

Saints' Quotes About the Rosary

1. "The Rosary is the weapon for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio

2. "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

– Blessed Pope Pius IX

3. "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."

--Saint Francis de Sales

4. "The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

--Saint Jose Maria Escriva

5. "The Rosary is the most excellent of prayers and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

--Pope Leo XIII

6. "No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or give up the Rosary."

--Bishop Hugh Doyle

7. "There is no problem, I tell you no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

--Sister Lucia of Fatima

8. "One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world."

--Saint Dominic

9. "If you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Rosary."

--Our Lady to Saint Dominic

10. "Never will anyone who says the Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood."

--Saint Louis de Montfort

11. "If you wish to convert anyone to the fullness of the knowledge of Our Lord and His Mystical Body, then teach him how to pray the Rosary. One of two things will happen. Either he will stop saying the Rosary—or he will get the gift of faith."

--Venerable Fulton Sheen

12. "The Rosary is a Bible on a string."

– Father Ronan Murphy

13. "The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world."

– Saint Pope John XXIII

14. "When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better."

– Saint Anthony Mary Claret

15. "The Rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection."

--Saint Pope John XXIII

16. "When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer."

--Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

17. "If you say the rosary faithfully unto death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you will receive a never-fading crown of glory."

--Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

18. "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 the devil, sooner or later you will be converted and amend your life and will 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."

--Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

The Power of the Rosary

The Holy Rosary is not only for our spiritual and bodily benefit, it also has shown great power in the history of the world.

At the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, which many consider to be the last Crusade, the greatly outnumbered forces of the Holy Roman Empire defeated the Muslim Turks in a naval battle, thus saving Europe from Islam. Pope Pius V had everyone say the rosary beforehand for the success of the Christian forces. After this victory, October 7 came to be known as the feast day of the Most Holy Rosary.

When the Americans dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, a Jesuit seminary just blocks away from ground zero was spared. All eight of the priests in the seminary were also spared, and they never even got radiation poisoning. They lived on for decades, and they gave the credit for their good fortune to the fact that they all said the Holy Rosary every day. As a side note, the Franciscan monastery in Nagasaki was also spared from destruction, because St. Maximilian Kolbe decided to build it on the side of the mountain away from downtown, in spite of the complaints from his priests that this location was too far from downtown. The mountain shielded them from the blast.

After WWII, the Russians invaded Austria in order to turn it into a communist country. The Catholics in Austria organized a national rosary crusade. Soon after, in 1955, the Russians left, with no reason being given.

In 1989, a Catholic workers' revolt in the streets of Poland (Solidarity) overcame an atheist workers' revolt in the streets of Russia in 1917 (Communists), thus defeating the USSR. Poland, the most Catholic country in the world, had been prepared for all of this by St. Maximilian Kolbe in the 1920's and 1930's, by his Marian magazine with its million subscribers, which advocated saying the Rosary every day for world peace. This message was given to the world in 1917, by the Virgin Mary at Fatima, just before the Communists took over Russia and killed the Christian Czar.

Why Say the Holy Rosary?

The Rosary was given to St. Dominic in the year 1208 AD by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself, to defeat the Albigensian heresy. Have you seen any Albigensians lately?

The Rosary uses your body (fingering the beads); it uses your conscious mind (saying the Hail Mary's); and it uses your subconscious mind (meditating on the 20 mysteries of the Rosary). By using all three of these faculties at once, you are totally shutting out everything the devil wants you to do – that is, to use your body and your mind for anxiety, anger, pride, lust, and greed.

Saint Albert the Great said that there is more merit in meditating on the Passion of Jesus Christ than there is in fasting on bread and water every Friday for a year, or beating yourself with the discipline once a week until blood flows, or reciting the book of Psalms every day. How much greater must it be then, to meditate on the entire life of Christ, in addition to the Sorrowful Mysteries?

The Church grants a plenary indulgence for saying the Rosary in a Church.

St. John Paul II said that the rosary was his favorite prayer, and it is nothing less than contemplating the face of Christ with Mary.

Just like all great songs have a melody AND a harmony, just so, the rosary has the meditation on the mysteries (melody) and the Hail Mary's (the harmony).

While meditating on the 20 mysteries, one's breathing and heart rate slows down and becomes more regular, which produces a calming effect on the mind, body, and soul, all the while improving your concentration during, and after, the rosary.

By meditating on the rosary devoutly (for only 20 minutes!), Mary will ensure that you stay on the path to holiness and righteousness. All of her virtues, like humility, purity, love of enemies, forgiveness, more faith, patience, charity, wisdom, mortification, etc., will now become your virtues. She will see to it that you develop an increased love for the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist.