heart. With this picture in mind, say the first decade of the Rosary.

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During the eighteen apparitions at Lourdes, Our Lady carried the Rosary and she, together with her little friend, recited it, powerfully recommending the practice to the world.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF POMPEII AND THE ROSARY NOVENA

GREAT impetus was given to the Rosary devotion in 1876, upon the erection of the sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary at Pompeii, Italy. The following is an illustration of one of the many graces granted.

Fortuna Agrelli, a Neapolitan girl, was hopelessly ill and suffering intense pain. Expert physicians declared her incurable. A novena of Rosaries was made by her and a few relatives beginning February 16, 1884. Fifteen days later she saw the Queen of the Rosary seated on a throne with the Infant Jesus in her lap, a Rosary in her hand, and accompanied by St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena.

"Child," said the Blessed Virgin, "you have invoked me by many titles and have always obtained favors from me. Now, since you have called me by the title so pleasing to me, 'Queen of the Holy Rosary,' I can no longer refuse the favor you ask, for this name is most precious and dear to me. Make three novenas and you will obtain all." The girl obeyed and was perfectly cured.

Once more the Rosary Queen appeared to her and said: "Whoever desires to obtain favors from me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary in petition and three novenas in thanksgiving."

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA

DURING the World War of 1917 the Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, a town in Portugal about sixty miles from Lisbon. Her six visits began in May, the

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST is stripped, bound to a pillar, and cruelly scourged until His innocent Body is covered with wounds and blood.

Resolution: My Jesus, I will keep my body pure.

With this picture in mind, say the second decade of the Rosary.

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month of Mary, and ended in October, the month of the Rosary. On the last occasion, 50,000 people were present. Fatima, like Lourdes in France, is now a famous Rosary sanctuary, where miracles are sought and obtained by the faithful of all nations.

The most important of the Blessed Mother's instructions to the children were:

"You must say the Rosary every day, and say it properly." She added that the war would end soon if the people changed their lives and that she alone could bring it about.

"Pray, pray much, and make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell because there are none to make sacrifices and to pray for them."

WHAT THE POPES THINK OF THE ROSARY

"If you desire peace in your hearts, your homes and your country, assemble every evening to recite the Rosary." (Pius XI)

"Tell your faithful people that the Pope is not satisfied with simply blessing the Rosary, but that he prays his Rosary every day and invites all his children to do the same." (Pius IX)

"This prayer is perfect because of the praise it offers, because of the lessons it imparts, because of the graces it obtains and because of the triumphs it achieves." (Benedict XV)

"We do not wish here to pass over in silence the fact that the Blessed Virgin herself, even in our times, has solicitously recommended this manner of prayer, when she appeared and taught it to the innocent girl in the Grotto of Lourdes." (Pius IX)

"Among the various supplications with which we successfully appeal to the Virgin Mother of God, the Holy Rosary without doubt occupies a special and distinct place." (Pius XI)

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE CROWNING WITH THORNS



A CROWN of thorns is pressed into the head of Jesus. His eyes are filled with tears and blood. His executioners mock and spit upon Him.

Resolution: My Jesus, I will banish unclean thoughts.

With this picture in mind, say the third decade of the Rosary.

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INDULGENCES

AN INDULGENCE is a means of lessening the satisfaction that we must make for our sins, even after they are forgiven. It is a grant made to us by the Church from the treasury of the superabundant merits of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints. It is a remission, in whole or in part, of the temporal punishment due to sin—and is thus known as a plenary or a partial indulgence. Confession and Communion are required to gain a plenary indulgence. But it is not necessary to go to Communion every time we wish to gain an indulgence. Weekly Communion will suffice.

The following are some of the indulgences granted to all the faithful:

PLENARY

1. For devout recitation of the Rosary (five decades) before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed or in the tabernacle.
2. At the end of a Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

PARTIAL

1. Five years, each time the Rosary is said.
2. Ten years, once a day, for saying the Rosary with others.
3. Five years, each day of a Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.
4. On beads to which are attached the Crozier, Dominican, and Brigittine indulgences:
Crozier—27,500 days; Dominican—5,500 days; Brigittine—5,500 days, each time the Rosary is said.

IN OCTOBER

1. A toties quoties indulgence on the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7th (in Dominican churches,

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS



W EIGHED down by the cross, Jesus patiently walks the road to Calvary. Mary makes the stations of the cross with her dying Son.

Resolution: My Jesus, I will bear my cross patiently.

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the first Sunday in October). This means that, for a devout visit to the Rosary chapel or image of the Blessed Virgin, from noon of the vigil to midnight of the feast, a plenary indulgence may be gained for **each** visit. Six Our Fathers, six Hail Marys, and six Glory be to the Fathers for the intention of the Pope are the only prayers that need be said.

