

The Rosary



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PREFACE

Pope John Paul II writes in his Apostolic Letter, *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*: “I desire that during the course of this year the Rosary should be especially emphasized and promoted in the various Christian communities. I therefore proclaim the year from October 2002 to October 2003 the Year of the Rosary. I am confident that the proposal will find a ready and generous reception” (n 3).

The booklet I am presenting you is prepared by our vicar general, Fr. Umberto Brugnoli, who is interpreting the request made by the Holy Father. Its goal is to renew, even among us, “this prayer which in the present historical and theological context can risk being wrongly devalued, and therefore no longer taught to the younger generation” (n 4).

This booklet also follows the example of our Founder, Fr. Louis Guanella. Pope Leo XIII, in 1889, published the encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* in which he indicated the Rosary as an effective spiritual instrument against the evils of society. Fr. Guanella very quickly wrote and sent out a booklet, *Half Hour*

of Good Prayer. It was a few pages whose purpose was to help the faithful meditate on each mystery of the Rosary and remain focused by a short passage read before each Hail Mary.

The Guanellian Family hands over to the efficacy of the Rosary, “sweet chain linking us to God,” (n 39) “the need to implore from God the contemporary issues of peace and family, the primary cell of society, increasingly menaced by forces of disintegration on both the ideological and practical planes” (n 6). At the same time, we Guanellians implore for us full fidelity to the charism and mission of the Founder.

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160th anniversary of the Founder's Birthday

INTRODUCTION

One hundred and thirteen years ago, Fr. Luigi Guanella published an original booklet on the Rosary, *Half Hour of Good Prayer in deference to the most venerable Encyclical of the Holy Father Leo XIII - August 15, 1889*. It was a way to show support and full union with the Pope who was offering to the Church his new Encyclical *Quamquam Pluries*.

The booklet meditates upon the fifteen mysteries of the Holy Rosary. After a very short introduction to each mystery, he suggests a recitation of a few words before each Hail Mary that should help the faithful to remember the events of joy, sorrow and glory he is praying. It is a simple miniccatechesis useful to implant into the mind and heart of the residents (boys, girls, sick and elderly sheltered in the House in Como) the main mysteries of our Catholic faith. It is also a style that is offered on the Internet after the publication of the Apostolic Letter of the Holy Father who invites us to enrich the recitation of the Rosary by some biblical passages and short comments (n 30).

The General Council of the Servants of Charity, on the occasion of the 160th

anniversary of the Birthday of our Blessed Founder and in the Year dedicated to the Holy Rosary, is glad to offer to the whole Guanellian Family an instrument of prayer.

The text is divided into two parts. The first one shows how to pray the Rosary following the texts written by Fr. Guanella. The Editor has added the Mysteries of Light by giving some meditations taken from the Gospel and other writings of the Founder. The second part offers new Litanies to Mary. They are basically invocations and descriptions of Mary that the Founder used in his writings.

I hope that the Guanellian Family and all who will pray the Rosary following this booklet may experience what the Pope says about himself, “How many graces have I received in these years from the Blessed Virgin through the Rosary: *Magnificat anima mea Dominum!* I wish to lift up my thanks to the Lord in the words of his Most Holy Mother, under whose protection I have placed my Petrine ministry: *Totus Tuus!*” (n 2).

Fr. Umberto Brugnoli, SdC
Vicar General
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PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and

blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FATIMA PRAYER

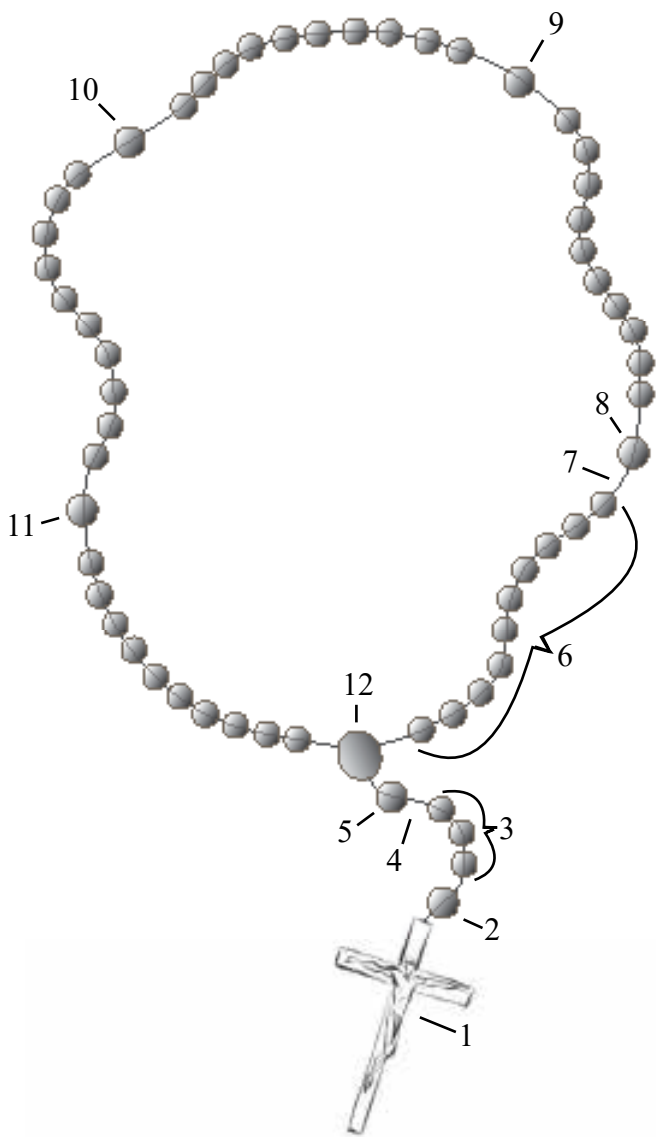
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls into heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

