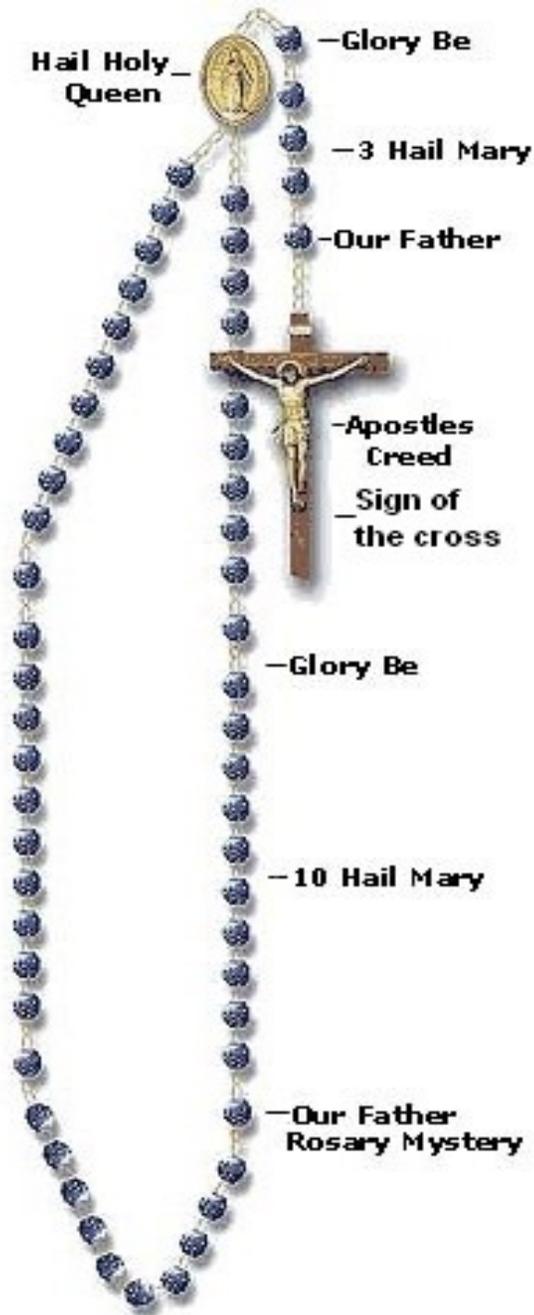


HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY



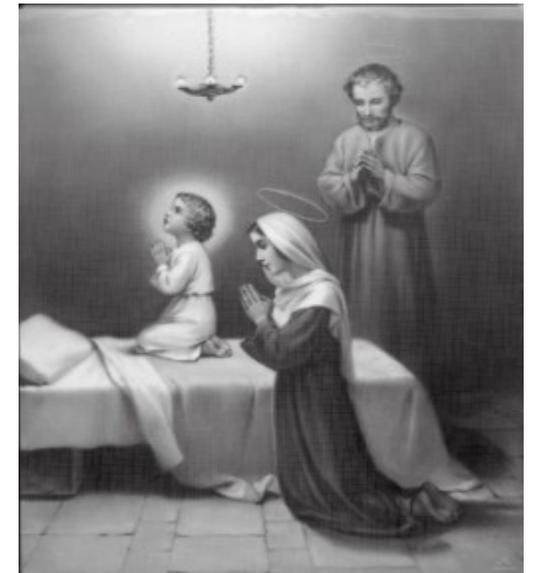
CRUSADE PRAYER

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. (Cardinal Francis Spellman)

“Not only would I say that the family is important for the evangelization of the new world. **The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity.** Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. **The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation.**” Pope Francis (July 27, 2013)

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“SAVE THE FAMILY” ROSARY CRUSADE



“For where two or three are gathered in my Name, I am there among them.” (Mt. 18:20)

ORIGIN OF THE CRUSADE

In a stirring homily that closed the Annual Novena to Our Lady of Fatima, Bishop Emeritus Robert Hermann advocated praying the Rosary for the salvation of souls.

In his talk, the Bishop gave examples of the Rosary's power and effectiveness to overcome evil in the world. He spoke of Our Lady's willingness to intercede on behalf of mankind.

In referring to Mary's Message at Fatima, Bishop Hermann said it is as important now as ever. When Our Lady spoke to the three children at Fatima, she said people must stop offending God. She also said "that the Rosary must be prayed daily" for the salvation of souls and for peace.

For centuries the Church has promoted the Rosary as a remedy for all mental, physical and spiritual problems.

We Catholics have an obligation to pray for Church and government leaders. We have an obligation to pray for Christians being savagely persecuted in many parts of the world. Specifically, we have an obligation to pray for family members, friends, and neighbors who have abandoned the practice of their Faith.

The "Save the Family" Rosary Crusade is Bishop Hermann's answer to how we can bring souls back to Christ. Coming from a household of 15 children, that prayed the Rosary daily, Bishop Hermann is well qualified to speak of the merits of this family prayer.

The Rosary is a simple prayer that can be recited by the young and old, single and married, educated and uneducated, rich and poor. As the Church promotes the New Evangelization and calls each of us to be evangelizers, there is no better or easier method than through the recitation of the Rosary.

WHY FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

The Second Vatican Council—The family is the first and vital cell of society and is considered a domestic church.

Aristotle—The family is nature's established association for the supply of mankind's everyday wants.

William Bennett—For civilization to succeed, the family must succeed, and right now it's not.

ATTACKS AGAINST THE FAMILY

"Satan knows that God created marriage as a beautiful, living picture of Christ and the Church. God designed both marriage and the family for our benefit. Satan knows the value of the family, how it is the fabric of a good solid society, the foundation of vibrant growing assemblies, and the future of God's work on earth. If Satan can be successful in tearing down the structure and substance of the family unit, then he will be successful in damaging what is dear to God's heart." (Bryan Joyce)

Some of the issues threatening family life today are: pornography, homosexuality, drugs, divorce, unemployment, abortion, domestic violence, cohabitation and fatherless homes. Prayer, especially the Rosary, will combat these threats.

"Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating.



Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer, the image of his most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the center, they share his joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and the strength to go on." (Saint Pope John Paul II)

THE ROSARY'S POWER

When the first atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945, the lives of eight Jesuit priests, living eight blocks from ground zero, were miraculously saved. After being examined by numerous doctors and scientists and asked why they lived when so many Japanese died, they said they believed their lives were saved because they followed the Fatima Message and prayed the Rosary every day.

When Ted Bundy entered the Chi Omega sorority house at Florida State University in January, 1978, he murdered 2 girls. He entered a third room and intended to kill the sleeping girl, but saw a Rosary clutched in her hand so he left. Later the girl said she had promised her grandmother she would pray the Rosary every night for protection.

HOW TO BEGIN

Whether you are a family of one or more members, you can participate in the Rosary Crusade. Set aside a certain time in a special area of your home or before the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate the Rosary. Initially, a few days may be spent in learning the basic prayers, then proceed with reciting the five decades daily.

Your reward for making the commitment to pray the Rosary is that you will increase the life of grace in your soul and you will help others to grow in grace which gives much glory to God. Therefore, the Rosary is a spiritual gold mine.

"The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish." (One of the 15 promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary to those who pray the Rosary.)