Holy Masses and Rosary Devotions

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Dear Friends of the Rosary Hour and Devotees of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

It will soon be October, the month when we see nature returning to the earth, it is cloudy and cool, but also a special time for prayer and warmth of the love of Mary. Each day people gather in churches, together or individually at the homes to **pray the Rosary**.

Let us try to deepen the sense of this prayer.

The name itself comes from a rose. Legend has it that every "Hail Mary" is like a rose which is laid at the feet of Our Lady. Praying the Rosary is the most beautiful prayer of the Bible. With it we can reflect on the most important scenes of the scriptures. This prayer is the prayer of the Lord in harmony with the will of God, as we repeat the "Our Father". We give praise to the Holy Trinity with the "Glory be". With it we ask to be delivered from hell with the prayer "O my Jesus". We are also conversing with Mary through the "Hail Mary". Mary always asked us to "pray the Rosary every day". Is this request of Mary difficult? If we do not have enough free

time, we can always pray a simple rosary without any meditation. We are able to ask for everything for everyone. We can give thanks for everything.

We can offer Mary a couple roses. She rejoices with every "Hail Mary". Let us pray it in every difficulty, even the most insignificant. She is our Mother, and which mother is not pleased when her children tell her their worries, problems and difficulties, waiting for advice.

Let us remember this miraculous prayer throughout the entire year, not only in October. Through it we find the answers to difficult questions, comfort and direction for our lives. If you are already familiar with the wonder of this prayer, it is time to share it with someone else. Are your children familiar with it? Your grandchildren? Your friends? If not, teach them about it. Begin praying the Rosary with them.

We sincerely invite you to participate in our Novenas to Our Lady of the Rosary which will be conducted through the entire month of October. We ask you to send us today your INTENTIONS on the enclosed card which the Franciscans will entrust to the Merciful God in rosary devotions and in the daily Holy Mass through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. Spiritually connected with the "family" of the Rosary Hour, the Franciscan will ask for a shower of graces not only for all of us, the members of the Rosary Hour family, but also for the entire world. This year, we will especially pray for an end to the pandemic and all God's graces for the Libyans after the tragic explosion in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. Christians in all countries are united in prayer for one another.

Certainly, our Immaculate Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, will not leave you without listening to your worries, experiences and efforts, which you commend to merciful God through her intercession. Maybe not all your prayers will be answered at once, or maybe not as you would like or expect them. But God knows best that which we need.

However, please trust that our prayer will bear much fruit in this life and in the life to come. May the Queen of the Holy Rosary reward your goodness, prayers and generous heart, without which it would be difficult for the Rosary Hour to continue its apostolate. Just think for a moment of how much more good there will be in the world thanks to the generosity of each individual, no matter how small that gift may be!

May God in His infinite goodness reward you for your prayers and assistance through the hands of Our Lady of the Rosary!

In the Queen of the Holy Rosary,

Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.

Br. Daniel with the Rosary Hour Community