HOW TO PRAY THE GUANELLIAN ROSARY

1. Sign of the Cross and Apostles' Creed
2. Our Father
3. Three Hail Marys
4. Glory Be and Fatima Prayer
5. First Mystery: Read meditation before Our Father
6. Ten Hail Marys: Read one meditation point before each Hail Mary.
7. Glory Be and Fatima Prayer
- 8, 9, 10, 11. Second-Fifth Mysteries: Repeat Steps 5-7
12. Hail Holy Queen



First Part

**The Rosary
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Half Hour of Good Prayer

For the Rosary to become more fully a “compendium of the Gospel,” it is fitting to add, following reflection on the Incarnation and the hidden life of Christ (the joyful mysteries) and before focusing on the suffering of his Passion (the sorrowful mysteries) and the triumph of his Resurrection (the glorious mysteries), a meditation on certain particularly significant moments in his public ministry (the mysteries of light).

Where might the “mysteries of light” be inserted? If we consider that the “glorious mysteries” are said on both Saturday and Sunday, and that Saturday has always had a special Marian flavor, the second weekly meditation of the “joyful mysteries,” mysteries in which Mary’s presence is especially pronounced, could be moved to Saturday. Thursday would be then free for meditating on the “mysteries of light.” This indication is not intended to limit a rightful freedom in personal and community prayer, where account needs to be taken of spiritual and pastoral needs and of occurrences of particular liturgical celebrations which might call for suitable adaptations. What is really important is that the Rosary should

always be seen and experienced as a path of contemplation. In the Rosary, in a way similar to what takes place in the Liturgy, the Christian week, centered on Sunday, the day of Resurrection, becomes a journey through the mysteries of the life of Christ, and he is revealed in the lives of his disciples as the Lord of time and of history.

(RVM, n 19 and n 38)



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patroness of the Americas and the Philippines

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The first five decades, the joyful mysteries, are marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation. This is clear from the very first mystery, the Annunciation, where Gabriel's greeting to the Virgin of Nazareth is linked to an invitation to messianic joy: "Rejoice, Mary." The whole of salvation history, in some sense the entire history of the world, has led up to this greeting. If it is the Father's plan to unite all things in Christ, then the whole of the universe is in some way touched by the divine favor with which the Father looks upon Mary and makes her the Mother of his Son. The whole of humanity, in turn, is embraced by the *Fiat* with which she readily agrees to the will of God.

To meditate upon the joyful mysteries, then, is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, evangelization, good news. It has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Savior of the world.

(RVM, n 20)

In the first joyful mystery we contemplate

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE ANGEL TO
MARY

MEDITATION

The Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lives in heaven in an eternal beatitude. When turning its eyes on the earth and seeing it in so miserable a state because of sin, it determines the ineffable mystery of the divine Incarnation. It stops its sight then on Nazareth, and seeing there Mary, the eternal Word assumes human nature in the womb of the Virgin.

Our Father...

The Virgin Mary is betrothed to Joseph.

Hail Mary

Mary is alone in her chamber immersed in high contemplation.

Hail Mary

The angel Gabriel calls her full of grace.

Hail Mary

Mary is much perplexed in her humility.

Hail Mary

Mary ponders on that unexpected greeting.

Hail Mary

Mary reiterates her will to be faithful to the vow of perpetual virginity.

Hail Mary

Reassured by the angel, she believes the mystery.

Hail Mary

Greeted as Mother of God, she calls herself a humble handmaid.

Hail Mary

Mary gives her consent to the Incarnation.

Hail Mary

The Son of God became flesh in her womb.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the second joyful mystery we
contemplate*

THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

MEDITATION

The saints meet each other like Mary and Elizabeth. They open their hearts to pious affections like Mary and Elizabeth who, full of joy, greet each other by singing the Magnificat, a heavenly song. From that happy meeting, it happened that the son of Elizabeth is sanctified before his birth and Zechariah spoke again.

Our Father...

Mary knows from the angel of the miraculous pregnancy of Elizabeth.

Hail Mary

Mary decides to visit Elizabeth even though she lives far away.

Hail Mary

Mary renounces the spiritual joys of her solitude.

Hail Mary

Mary is not afraid of the hardships of a dangerous journey.

Hail Mary

Revered by Elizabeth, Mary gives glory to God.

Hail Mary

She celebrates the fulfillment of all prophecies regarding the redemption of the world.

Hail Mary

Jesus, from her womb, blesses the Precursor.

Hail Mary

The Precursor exults and is sanctified before birth.

Hail Mary

Mary gives assistance to Elizabeth.

Hail Mary

Mary, waiting for the birth of her divine Son, returns to Nazareth.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

In the third joyful mystery we contemplate

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MEDITATION

Jesus, from the stable of Bethlehem, teaches that true glory has to be found in poverty, purity and obedience. Jesus sends his rays of wisdom and consolation to the heart and mind of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. He teaches that only in loving God we may find true happiness.

Jesus receives the heavenly song of the angels and invites all in a loud voice, “*Sursum corda!* Lift up your hearts, high to paradise!”

Our Father...

Following the decree of the emperor Augustus,
Mary travels to Bethlehem.

Hail Mary

Because there was no room for them in the inn,
Mary finds refuge in an abandoned stable.

Hail Mary

There she gives birth to the King of heaven and
earth.

Hail Mary

She wraps him in swaddling clothes and lays
him in a manger.

Hail Mary

The baby God-Man begins at this moment to
carry his cross amidst contempt, poverty and
discomfort.

Hail Mary

Unknown to the world, He is glorified by
heaven. The angels sing glory to God and peace
to the world.

