



Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary

2024

Fr. Justin Rosary Hour

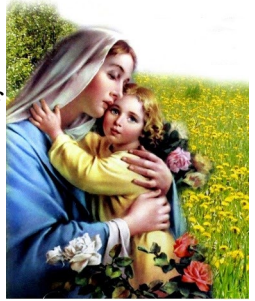
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*Dear Marian Devotees,
Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Rosary Hour,
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

May is upon us, a month of special veneration of Our Lady, the Mother of God, the month when we celebrate Mother's Day. Nature begins to blossom: green trees, the smell of flowers, singing birds encourages us to reflect on life - its beauty and purpose. The word 'life' is associated with the content of the word 'mother', after all, it is the mother who gives life and gives herself in a special way. In May, the Church presents us with the best of mothers – Mary.

Let us unite our concerns with the Mother of God, and she will take care of us in her own way. Let us open our souls to Her, and She will give herself to us.

In the month of May devotions, when we honor Mary with litanies, appeals and beautiful hymns, the Church makes us aware that **She is a model**. Many paintings and statues depict Mary holding Jesus or pointing to Him. This is a characteristic feature of the life of Mary - Mother: not to keep anyone to herself, but leads them to JESUS, to give Him to others.



May is also called **the month of Mary's graces** - because during this month numerous graces are obtained, praising the glory of our blessed Mother and Queen of the Universe.

The graces Mary grants to those celebrating this month are varied. Graces of spiritual growth, renewal of life, conversion... Temporal graces – including our health, work, study, home or family... How many graces in this blessed month!

In May, we celebrate **Mother's Day**. Let us thank God for our beloved mothers, for those who are alive and those who have already passed away to eternity. Let us express our love and gratitude. Let us also consecrate ourselves to Mary and trust her powerful intercession. May this month of dedication to Mary inspire us to grow in faith and to seek her intercession in all our needs!

Before Mary, the Mediatrix of all graces, spiritually united together, let us open our hearts in prayer.

We strongly encourage you to join our 9-day Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will begin on Mother's Day. During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and devotions, the Franciscans spiritually united with the entire *Rosary Hour Family* and the *Companions of St. Anthony* will extol the Virgin Mary using many titles, begging that she would be for us, earth's wanderers, the best Mother. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Franciscans will commend to God all Mothers and all the special intentions entrusted by you.

On the enclosed reply form, please write the name of your Mother and include the intentions that are very important to you. **Offer your gift of PRAYER and 9 HOLY MASSES.** Please send the card with your intentions together with your monetary gift. Today, without your help, it would be very difficult to preach the Good News about Jesus by the Franciscans.

May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.

May the Mother of God, our most loving Mother, intercede for you to God.

With prayer and gratitude,

Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the *Fr Justin Rosary Hour* community
and the *Companions of St. Anthony*

PS – If you would like to receive a brochure with a powerful **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary** write to us or mark it on the return card. At your request, we would be happy to send it to you.

REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME and ADDRESS.

