

The Rosary

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Pope Leo XIII says, “The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer 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.”

That’s a pretty bold statement. Am I right? This quote gives a lot of credit to the most holy rosary which is a devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary. But why would we pray to Mary if we can just go to God ourselves and pray to Him? Well, have you ever asked your friend to pray for you? It’s like that, however, it’s different because Mother Mary is as close to Jesus as you can get. I’m sorry to say this, but Mother Mary has way more power to her prayer than any friend of yours.

So, if we can rely on our friends to pray for us, why not rely on our mother as well? I mean, Jesus grew up listening to His mom His entire life. Even His first miracle is due to Mary telling Him to do it. Jesus loves His momma and likes to listen to her, which is why there are great benefits to asking Mary to intercede for you. And the best way to do that is through praying the rosary.

Most people assume the rosary is reciting the same prayers over and over, but, it’s much deeper than that. While praying, you meditate on the mysteries of Jesus’ life in the gospels which brings you to an intense encounter with our Lord. I once heard the mysteries of the rosary described as Mary’s Instagram account. Because if she had one, her account would be full of snapshots of Jesus’ life. This shows us that her only concern is of her son and bringing us closer to Him.

The rosary not only brings us to Jesus, but it’s known to be one of the most powerful prayers. Countless miracles are due to the praying of the rosary. I myself can attest for the rosary being so powerful, which is the very reason why I never let go of one. Mary is constantly interceding for me, helping me in times of temptation, protecting me, and turning my face to Jesus. Pope Leo XIII wasn’t kidding when he said it is the root of all our blessings. I have witnessed time and time again the power of praying the rosary which only leads me to encourage you to never give up on it.

If you have never prayed it before, go ahead and give it a try. If you have, keep praying. Since October is the month of the rosary, there are several events throughout this month providing opportunities to pray it. I encourage you to go and give your Mother a shot at answering your prayers and leading you to the one whom saved you.