Hail Mary

The angels announce the event to the shepherds
sending them to adore Him.

Hail Mary

After Mary and Joseph, the poor and humble
shepherds are the first ones to adore Jesus
Christ.

Hail Mary

The rich and learned Magi arrived after the
shepherds.

Hail Mary

On the eighth day, the divine Infant is
circumcised and receives the name of Jesus.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the fourth joyful mystery we
contemplate*

THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE
TEMPLE

MEDITATION

The divine Infant goes to the Temple like the poorest and most miserable child of the poorest and most miserable mother. Mary goes there too as the most in need of all women. What humility! From that great act of humility comes forth the glory of the prophecy of Simeon and Anna.

Our Father...

The immaculate Virgin Mary goes to the temple
for her purification. *Hail Mary*

She offers the sacrifice of the poor.

Hail Mary

She ransoms her first born by offering two
doves. *Hail Mary*

She offers her Son to the eternal Father for the
salvation of the world. *Hail Mary*

Simeon exults in taking in his arms baby Jesus.

Hail Mary

Simeon proclaims, “Lord, now you let your
servant go in peace.” *Hail Mary*

Simeon foretells to Mary the suffering of
Calvary. *Hail Mary*

The prophetess Anna recognizes Jesus as the
Messiah. *Hail Mary*

Outside the temple, she proclaims that the
promised Savior was born. *Hail Mary*

Mary and Joseph leave Jerusalem and move to
Egypt with baby Jesus in order to save him from
Herod’s persecution.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

In the fifth joyful mystery we contemplate

JESUS FOUND IN THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM
DEBATING WITH THE DOCTORS OF THE
LAW

MEDITATION

Jesus leaves his parents and goes to the Temple. He wants to teach his disciples to detach themselves from their families in order to convert the world. Jesus debates and triumphs like a disciple whose heart is led at all times by charity.

Jesus returns then to Nazareth until he turns thirty. There he teaches that only through an exemplary obedience and self-denial we may obtain conversions of souls.

Our Father...

From Egypt, Jesus, Mary and Joseph went back to their humble home.

Hail Mary

When Jesus turned twelve, they went with him to the Temple.

Hail Mary

When they left the Temple to go back to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph lost the Child by no fault of theirs.

Hail Mary

In great distress they looked for him for three days.

Hail Mary

They found him in the Temple debating with the doctors of the law.

Hail Mary

Everyone marveled at the wisdom of his questions and answers.

Hail Mary

Mary lovingly lamented to Jesus for having left them.

Hail Mary

Jesus answered, "I have to be all the time where the will of my Father sends me."

Hail Mary

Mary was surprised by the mystery of his words and treasured them in her heart.

Hail Mary

Jesus, Mary and Joseph returned to Nazareth and there he lived in total obscurity until he turned thirty. Afterward, he gave himself totally to his divine public ministry.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...



Mother of Divine Providence

Patroness of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Servants of Charity

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Moving on from the infancy and the hidden life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called in a special way “mysteries of light.” Certainly the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the “light of the world.” Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life, when he proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom. In proposing to the Christian community five significant moments - “luminous” mysteries - during this phase of Christ’s life, I think that the following can be fittingly singled out: (1) his Baptism in the Jordan, (2) his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) his proclamation of the Kingdom of God with his call to conversion, (4) his Transfiguration, and finally, (5) his institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery.

(RVM, n 21)

In the first mystery of light we contemplate

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS IN THE JORDAN
RIVER

MEDITATION

Let us be glad, brothers and sisters. Through holy Baptism we have reached the doors of heaven. How happy we should be at the door that brings us to the house of all Saints!

Come, enter into the holy temple! Look high to heaven: the road we should keep is to believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A good help to climb it more easily is to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven," help us!

As we grow older, we look at the Baptistry as a place of health and we bless that sacred place every day. Each year, on the anniversary of our Baptism, we should renew our promise to serve the Lord.

Heaven smiles at and saves us.

(*Vieni Meco*, p 392 ff)

Our Father...

Jesus goes to John at the Jordan River to receive
Baptism.

Hail Mary

John says, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet
you are coming to me?”

Hail Mary

Jesus answers, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting
for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Hail Mary

Jesus came up from the water, and the Spirit of
God descended upon him like a dove.

Hail Mary

This is my beloved Son. I have sent him.

Hail Mary

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, went into the
wilderness and there he spent forty days.

Hail Mary

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was
coming into the world.

Hail Mary

We saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s
only Son.

Hail Mary

John says, “He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man
is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.’”

Hail Mary

No one has ever seen God. The only Son of God,
who is at the Father’s side, has revealed him.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the second mystery of light we
contemplate*

THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

MEDITATION

Mary disclosed her desire and she was immediately satisfied. You, too, will likewise be satisfied. However, pay attention that heavenly gifts come down in proportion to your request, and afterwards remember to thank the Lord for them with all your heart.

They come down especially when you, like the bride and the groom in the gospel, welcome the Eucharistic Jesus into the home of your heart. On that solemn moment, when you receive the Body of the Son, you also receive the presence of his Mother Mary, since the blood of the son is the blood of the mother.

(In the Month of Flowers, p 270)

Our Father...

There was a wedding in Cana, and there were Mary, Jesus and his disciples.

Hail Mary

The mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

Hail Mary

Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.”

Hail Mary

His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Hail Mary

Jesus told the servers, “Fill the jars with water.” They filled them to the brim.

Hail Mary

“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”

Hail Mary

The headwaiter said to the bridegroom, “You have kept the good wine until now.”

Hail Mary

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Hail Mary

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich food and choice wines.

