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Holy Rosary

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*O Blessed Mother, Queen of Grace,
With loving hands and gentle face,
We turn to you this month of prayer,
And find God's peace and presence there.*

*As autumn leaves drift to the ground,
Your Rosary's sacred beads are found,
A pathway to you this month and mind
To deeper love of Christ divine.*

*In every mystery we embrace,
We see the light of Jesus' face.
Through joys and sorrows, cross and glory,
We enter Heaven's saving story.*

*Mother of Mercy, guide us still.
To trust God's love and seek His will.
When fears arise and burdens grow,
Teach us the peace your children know.*

*And when our earthly journey ends,
Receive us as your faithful friends.
Lead us at last to Heaven's light.
Where faith becomes eternal sight.*

Amen.

The Month of the Holy Rosary

October holds a special place in the heart of the Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month, we are invited to draw closer to Jesus through the loving guidance of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary is more than a series of prayers; it is a journey through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. As we meditate on its mysteries, our hearts are gently transformed, and we learn to see God's presence more clearly in our daily lives.

In a world filled with noise, worry, and distractions, the Rosary offers a quiet refuge. Each bead becomes a step of faith, each prayer a moment of trust, and each mystery a reminder that God is constantly at work in our lives. Through Mary's example of humility, obedience, and love, we are encouraged to surrender our fears and place our confidence in the Lord.

This October, may we rediscover the beauty of the Rosary and allow it to deepen our relationship with Christ. Whether prayed alone, with family, or in community, the Rosary unites us with countless believers throughout the world. As our fingers move from bead to bead, may our hearts grow in faith, hope, and charity, and may Mary lead us ever closer to her Son.

October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Explore the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries, and discover the Rosary as a prayer for families, peace, and the needs of our world.

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Spiritual Reflection for October 2026

“Pray continually.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

As we journey through October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, Saint Paul's simple yet profound invitation to “pray without ceasing” takes on a special meaning. The Rosary helps us answer this call by placing prayer gently into the rhythm of our daily lives. With each bead, we lift our hearts to God; with each mystery, we reflect on the life of Christ through the loving eyes of Mary.

The Rosary reminds us that prayer is not limited to a particular time or place. Whether we pray while walking, driving, sitting quietly, or gathered with others, the prayers become a steady heartbeat of faith that keeps us connected to God throughout the day. In moments of joy, sorrow, uncertainty, or peace, the Rosary helps us remain in God's presence.

This October, may Mary teach us the art of continual prayer. As our fingers move from bead to bead, may our hearts draw ever closer to Jesus, learning to trust more deeply in His love and providence. In this way, the Rosary becomes a living response to Saint Paul's words: a prayer that continues not only on our lips, but within our hearts.



Blessed Mother, during this month of the Holy Rosary, teach us to pray without ceasing.

May every bead lead us closer to your Son, every mystery deepen our faith, and every prayer fill our hearts with peace.

Help us to carry God's presence into each moment of our day, so that our lives may become a continual hymn of love and trust.

Amen



Saint of the Month

As we celebrate October as the Month of the Holy Rosary, we remember Saint Dominic, who is closely associated with this beloved devotion. According to a long-standing Dominican tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary entrusted the Rosary to Saint Dominic to help him preach the Gospel and combat heresy through prayer and meditation on the life of Christ. This connection has made Saint Dominic one of the most recognized saints linked to the Rosary.

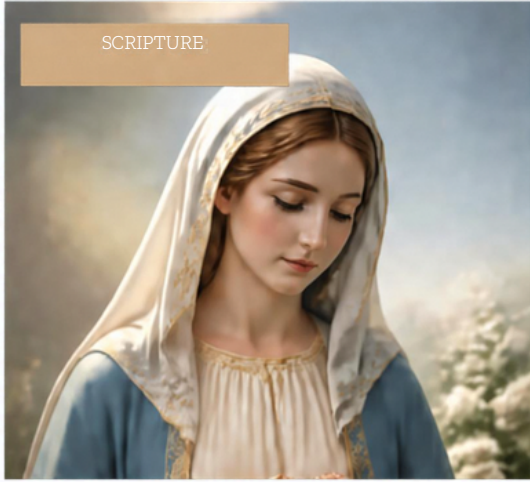
October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary because of the Church's celebration of the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, and through the encouragement of Pope Leo XIII, who promoted the Rosary throughout the entire month. Saint Dominic's love for the Rosary reminds us that this prayer is not merely a repetition of words but a pathway to deeper contemplation of Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

“Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.” - Saint Dominic

This simple but powerful message reflects Saint Dominic's belief that true spiritual strength comes through prayer, faith, and trust in God rather than worldly power.