2. For the recitation of the Rosary on the feast and during the octave, i.e., a total of eight days, a plenary indulgence may be gained on the feast and once during the octave.
3. One plenary indulgence for the recitation of the Rosary for ten days after the octave of the feast.
4. Seven years for each attendance at the regular October devotions, or for private recitation of the Rosary.
5. It will be readily seen that we can gain many indulgences through our recitation of the Rosary—thus lessening the satisfaction that we must make in Purgatory. We should also offer up some of the indulgences for the souls now in Purgatory, asking God to relieve their sufferings.

PROMISES OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY (To St. Dominic and Blessed Alan)

- *1. *Whoever will faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.*
2. *To all who recite my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.*
3. *The Rosary will 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 substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal goods. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!*

* From the writings of Blessed Alan de Rupe.

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE CRUCIFIXION



FASTENED to the cross by nails, Jesus, after three hours of agony, dies in the presence of His Mother.

Resolution: I accept the death God has prepared for me with all the pains that may accompany it.

With this picture in mind, say the fifth decade.

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THE ROSARY NOVENA

A NOVENA is nine days of public or private prayer to gain special graces. It originated in the nine days, after the Ascension of Christ, which Mary and the Disciples spent in prayer before the coming of the Holy Ghost.

A Rosary novena may be made at any time by simply saying the Rosary nine times, although gratitude demands that, if the favor asked for is granted, another novena should be made in thanksgiving.

The so-called IRRESISTIBLE NOVENA devotion which originated at the sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii is made by saying one Rosary of five decades every day for 54 consecutive days. In short, 54 Rosaries.

The joyful mysteries are recited on the first day, the sorrowful mysteries on the second day, and the glorious mysteries on the third day. This is repeated until 54 days have elapsed. The first three novenas, or 27 Rosaries, are recited in petition, and the last three novenas, or 27 Rosaries, are offered in thanksgiving. Eighteen complete Rosaries, or 270 decades, are recited in all.

It should be remembered, however, that the power of any novena lies in persevering prayer, and not in any magical combination of the number nine.

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5. *Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.*
 6. *Those who shall recite my Rosary piously, considering its mysteries, will not be overwhelmed by misfortune, nor die a bad death. The sinner will be converted, the just will grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.*
 7. *Whoever will have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.*

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY THE RESURRECTION



JESUS rises from the dead, glorious and immortal, on Easter Sunday. He conquers death and opens the gates of heaven.

Resolution: I will live with Christ, so that I may rise with Him.

With this picture in mind, say the first decade.

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THE FAMILY ROSARY

A BEAUTIFUL way of keeping the purity and peace of Christ in the family is to recite the Rosary together. The special power of the family Rosary lies in the old saying: In union there is strength. During the family Rosary Christ prays with us, giving our prayer power it would never have if each member prayed alone. He has said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, I am in the midst of them." The members of the family also strengthen one another by good example.

The father or mother should set a regular time for the recitation of the Rosary. Perhaps after the evening meal would be best for adult families; just before bed time for growing families. Young married people should begin this practice at once after marriage. The blessings of the Holy House of Nazareth—of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—will then be upon them. This is good patriotism. A great America is built upon its families.

Many American bishops and priests are now urging their people to institute, or to revive, the Family Rosary throughout our land. Remember the promise of the Queen of the Rosary: "Those who propagate my Rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities."

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8. *Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.*
 9. *I will deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my Rosary.*
 10. *The true children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.*
 11. *What you shall ask through the Rosary you shall obtain.*

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY
THE ASCENSION



FORTY DAYS after His Resurrection, Jesus ascends, in the presence of His Mother and His disciples, into heaven.

Resolution: I will follow the example of Christ on earth, because I hope to be with Him in heaven.

With this picture in mind, say the second decade.

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THE LIVING ROSARY

THE LIVING ROSARY is a simple and convenient method of honoring the Queen of the Rosary, and is especially to be recommended to persons who are busy or not inclined to lengthy devotions.

It is an association of fifteen persons, each of whom pledges to recite **ONE DECADE OF THE ROSARY DAILY** for a given space of time. The fifteen mysteries are distributed among each group of fifteen members, so that the **ENTIRE ROSARY IS RECITED EVERY DAY BY THE GROUP.**

These groups of fifteen may be composed of persons of any age or occupation who agree to pray for one intention, or for many intentions; for a short interval or for a lifetime. The mystery assigned is recited privately, at any time of the day, and in any place.