Hail Mary

You spread the table before me. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

In the third mystery of light we contemplate

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF
GOD AND THE CALL TO CONVERSION

MEDITATION

The Heart of Jesus is the heart of the heavenly Father. Jesus goes out to preach, and at the same time he works on reconciling earth with heaven. He does not expect you to be fully like Him in presenting heavenly truths to people, healing the sick or raising the dead. Jesus is content that you imitate Him as much as you can within your abilities. This is something you can do: be humble within and gentle toward others.

(In the Month of Fervor, p 52)

Our Father . . .

Jesus returned to Galilee and the power of the Holy Spirit was upon him. *Hail Mary*

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God and said, “Repent; this is the time of fulfillment.”

Hail Mary

He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. *Hail Mary*

On the Sabbath day he came to Nazareth and went into the synagogue. He stood up to read from the prophet Isaiah.

Hail Mary

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim that the time of his mercy has come.”

Hail Mary

“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Hail Mary

Many tax collectors and sinners were at table with Jesus. *Hail Mary*

Hail Mary

Jesus said, “Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do.”

Hail Mary

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons.

Hail Mary

Jesus taught along the sea through signs and parables. *Hail Mary*

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the fourth mystery of light we
contemplate*

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS ON
MOUNT TABOR

MEDITATION

Dear Jesus, out of love you transfigured yourself in the manger; out of love you did it again on Mount Tabor; later on in the suffering on Calvary, and finally in the tomb by your Resurrection. Out of love for me, you transfigured yourself in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Yet, out of love for you, when will I transfigure myself in you by imitating your holy virtues? Give me your help, O most loving Heart of Jesus, my Savior.

(In the Month of Fervor, p 77)

Our Father . . .

Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray.

Hail Mary

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

Hail Mary

Moses and Elijah were conversing with him about his Exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Hail Mary

Peter and his companions saw his glory.

Hail Mary

“Teacher, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Hail Mary

From a cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Hail Mary

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men.

Hail Mary

Turning to the disciples, Jesus said, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.”

Hail Mary

Jesus answered, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

Hail Mary

Jesus said, “There are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

In the fifth mystery of light we contemplate

THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

MEDITATION

The moment of final separation is solemn. Very solemn is the moment in which one prepares himself to depart from his own body for eternity. In this hour the hearts understand and love each other in a particular way. Having loved his own during his life on earth, Jesus Christ loved them until the end. As a sign of his immense love, he instituted the Sacrament of Love. He stretches his hand to them and says, “Come, I will accompany you to the Father. I will pray and make amends for you. This only I ask of you: remember that I love you and I have suffered for you.”

(The Foundation, p 237)

Our Father . . .

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come and he loved his own to the end.

Hail Mary

Jesus poured water into a basin and washed the disciples' feet.

Hail Mary

I have given you an example to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

Hail Mary

Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him.

Hail Mary

He took the bread and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body."

Hail Mary

"Drink of this, because this is my blood shed for all for the forgiveness of sins."

Hail Mary

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Hail Mary

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Hail Mary

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

Hail Mary

While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Dearest Mother of the Filipinos

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Rosary selects certain moments from the Passion, inviting the faithful to contemplate them in their hearts and to relive them. The sequence of meditations begins with Gethsemane, where Christ experiences a moment of great anguish before the will of the Father, against which the weakness of the flesh would be tempted to rebel. There Jesus encounters all the temptations and confronts all the sins of humanity, in order to say to the Father, “Not my will but yours be done.”

The sorrowful mysteries help the believer to relive the death of Jesus, to stand at the foot of the Cross beside Mary, to enter with her into the depths of God’s love for man and to experience all its life-giving power.

(RVM, n 22)

*In the first sorrowful mystery we
contemplate*

JESUS PRAYING IN THE GARDEN AND
SWEATING DROPS OF BLOOD

MEDITATION

When in the garden, Jesus sees in front of him the horrific appearance of the past, present, and future sins of men. He sees the storm of the imminent passion.

All that weighs upon his heart so much that blood, not finding an exit, comes out as drops of sweat from his most holy body.

Heaven is moved by great compassion and angels come down from heaven to bring some comfort to the God-Man.

Our Father...

To fulfill his divine ministry, Jesus goes to Jerusalem to be condemned and put to death by his enemies.

Hail Mary

After his Last Supper, he goes to Gethsemane to suffer mortal anguish.

Hail Mary

Jesus is troubled and distressed, and his soul is anguished even to death.

Hail Mary

He tells the apostles to keep watch and pray, because a great temptation is approaching.

Hail Mary

He advances a little and falls to the ground.

Hail Mary

Jesus prays to the Father to take away the bitter chalice from him. "Still, not my will but yours be done."

Hail Mary

He perseveres in that same prayer and more and more he is assailed by great anguish.

Hail Mary

His interior suffering makes him sweat blood.

Hail Mary

An angel comes down from heaven to comfort him. Jesus drinks from the bitter chalice and goes to receive Judas' kiss.

Hail Mary

Jesus is arrested in the garden, brought in front of wicked judges, slandered, ridiculed, ill-treated and condemned to death.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the second sorrowful mystery we
contemplate*

JESUS CRUELLY SCOURGED AT THE PILLAR

MEDITATION

Think over the God-Man tied to a pillar and scourged. His body is all bruises and wounds. His sacred blood runs from his blessed head to feet. That blood forms a cover where you may recover and hide the iniquities of your heart.

That blessed cover is the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and also his Holy Face. Here we have the Blood, the Heart and the Face of Jesus: three devotions into one.

Our Father...

Before putting Jesus to death, Pontius Pilate orders him to be scourged. *Hail Mary*

Jesus is stripped and tied to a pillar.

Hail Mary

Soldiers scourge Jesus with numberless blows.

