



The ceremony of the Rosary handout

7th September 2020

The ceremony of the Rosary handout was established to unite us with Mary so that the Church can always enjoy her protection. On the 7th of October (or another day agreed with the Spiritual Assistant) the Group meets for a catechesis and for the Rosary ceremony. The rosaries are blessed and the commitment to the recitation of the Rosary is renewed.

Song

Psalm 131

My heart is not proud, Lord,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord
both now and forevermore.

Meditations from the writings of St. Padre Pio

Oh my most pure Mother, my poor little soul full of wretchedness and sin appeals to your motherly heart, so that in your goodness you may deign to pour out on me at least a little of that grace which is lavished on you in all abundance and fullness by the Heart of God. Accompanied by this grace of yours, may I serve and love less imperfectly the God who filled your heart and made your body his temple from the very moment of your Immaculate Conception.

Have mercy on me. May your motherly glance restore me, purify me, raise me up to God, drawing me upward from the mire of this earth to reach the One who created me, who regenerated me by holy baptism and gave back to me the pure white stole of innocence which original sin had sullied. May I love him, my dear Mother. Pour out upon me that love which burned for him in your own heart; pour it out upon this wretched creature who admires in you the mystery of your Immaculate Conception. I ardently desire that through him you may give me purity of heart to love my God and yours; purity of mind to reach up to him, to contemplate, adore and serve him in spirit and in truth; purity of body so that I may be a tabernacle less unworthy to contain him when he deigns to come to me in Holy Communion. Amen.

Apostolic Letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae" of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II

Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: "She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19; cf. 2:51). The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her Son's side. In a way those memories were to be the "rosary" which she recited uninterruptedly throughout her earthly life.

Even now, amid the joyful songs of the heavenly Jerusalem, the reasons for her thanksgiving and praise remain unchanged. They inspire her maternal concern for the pilgrim Church, in which she continues to relate her personal account of the Gospel. Mary constantly sets before the faithful the "mysteries" of her Son, with the desire that the contemplation of those



mysteries will release all their saving power. In the recitation of the Rosary, the Christian community enters into contact with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary.

Short pause

Song

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The traditional aid used for the recitation of the Rosary is the set of beads. At the most superficial level, the beads often become a simple counting mechanism to mark the succession of Hail Marys. Yet they can also take on a symbolism which can give added depth to contemplation.

Here the first thing to note is the way the beads converge upon the Crucifix, which both opens and closes the unfolding sequence of prayer. The life and prayer of believers is centred upon Christ. Everything begins from him, everything leads towards him, everything, through him, in the Holy Spirit, attains to the Father.

As a counting mechanism, marking the progress of the prayer, the beads evoke the unending path of contemplation and of Christian perfection. Blessed Bartolo Longo saw them also as a “chain” which links us to God. A chain, yes, but a sweet chain; for sweet indeed is the bond to God who is also our Father. A “filial” chain which puts us in tune with Mary, the “handmaid of the Lord” (Lk 1:38) and, most of all, with Christ himself, who, though he was in the form of God, made himself a “servant” out of love for us (Phil 2:7).

A fine way to expand the symbolism of the beads is to let them remind us of our many relationships, of the bond of communion and fraternity which unites us all in Christ.

BLESSING OF ROSARIES

We have come to the blessing of the rosary crowns that will accompany our pastoral journey. We renew our fidelity to Mary and our commitment in praying the Holy Rosary.

We bless you, Father, because you have called us to meditate on the Birth, Death and Resurrection of your Son, to meditate on earthly life, waiting to contemplate him in eternity.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

We bless you, our Brother and Lord Jesus Christ, you've chosen Mary your mother to show your face of peace and mercy to the world.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

We bless you, Holy Spirit, through Saint Pio of Pietrelcina You give us the Holy Rosary to meditate on your great works for men and for our salvation.

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All: O Virgin Mary, accept our good intentions to pray the Holy Rosary every day to remember your love with which you accompanied the life of your Son Jesus Christ and then to share His glory in heaven.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina obtain for us from the Lord the holy perseverance in our purpose to pray the Holy Rosary daily, for our needs, for the Church and for the whole world.

Oh Lord, let the strength of Your spirit and Your Holy Blessing descend upon these holy wishes. You who live and reign for ever and ever

Amen

Song to Our Lady