May Saint Dominic inspire us this October to take up the Rosary with renewed devotion and allow its mysteries to draw us ever closer to Christ through the loving guidance of His Blessed Mother.

SCRIPTURE



Scripture Inspiration

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." — Luke 1:38

As we celebrate October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, we are invited to reflect on Mary's beautiful response to God at the Annunciation. With trust, humility, and faith, Mary surrendered her life to God's plan, even without knowing all that lay ahead.

Each time we pray the Rosary, we enter into this moment of Mary's "yes." As we meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life, we learn from her example and are encouraged to trust God more deeply in our own lives. The Rosary is a journey that helps us grow in faith and draw closer to Jesus through the heart of His Mother.

In a world that often encourages self-reliance and certainty, Mary's response reminds us that true peace comes from trusting in God. Her "yes" was not based on having all the answers but on believing that God would be faithful to His promises. As we pray the Rosary this month, may we bring before the Lord our hopes, fears, challenges, and joys. With Mary at our side, let us learn to surrender our lives to God with confidence, knowing that He is always working for our good.

This October, let us take time to pray the Rosary with renewed devotion. May Mary's words become our own, inspiring us to say "yes" to God's will each day. Through every bead and every mystery, may we open our hearts to God's grace and allow Him to work within us, just as He did in Mary.

INSPIRATION



Blessed Mother, help us to pray the Rosary with attentive hearts, trusting that through its mysteries we will be drawn ever closer to Jesus.

Inspirational Corner

The Power of Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is one of the Church's most powerful prayers because it leads us directly to Jesus through the loving guidance of His Mother, Mary. As we meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life, our hearts are drawn away from the distractions of the world and toward the peace and presence of God. Each Hail Mary becomes a gentle step closer to Christ, helping us grow in faith, hope, and love.

The power of the Rosary is found not only in the words we pray but in the transformation it brings to our hearts. Through this prayer, fears are met with trust, worries are replaced with peace, and burdens are placed into God's loving hands. In moments of joy and in times of trial, the Rosary reminds us that we are never alone, for Mary walks with us and always leads us to her Son.

When prayed faithfully, the Rosary strengthens our relationship with God and deepens our confidence in His providence. It teaches us to see our lives through the lens of the Gospel and to echo Mary's own words of surrender. May we never underestimate the power of this simple prayer, which has brought comfort, conversion, and grace to countless souls throughout the centuries.

Prayer Intention of the Month

During this Month of the Holy Rosary, we entrust ourselves, our families, and our world to Your loving care. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and fill our hearts with charity.

May the Rosary be a source of peace for those who are troubled, comfort for those who suffer, and strength for those who carry heavy burdens. Help us to grow closer to Your Son, Jesus, as we meditate on the mysteries of His life, death, and resurrection.

We pray especially for peace in our hearts, our homes, our communities, and throughout the world. May Mary's faithful "yes" inspire us to trust in Your will and to follow You with courage and love each day.



The Mysteries of the Rosary

The Rosary invites us to meditate on the life of Jesus with Mary.



Traditionally prayed on Monday and Saturday

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 1 The Annunciation
- 2 The Visitation
- 3 The Nativity of Jesus
- 4 The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 5 The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Traditionally prayed on Tuesday and Friday

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 and Death of Jesus

Traditionally prayed on Wednesday and Sunday

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- 1 The Resurrection
- 2 The Ascension
- 3 The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 4 The Assumption of Mary
- 5 The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Traditionally prayed on Thursday

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- 1 The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- 2 The Wedding Feast at Cana
- 3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4 The Transfiguration
- 5 The Institution of the Eucharist