Hail Mary

Jesus' flesh is rent by the blows.

Hail Mary

Jesus endures a torture given to slaves for us slaves of the devil.

Hail Mary

Jesus suffers a very painful torture to expiate especially our lust and the sins of our sensuality.

Hail Mary

Through that torture that was inflicted before the crucifixion of the condemned, Jesus frees us from eternal tortures.

Hail Mary

Jesus' enemies are inciting the soldiers to scourge Him more and more.

Hail Mary

Jesus would be killed under the blows, but God, through a miracle of his omnipotence, kept him alive.

Hail Mary

Jesus is not willing to die under the blows of his scourging in order to die on the cross.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the third sorrowful mystery we
contemplate*

JESUS CROWNED WITH THORNS

MEDITATION

Jesus, crowned with thorns, chastises in himself
your sensuality.

He chastises in himself your pride.

By that joke of a crown on his head, Jesus chastises
in himself your distorted attachment to material
possessions.

Our Father...

After being scourged, Jesus is crowned with thorns.

Hail Mary

His face is covered by blood.

Hail Mary

He appears to lose all beauty and value.

Hail Mary

For our sins of mind Jesus is pierced in his head.

Hail Mary

Jesus suffers to teach us how to endure the afflictions of spirit.

Hail Mary

Jesus is clothed in resplendent garb and mocked as a farcical king.

Hail Mary

The soldiers place a reed in his right hand mocking a royal scepter.

Hail Mary

Jesus is derided and spat upon by the soldiers.

Hail Mary

He suffers that outrageous mocking to punish on himself the sins of our pride.

Hail Mary

The disciples of a leader, crowned with thorns, should not be too faint-hearted and delicate.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the fourth sorrowful mystery we
contemplate*

JESUS CARRYING THE CROSS TO CALVARY

MEDITATION

Jesus embraces the cross as an altar of sacrifice and turns his eyes on us saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.”

Jesus then puts the cross on his shoulders and says, “You too should carry your own cross,” and encourages us saying, “Follow me, follow me....”

As a conquering hero, he precedes all of us in the path of suffering.

Our Father...

Pontius Pilate shows Jesus to the crowd,
“Behold, the man!” *Hail Mary*

They cried out, “Crucify him!”
Hail Mary

Pilate handed him over to them to be
crucified. *Hail Mary*

Jesus carries the cross. *Hail Mary*

To the women who mourned and lamented
him, Jesus says, “Weep instead for yourselves
and for your children.” *Hail Mary*

In climbing Mount Calvary, Jesus meets his
sorrowful Mother. *Hail Mary*

Extremely exhausted, Jesus falls under the
weight of the cross. *Hail Mary*

Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross of Jesus.
Hail Mary

At Calvary, Jesus is stripped of his garments.
Hail Mary

The executioners nail Jesus on the cross.
Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the fifth sorrowful mystery we
contemplate*

THE CRUCIFIXION, DEATH AND BURIAL OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

MEDITATION

Jesus has suffered in his body.

Jesus has suffered in his heart.

Jesus offered himself as a victim for all.

And you?

Jesus dies on the cross for all, and he wants every human being to be saved.

Jesus is buried.

How do you kill and bury in yourself the bad habits of your vices?

Our Father...

Jesus is placed between two criminals.

Hail Mary

Jesus is sneered and jeered at by the crowd.

Hail Mary

Jesus prays for his enemies and converts the good thief.

Hail Mary

Jesus says goodbye to Mary and John.

Hail Mary

Jesus cries out in a loud voice, “Father, why have you forsaken me?”

Hail Mary

Jesus says, “I thirst,” and a soldier puts to his mouth a sponge soaked in vinegar.

Hail Mary

Jesus commends his most holy soul to the eternal Father saying, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over his spirit.

Hail Mary

The sun darkens and the veil of the sanctuary is torn in two from top to bottom.

Hail Mary

From his pierced side, the last drops of blood and water flow out.

Hail Mary

Jesus is taken down from the cross and put into a tomb.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...



Our Lady of Veilankanni
Patroness of India

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Rosary has always expressed this knowledge born of faith and invited the believer to pass beyond the darkness of the Passion in order to gaze upon Christ's glory in the Resurrection and Ascension.

Contemplating the Risen One, Christians rediscover the reasons for their own faith.

The contemplation of this scene, like that of the other glorious mysteries, ought to lead the faithful to an ever greater appreciation of their new life in Christ, lived in the heart of the Church, a life of which the scene of Pentecost itself is the great "icon."

The glorious mysteries thus lead the faithful to greater hope for the eschatological goal towards which they journey as members of the pilgrim People of God in history.

This can only impel them to bear courageous witness to that "good news" which gives meaning to their entire existence.

(RVM, n 23)

In the first glorious mystery we contemplate

THE TRIUMPHANT RESURRECTION OF JESUS
FROM THE DEAD

MEDITATION

On a common tomb we read usually “Here so and so reposes.”

On the tomb of the divine Savior it is written “He is risen.”

Christ lives.

Christ reigns.

Christ is the victor.

The Lion of Judah has won.

Behold, countless followers of Jesus proclaim, “We want to live and to die for Jesus Christ, our King.”

In saying that they stretch their hands to the lilies of holy purity and the palm of a glorious martyrdom.

Our Father...

Jesus rises on the third day and he does not die any more.

Hail Mary

The stone on the tomb is rolled away.

Hail Mary

As tradition holds, the Risen Jesus appears first to his Mother.

Hail Mary

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and to Peter.

Hail Mary

Jesus enters into the Upper Room when the doors were locked and blesses his disciples.

Hail Mary

Jesus reassures the apostles and greets them, "Peace be with you."

Hail Mary

Jesus allows Thomas to put his finger into the nail marks of his wounds.

