



*Spirituality Commission
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Become a Rosary Warrior

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, during this 100-year anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, asks us to join Operation Storm Heaven and become one of a million Catholics praying the rosary on the 1st of each month. The purpose is to bring hope to souls and minds throughout America and the world, provide spiritual support in the struggle against the temptations of discouragement, to protect our families and much more. Sign up online at www.catholicaction.org/take-heaven-by-storm.

According to EWTN, Our Lady made 15 Promises to St. Dominic for anyone who prays the Rosary daily. 1) I promise my special protection and very great graces. 2) They shall receive some signal grace. 3) The Rosary shall be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy. 4) It will make virtue and good works flourish and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. 5) Those who trust themselves to me will not perish. 6) They shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune. 7) They shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church. 8) They shall find the light of grace. 9) Souls will promptly be delivered from purgatory. 10) They shall enjoy great glory in heaven. 11) What they ask through my Rosary they shall obtain. 12) They shall be aided by me in all necessitates. 13) They shall have the Saints of heaven during their lives and at the hour of their death. 14) Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are all my beloved children. 15) Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

The Rosary has great power when praying for the dead. You can gain a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or a loved one who has passed on from this life by praying the Rosary while meeting a few other conditions. You must be in a state of grace by having been to the Sacrament of Confession eight days before or eight days after the prayer. Communion should be received within a day.

The prayers of the “Our Father,” the “Hail Mary,” and the “Glory Be” are to be prayed for the Holy Father. Also, you may only attain one Plenary Indulgence per day.

As a Marian Catechist, I’m always maximizing my Plenary Indulgences. If I don’t name a particular individual while I’m praying I know God will give them to the people in purgatory who need them. I go to Confession every two weeks so I’m always in the correct time perimeter to gain an indulgence. I take Communion as often as I can. I say the three prayers for the Pope at the end of each Rosary.

When you become dedicated to praying the Rosary you find time to do it. I like to pray the Rosary while I’m driving. There are 10 beads in each decade and I have 10 fingers to count on. The most Holy Rosary is prayed before Mass at my church, in Richland Center and many times at the Daily Mass I am invited to lead a decade. On my smartphone, I have a tape recorder app. I’ve recorded myself reciting each of the four mysteries, the Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious and the Luminous Mysteries into my phone. Then I play the Rosary and pray along while I’m doing the dishes, the laundry or any other multi-tasking work which needs to be done.

My favorite way to pray the Rosary, however, is while sitting on my front porch swing or in the rocking chair in my living room. When all the hustle and bustle is out of my mind and I can just relax and meditate on the Fatima prayer, “Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in the most need of thy mercy.”

I also love to pray with Our Lady in an empty church. I look at the statue of Mary and think about the depth of love we have for each other as she is my Queen Mother in heaven and I am God’s princess on earth. I feel very close to her because she knows what it’s like to lose a son, as I did.

I encourage you to become a Rosary Warrior and pray the Rosary every day, especially on the first day of the month with Cardinal Burke. And remember, if the end of the day comes and you still need to pray your rosary, take the blessed prayer to bed with you. When you fall asleep praying the Rosary, the angels finish the prayer for you. God bless you.

