



# THE LEGION OF MARY

PRAY THE DAILY ROSARY

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The first clear historical reference to the Rosary, however, is from the life of St. Dominic (died in 1221), the founder of the Order of Preachers of Dominicans. He preached a form of the Rosary in France at the time that the Albigensian heresy was devastating the Faith there. Tradition has it that the Blessed Mother herself asked for the practice as an antidote for heresy and sin.

At Fatima (1917), Our Lady said, *I am the Lady of the Rosary. Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. After each decade say the following prayer,*

*O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Why pray the daily Rosary? Certainly to grow in holiness and in one's prayer life. Every Catholic should make the recital of the daily Rosary a part of his life. Faithfulness to this pious practice will secure Mary's protection and blessing upon his life and works, help him to fulfill faithfully the duties of his particular state of life, to overcome temptations, to reach a high degree of Christian perfection and accumulate numerous merits for heaven. If the Blessed Virgin Mary is our daily companion, we may be sure that sooner or later heaven and its everlasting bliss will be ours, for Mary is called *The Gate of heaven*. And we may be sure that the Mother of Perpetual Help will be with us in all circumstances of our present life, if we pay her the daily homage of the Rosary.

The following are a few reasons why the Rosary should be prayed often, even daily:

St Francis de Sales said that the greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.

*The Rosary is the scourge of the devil.* –Pope Adrian VI.

*The Rosary is a treasure of graces.* –Pope Paul V.

St Padre Pio, the stigmatic priest, said, *The Rosary is the weapon.*

St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort wrote, *The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, Who so loves His Mother.*

To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world (Our Lady of Fatima).

*Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary.* –Pope Pius IX.

*There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family ...than the daily recitation of the Rosary.* –Pope Pius XII.

*No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary; either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary.* –Bishop Hugh Doyle.

*The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel.* –Pope Pius XII.

Pope John Paul II has called the Rosary his *favorite prayer*, after the Mass and Liturgy of the hours.

St Louis de Monfort warns us against both the ignorant and scholars who regard the Rosary as something of little importance ...*the Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God.*

**In *The Secret of the Rosary*** (p. 65), St. Louis De Montfort states: *The Rosary recited with meditation on the mysteries brings about the following marvelous results:*

It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ;  
It purifies our souls, washing away sin;  
It gives us victory over all our enemies;  
It makes it easy for us to practice virtue;  
It sets us on fire with love of Our Blessed Lord;  
It enriches us with graces and merits;  
It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men, and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.

If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in Hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul, if---and mark well what I say---if you say the Holy Rosary *devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.*

-St. Louis De Montfort, *The Secret of the Rosary*