Hail Mary

Jesus explains the Scripture to two disciples walking toward Emmaus and makes himself recognizable by the breaking of bread.

Hail Mary

Jesus appears to more than five hundred people at one time.

Hail Mary

Jesus calls his apostles on the Mount of the Olives before departing to Heaven.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the second glorious mystery we
contemplate*

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS INTO HEAVEN

MEDITATION

After the good fight there is the reward.

Jesus goes up to heaven.

The heavenly hosts move toward Jesus and greet him, "Behold, the Lord of virtues."

Jesus takes his place at the right hand of the Father, and offers to Him his glorious wounds as a pledge of mercy toward us.

Our Father...

Jesus Christ, before going up to heaven, tells his apostles to preach his message to the entire world.

Hail Mary

Jesus blesses his apostles.

Hail Mary

Jesus was lifted up.

Hail Mary

A cloud took him from their sight.

Hail Mary

Jesus went to take possession of his kingdom followed by the souls of the just ones.

Hail Mary

Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father.

Hail Mary

Jesus is our advocate in heaven and offers the price of his suffering for our ransom.

Hail Mary

The apostles are looking intently at the cloud that took Jesus away from their sight.

Hail Mary

An angel says to them, "Why are you looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return one day to judge the living and the dead."

Hail Mary

The apostles returned to Jerusalem waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the third glorious mystery we
contemplate*

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON
MARY AND THE APOSTLES

MEDITATION

The apostles together with Mary are gathered in prayer in the Upper Room.

On the morning of the tenth day after the Ascension of the Lord, the Holy Spirit descends upon them.

The Apostles, especially Peter, feel their hearts burning with the fire of divine charity and hasten to go out and preach the name of Jesus to all.

Our Father...

On the tenth day after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit descends on the apostles.

Hail Mary

A strong driving wind shakes the Upper Room where they are gathered together.

Hail Mary

The divine Paraclete comes to rest on each one of them as tongues of fire.

Hail Mary

A large crowd gathers at the miracle.

Hail Mary

The apostles, at first afraid and shy, go out and preach in public the Risen Lord Jesus.

Hail Mary

Peter, a humble fisherman, explains the prophecies of old and bears witness to their fulfillment.

Hail Mary

Countless people convert after listening to the words of Peter.

Hail Mary

The apostles establish the first Church in Jerusalem.

Hail Mary

They assign to each of themselves different areas of the world to bring the good news of the Gospel.

Hail Mary

Idolatry is knocked down and Jesus is worshiped. The Church, supported by the Holy Spirit, triumphs and will last till the end of time.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

*In the fourth glorious mystery we
contemplate*

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

MEDITATION

The Blessed Virgin Mary, in a mystical ecstasy of divine love, blesses the apostles and dies. Together with her soul, the virginal and immaculate body of the Mother of Jesus is carried by angels into heaven. Now, Mary enjoys the beatific vision of God in her body and soul. Think how the mind, heart and body of Mary are immersed into the glory of the Almighty and do your best to aspire to the same heaven with all your strength.

Our Father...

Venerable are those traditions and common beliefs held by the Church regarding the death of Mary. *Hail Mary*

Mary spends many years after the Ascension of her Son and after the foundation of the first Church community in Jerusalem. *Hail Mary*

Mary does not seek any mark of honor within the Church, but she is an example in words and deeds. *Hail Mary*

At the time of her death, the apostles surround her. *Hail Mary*

Mary does not die either because of illness or old age. *Hail Mary*

Mary's soul leaves the body because of an ardent ecstasy of love toward the Lord. *Hail Mary*

Her body becomes a corpse, but is preserved from the corruption of the tomb like the body of Jesus. *Hail Mary*

The angels come down from heaven to take away the mortal body of Mary. *Hail Mary*

The angels carry the body of the Virgin Mary to heaven. *Hail Mary*

After being taken up to heaven, the immaculate body joins together again the holy soul of Mary. *Hail Mary*

Glory Be...

*In the fifth glorious mystery we
contemplate*

THE CROWING OF MARY AS QUEEN OF
HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND THE GLORY OF
ALL THE SAINTS

MEDITATION

Mary, our greatest sister, is crowned by the Most Holy Trinity.

Mary, our greatest mother, is the queen of heaven and earth.

Do you think that she would not intercede for her little children on earth?

Invoke her and see what she can do for you.

The saints in heaven look at their queen and they rejoice in being in the kingdom of God where justice, peace and truth reign.

Our Father...

The Blessed Virgin Mary holds different functions in heaven.

Hail Mary

She is the Queen of angels and saints.

Hail Mary

She sits at the right hand of her divine Son.

Hail Mary

She is a special daughter of the eternal Father.

Hail Mary

She is the spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

She intercedes to God and obtains from Him graces for us because of her being a daughter, spouse, and mother of the Blessed Trinity.

Hail Mary

She holds the treasure of all graces.

Hail Mary

Hell and our enemies are at her feet.

Hail Mary

She is watching over the Church and is the mother of all the faithful.

Hail Mary

The Church pays her a unique homage. Let us venerate and invoke her in faith.

Hail Mary

Glory Be...

Second Part

Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Litanies are taken from invocations and titles given her by the Founder.

The Rosary truly becomes a spiritual journey in which Mary acts as Mother, Teacher and Guide, sustaining the faithful by her powerful intercession.

Is it any wonder, then, that the soul feels the need, after saying this prayer and experiencing so profoundly the motherhood of Mary, to burst forth in praise of the Blessed Virgin, either in that splendid prayer the *Salve Regina* or in the Litanies?

This is the crowning moment of an inner journey which has brought the faithful into living contact with the mystery of Christ and his Blessed Mother.

