
FROM THE CHAPLAINCY



Dear Woodrose Parents

We are beginning the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary. Many events in the history of the Catholic Church related to the Holy Rosary took place in the month of October. In the 16th century, the Christian forces won the decisive naval battle at Lepanto against the advancing Turks, thanks to the Holy Rosary that the Christians all over the world were praying as requested by Pope Pius V. Though outnumbered, the Holy League won the largest naval battle in Western history since antiquity on October 7, 1571. In the 20th century, it was the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima in Portugal from May to October 1917 that gave hope to the world and put an end to the first World War. It was on October 13 when Our Lady of Fatima confirmed the truth of her apparition with the miracle of the dancing of the sun witnessed by more than 70,000 people.

A few days ago, Pope Francis invited all the Christian faithful to pray the Rosary daily to preserve the Church against the attacks of the devil. It reminds us what St. Josemaria said about the Holy Rosary: “As it was in other times -such as Lepanto- the Rosary must be today a powerful weapon, to conquer the enemies of the Holy Roman Church and of your country.” (St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Holy Rosary*).

We share with you below the article featuring the Pope’s invitation to pray the Rosary.

The Pope Invites All Faithful to Pray Rosary in October to Preserve Church Against Attacks by the Devil

The Weapon Against the ‘Great Accuser’

September 30, 2018



Pope Francis has invited all the faithful — of all the world — to pray a Holy Rosary daily during the entire Marian month October, it was announced by the Vatican Press Office on September 29, 2018.

According to the press office communique, the Holy Father wants all to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

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can defeat
him.**

In recent days, before his departure for the Baltic States, the Holy Father met with Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., international director of the World Network of Prayer for the Pope, and asked him to spread this appeal to all the faithful throughout the world, inviting them to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation “Sub Tuum Praesidium”, and with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect us and help us in the struggle against evil (cf. Revelation 12, 7-12).

The prayer – the Pontiff affirmed on September 11, 2018, in a homily at Casa Santa Marta, citing the first book of Job – is the weapon against the Great Accuser who “goes around the world seeking to accuse”. Only prayer can defeat him. The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God pronouncing the invocation “Sub Tuum Praesidium”.

The invocation “Sub Tuum Praesidium” is recited as follows:

“Sub tuum praesidium confugimus Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo Gloriosa et Benedicta”.

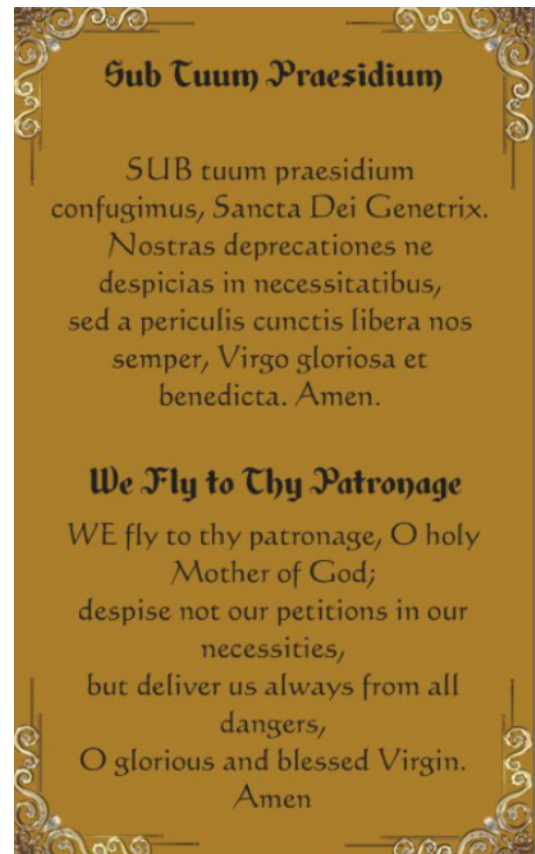
[We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin].

With this request for intercession the Holy Father asks the faithful of all the world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle: to preserve her from the attacks by the devil, the great accuser, and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail.

The Holy Father has also asked that the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of October conclude with the prayer written by Leo XIII:

“Sancte Michael Archangele, defende nos in proelio; contra nequitiam et insidias diaboli esto praesidium. Imperet illi Deus, supplices deprecamur: tuque, Princeps militiae caelestis, Satanam aliosque spiritus malignos, qui ad perditionem animarum pervagantur in mundo, divina virtute, in infernum detrude. Amen”.

[Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the



devil;

may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen].

In recent weeks the bishops of several American dioceses have encouraged the praying of the Saint Michael Prayer after Mass, including Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison, and Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport.




**PRAYER TO
SAINT MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

#PrayForTheChurch

SPECIAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHURCH
OCTOBER 2018



"This is our power: not to dominate or to cry out more loudly, according to the logic of this world, but rather to exercise the gentle power of prayer."

Pope Francis


What?

IN OCTOBER PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND FIGHT AGAINST EVIL.

Pope Francis urges us to join in a special time of prayer with all the People of God during October:

Praying the Rosary to the Virgin Mary and the prayer *Sub Tuum Praesidium* ("We fly to thy patronage, Oh Holy Mother of God...") for the intentions of the Church. Pope Francis also asks us pray to St. Michael the Archangel, so that he will defend the Church against the attacks of the Devil.





When?



During the entire month of October 2018.

Where?

At Mass, during a moment of personal or community prayer together with friends, companions, colleagues, while taking public transportation, before the Tabernacle, etc.

How?

1 Praying the Holy Rosary.

The Joyful Mysteries

(Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary.
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.
3. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Presentation of our Lord.
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple at age 12.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar.
3. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns.
4. Jesus Carries the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion of our Lord.

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday and Sunday)


1. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven.
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost.
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven.
5. Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)


1. The Baptism in the Jordan.
2. The Wedding at Cana.
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom.
4. The Transfiguration.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

2 Praying the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*:



We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

3 Praying the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:



Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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