Let us consider a practical example. Fifteen Catholic young men and women in a school, study-club or factory, form an association of the Living Rosary to pray for the right choice of a state of life, conversions in the parish, or success in marriage, respectively. Each member says only one and the same mystery during the period agreed upon, but the Blessed Virgin is honored with the beautiful gift of one complete Rosary from the group each day.

Or again, thirty air pilots form a Living Rosary group "for the duration" in order to pray for each other's safety. Pilot Smith chooses the first joyful mystery, The Annunciation. Pilot Jones receives the second joyful mystery, The Visitation. Pilot Murphy is assigned the third joyful mystery, The Nativity; and so on, through the fifteen mysteries. Each pilot recites the **SAME MYSTERY ONCE DAILY**, and when the war ends, the group automatically dissolves.

These pilots may be scattered by the demands of to the four corners of the earth, sweeping the

THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY
THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST



TEN DAYS after the Ascension, the Holy Ghost descends in tongues of fire upon Mary and the disciples.

Resolution: I will love God and my neighbor.

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skies of Tunis, Alaska, and China, but they remember, once daily, to offer their particular mystery to the Mother of God. The Queen of Heaven is honored with the daily gift of two complete Rosaries, that is, thirty mysteries, from the group, "for the duration."

Laymen, laywomen, priests or nuns may organize many "living chains of the Rosary" with little effort, assigning the various mysteries and intentions, and if necessary, giving instructions on how to recite the Rosary. Mary has promised special graces to those who propagate the Rosary devotion.

Such groups may be formed in schools, colleges, factories, hospitals, military camps, study-clubs, or wherever and whenever devout souls desire to consecrate morale and morality to Jesus through Mary. In one parish of the United States, the Living Rosary, with more than 2,000 members, has been in continuous existence for more than seventy-five years.

The mysteries may be assigned, or exchanged, orally or printed on attractive cards, at a monthly gathering, if desired; or drawn at random from a bowl or basket with entertaining ceremony.

The daily recitation of the one mystery which falls to his lot, does not prevent a member from saying as many more as he chooses. Failure to recite the decade through neglect or forgetfulness is not sinful, since the obligation does not bind in conscience. Fidelity in such small practices, however, when motivated by great love of Mary, draws down choice blessings from heaven. "For each salutation of Mary," says St. Bernard, "you will receive a grace from her."

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12. *Those who propagate my Rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities.*
 13. *I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have the saints of heaven for their intercessors in life and in death.*
 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 special sign of predestination.'*

FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

THE ASSUMPTION



THE APOSTLES go to the tomb where they had laid the body of the Mother of God. They find that the angels had borne their Queen to Heaven.

Resolution: I will praise Mary through the Rosary.

With this picture in mind, say the fourth decade of the Rosary.

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WHEN AND WHERE TO SAY THE ROSARY

THE ROSARY is a sign of the Catholic faith. Every Catholic should carry one always, as a mark of identification, and as a means to sanctify spare moments. Blessed objects, such as Rosaries and miraculous medals, have proved a powerful protection to our soldiers and sailors in times of danger. Even non-Catholics wish to possess them.

The Rosary may be said at any time and in any place. The whole Rosary does not need to be said at once. A decade at a time may be said in spare moments. If the Rosary beads cannot be used the Hail Marys may be counted in another way.

Men may finger beads in their pockets. A few decades may be said in the armchair, on the front porch, in the trolley, train, or automobile; while walking to work or to school; during idle hours or during a sickness. A common custom is to say the Rosary in bed until falling asleep.

BECAUSE it is difficult to obtain Rosaries during the present emergency, everyone should take good care of his beads, bearing in mind that, when two or more persons recite the beads together, the indulgences are gained by those present who have no Rosary, provided that at least one person in the group is using the beads. Also that indulgences are attached to the beads and not to the chain or cord. A new blessing is not needed when the Rosary is loaned or given away; nor if several beads are missing or replaced, or all the beads are restrung or rewired. Furthermore, certain indulgences may be gained by individuals, even without the actual use of the Rosary.

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY
THE CROWNING OF MARY



THE MOTHER OF GOD, to the joy of all the angels and saints, is crowned Queen of Heaven by her Divine Son.

Resolution: I will love Mary as my Queen and Mother. With this picture in mind, say the fifth decade of the Rosary.

1 OUR FATHER

10 HAIL MARYS

1 GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

MEDITATION ON THE ROSARY

P RAYER is the raising of the mind and heart to God. We should PRAY the Rosary rather than say it. Counting prayers on beads was in vogue before St. Dominic's time. When Mary gave the Rosary to him, the new thing added was meditation on the mysteries. This method of teaching the mysteries of religion produces in souls the life of Christ. Contemplation of the Christian ideal is to be followed by action, or Christian living. Jesus and Mary want you to join them each day to SHARE THEIR JOYS, SORROWS and GLORIES.