(RVM, n 37)



Immaculate Conception
Patroness of the United States

A

Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
God our Father in heaven	<i>have mercy on us</i>
God the Son,	
Redeemer of the world	<i>have mercy on us</i>
God the Holy Spirit	<i>have mercy on us</i>
Holy Trinity, one God	<i>have mercy on us</i>
Example of divine Love	<i>pray for us</i>
Mediatrice of salvation	<i>pray for us</i>
Home of every virtue	<i>pray for us</i>
Hope for health and life	<i>pray for us</i>
Virgin covered by the Sun of	
Justice, Jesus Christ	<i>pray for us</i>
Never tired pilgrim	<i>pray for us</i>
Dispenser of divine graces	<i>pray for us</i>
Voice of the Most High	<i>pray for us</i>
Immaculate Virgin, spiritual	
mother of souls	<i>pray for us</i>
Humble young maiden	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, who cared for the	
Author of charity	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, imitating the	
example of Jesus	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, whose will was to please	
Jesus in all things	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, who lived in faith	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, who was at the foot of the	
Cross	<i>pray for us</i>

Mary, glorifying the Most High	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, patient woman	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, strong in tribulations	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, full of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, hiding the dignity of being Mother of the Savior	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of divine Providence	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Eternal Word	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of all men	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of Jesus and our Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of goodness	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of Mercy	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother in search of the lost children	<i>pray for us</i>
Queen of all Saints	<i>pray for us</i>

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

B

Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
God our Father in heaven	<i>have mercy on us</i>
God the Son,	
Redeemer of the world	<i>have mercy on us</i>
God the Holy Spirit	<i>have mercy on us</i>
Holy Trinity, one God	<i>have mercy on us</i>
Descendant of King David	<i>pray for us</i>
Creature conceived without original sin	<i>pray for us</i>
Faithful administrator of the gifts bestowed on you by God	<i>pray for us</i>
Young woman going to the Temple in haste	<i>pray for us</i>
Young woman going in haste because you need the Lord	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, pleasing only God in the temple	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, talking trustingly to God as a daughter	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary in whom God was pleased	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, walking with wings of charity to Elizabeth	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, who became the Mother of the Lord because of your humility	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, who cared for the Author of charity	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, loving Jesus by a most pure love	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, imitating the example of Jesus	<i>pray for us</i>

Mary, imitating the perfection of the virtues of your divine Son	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, loved so much by Jesus	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, hiding the dignity of being Mother of the Savior	<i>pray for us</i>
Virgin, whose words are a scent of virtues	<i>pray for us</i>
Virgin, whose words are sweet like honey	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, glorifying the Most High	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, willing to please Jesus in all things	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, living by faith	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, enduring patiently your suffering	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, having in your heart the Cross of the divine Savior	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, who was at the foot of the Cross	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary whose sorrow is unlimited like the sea	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Savior, desiring Paradise	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, praying in the Upper Room and being open to the power of the Holy Spirit	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, sitting in Heaven on the throne of peace	<i>pray for us</i>

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

C

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

*Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy*

God our Father in heaven
God the Son,

have mercy on us

Redeemer of the world
God the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, one God

*have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us*

Mary, humble young maiden
Woman filled with heavenly love

pray for us

Example of divine love

pray for us

Ineffable miracle of love

pray for us

Daughter loved by the Father

pray for us

Woman all pure

pray for us

Woman most admirable

pray for us

Immaculate spouse

pray for us

Fruitful Virgin

pray for us

Virgin covered by the sun of

pray for us

Justice, Jesus Christ

pray for us

Perfect and unique among virgins,

most loved by God

pray for us

Free creature

pray for us

Beautiful as the moon,

bright as the sun

pray for us

Mary full of all the gifts of

the Holy Spirit

pray for us

Dwelling place, tabernacle and

throne of the Most High

pray for us

Dwelling place of all virtues

pray for us

Queen of love	<i>pray for us</i>
Never tired pilgrim	<i>pray for us</i>
Mediatrice of salvation	<i>pray for us</i>
Hope for health and life	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, powerful by grace	<i>pray for us</i>
Link uniting heaven and earth	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, possession of God	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, Star of the sea	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, teacher of virtue	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, possessed by the Lord before the foundation of the world	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, created by the Lord in an overflowing act of love	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, mightily loved by the Lord	<i>pray for us</i>

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

D

Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
God our Father in heaven	<i>have mercy on us</i>
God the Son,	
Redeemer of the world	<i>have mercy on us</i>
God the Holy Spirit	<i>have mercy on us</i>
Holy Trinity, one God	<i>have mercy on us</i>
Mother, pure virgin	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother and Virgin without comparison	<i>pray for us</i>
Mary, Lady and Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Eternal Son	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Eternal Word	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Most High God	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Incarnate Word	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the crucified Savior	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	<i>pray for us</i>
Most pure Mother of Jesus Christ	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of Jesus and our co-redemptrix	<i>pray for us</i>
Holy Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of all men	<i>pray for us</i>
Good Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Loved Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Glorious Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Benevolent Mother	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of Sorrows	<i>pray for us</i>

Mother of Mercy *pray for us*
Mother of those in despair *pray for us*
Mother of all the living *pray for us*
Mother and Queen of all Saints *pray for us*
Mother and refuge of sinners *pray for us*
Mother in search of the
lost children *pray for us*
Mother offering yourself with Jesus
on the Cross *pray for us*
Mother praying for those in need *pray for us*

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

Appendix A

**Continuity of intentions between
Father Luigi Guanella, 1889
and Pope John Paul II, 2002**

Father Louis Guanella 1889

In the encyclical *Quamquam Pluries*, Pope Leo XIII exhorted faithful Catholics to pray the Rosary as an effective means to implore the protection of the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph in our difficult times.