First of all it is necessary to UNDERSTAND the mysteries and to have a clear picture of them in mind. Study the pictures in this book until you know them from memory, and if you wish, keep them open before you while saying the beads.

Here is a suggestion. Put yourself in the place of Jesus or Mary and live the mysteries with them. Be either an actor or a sympathetic spectator. For example, in the scene of the Annunciation imagine that you are present and listening to Mary and the Angel talking together. Or imagine that you are the Angel Gabriel sent by God to announce to the Blessed Virgin that she is to be the Mother of His Son. Then silently receive her message and bear it back to God.

Or again, at the third joyful mystery imagine that you are one of the shepherds adoring the newborn Babe in the stable of Bethlehem. At the third sorrowful mystery feel that you are one of the soldiers forcing the crown of thorns into the Head of Christ by your many sins.

A sincere effort to meditate, even if the effort fails, suffices to gain the indulgences. In fact, meditation is not required to gain the Crozier and Brigittine indulgences.

A little practice will lead to satisfactory meditation. Much practice may lead to high contemplation.

THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Christ
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven

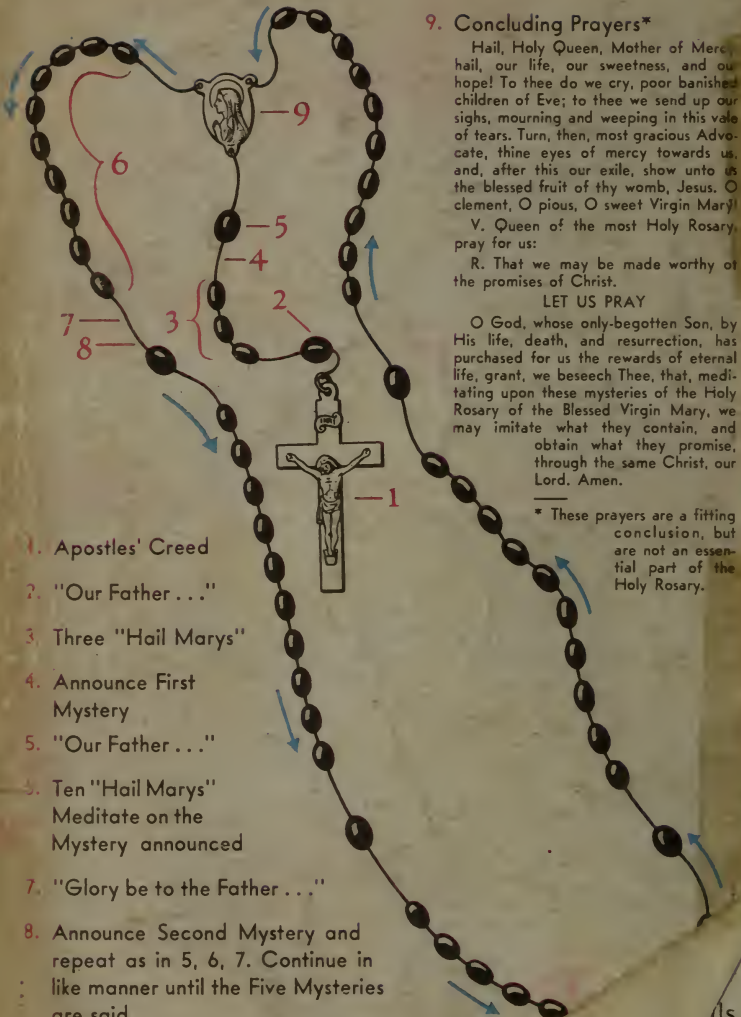
DAYS ON WHICH THE MYSTERIES ARE RECITED

Monday.....	The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday.....	The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday.....	The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday.....	The Joyful Mysteries
Friday.....	The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday.....	The Glorious Mysteries
Sunday.....	The Glorious Mysteries

(Sundays in Advent, Joyful Mysteries; in Lent, Sorrowful Mysteries.)

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HOW TO SAY THE ROSARY



1. Apostles' Creed
2. "Our Father . . ."
3. Three "Hail Marys"
4. Announce First Mystery
5. "Our Father . . ."
6. Ten "Hail Marys" Meditate on the Mystery announced
7. "Glory be to the Father . . ."
8. Announce Second Mystery and repeat as in 5, 6, 7. Continue in like manner until the Five Mysteries are said.

9. Concluding Prayers*

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us:

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 purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* These prayers are a fitting conclusion, but are not an essential part of the Holy Rosary.

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