Fr. Guanella was inspired by that papal document to write a booklet whose purpose was to help meditating the mysteries of the Rosary. The booklet was titled *Half Hour of Good Prayer in Deference to the Venerable Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, August 15, 1889*.

In the introduction to the reader, Fr. Guanella lists the reasons why he is publishing the booklet.

To the Reader,

It was my intention, when writing the booklet *Half Hour of Good Prayer*, to remember three major events that are taking place these days. First, I would like to echo the papal encyclical on the Rosary just published; secondly, to send my greetings to the Congress on Catechesis held in Piacenza; and finally, to offer it together with prayers and supplications for the coming of the new Bishop of Como. I would like also to offer it to the Co-operators and friends of the House of Divine Providence in Como as a token of our grateful thanks.

The purpose of this booklet is to give those reciting the holy Rosary some brief meditations on each mystery and a short sentence to be recited before each Hail Mary. In the evening, in front of the Blessed Sacrament or with our families in front of an image of Mary, a half hour of good prayer could be a heavenly blessing.

May the Lord grant his mercy on us through the intercession of the Blessed Mother of

the Rosary, and may He give comfort to the generous heart of our Holy Father, Leo XIII.

On the feast of the most holy name of Mary, 1889.

Sincerely,

Father Louis Guanella

Pope John Paul II 2002

Numerous predecessors of mine attributed great importance to this prayer. Worthy of special note in this regard is Pope Leo XIII who on September 1, 1883 promulgated the encyclical *Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, a document of great worth, the first of his many statements about this prayer, in which he proposed the Rosary as an effective spiritual weapon against the evils afflicting society.

(RVM, n 2)

We must pray the Rosary for peace and for the family

A number of historical circumstances also make a revival of the Rosary quite timely. First of all, the need to implore from God the gift of peace. The Rosary has many times been proposed by my predecessors and myself as a prayer for peace. At the start of a millennium which began with the terrifying attacks of September 11, 2001, a millennium which witnesses every day in numerous parts of the world fresh scenes of bloodshed and violence, to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the Mystery of Christ who “is our peace,” since he made “the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility.”

Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian.

A similar need for commitment and prayer arises in relation to another critical contemporary issue: the family, the primary cell of society, increasingly menaced by forces

of disintegration on both the ideological and practical planes, so as to make us fear for the future of this fundamental and indispensable institution and, with it, for the future of society as a whole. The revival of the Rosary in Christian families, within the context of a broader pastoral ministry to the family, will be an effective aid to countering the devastating effects of this crisis typical of our age.

“Behold, your Mother!”

(RVM, n 6)



Our Lady of the Rosary
with St. Joseph, St. Teresa of Avila,
St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis of Assisi
and Blessed Louis Guanella

Appendix B

Guanellian Prayers



Our Lady of the Workers

Fr. Guanella's Madonna

Patroness of Human Labor and the
Dignity of Man

PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE WORKERS

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother, next to your son Jesus and Joseph your husband, you experienced the fatigue of work. Look lovingly on us who earn our daily bread by working hard wherever God has called us to labor. We implore your maternal blessing over our labor. Help us to embrace it as our active participation in the creative and providential power of God; as a loving service to our brothers and sisters; as penance for our sins; as cooperation to ours and mankind's redemption and sanctification.

Compassionate Mother, protect our families, as you are our counsel and our strength. Hear our prayers and give us the grace we are asking for, especially the courage and the joy to always do the will of God our Father. Amen.

“MARY, MOTHER OF THE WORKERS, PRAY FOR US!”



Blessed Louis Guanella

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF

BLESSED LOUIS GUANELLA

O Blessed Louis Guanella, Apostle of
Charity, who in a world full of hate
and egotism, has spread the treasures of
your heart, helping the poor
and the suffering so dear to you,
obtain for us from the goodness of
Our Lord the grace to persevere and
increase in love of God and of our neighbor.
Implore for us, in particular, the grace
we now implore from you and final
perseverance. Amen.



Blessed Clare Bosatta

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF

BLESSED CLARE BOSATTA

O Jesus, Savior of the lowly, who made
Blessed Clare Bosatta shine
through the spirit of sacrifice, by
rendering her an untiring apostle of
Your Gospel among the poor, teach us
her total abandonment in Divine
Providence, her love for prayer, her
patience in suffering, and her spirit
of dedication to the most needy.
Grant us, through her intercession, the
grace... that we ask you for trustingly.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Blessed Clare Bosatta, Intercede for us!

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be



Venerable Aurelio Bacciarini

Servant of Charity and
Bishop of Lugano

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF
**VENERABLE BISHOP AURELIO
BACCIARINI**

God, Father of endless love,
through the Heart of Jesus your Son,
you have revealed the mystery of your love
for each of your children.

By your power you alleviate our labor and
suffering through the Holy Spirit.

May you be praised forever.

In your mercy you have sent
to your Church your faithful Servant,
Bishop Aurelio Bacciarini,
to strengthen the faith of your people
as an example of your compassion
for the poor and inspiration of hope in his
long suffering.

Through his intercession give us, your
children, the grace we are asking with
confidence ... Give us the strength to accept
and love your will where we firmly believe
we can find our peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Is God calling you to serve others?

Among those who are deprived of human and spiritual support, we care for developmentally disabled, abandoned youth, indigent elderly, and the incurably and terminally ill. We are also committed to pastoral and missionary work in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa.

The Servants of Charity Priests and Brothers, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, the Cooperators and hundreds of members of the Guanellian Lay Movement serve over a million brothers and sisters while offering comfort, consolation and support.

There is room for many others; those needing help and those who want to help.

Consider joining our mission, making the love of God more visible in our world.

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