

THE HANDING OVER OF THE ROSARIES

7th October - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

The Rosary is the prayer that Padre Pio gave as a sign of recognition to his Prayer Groups.

CEREMONY OF THE HANDING OVER OF THE ROSARIES

The ceremony of the Rosary handout was established to unite us with Mary so that the Church can always enjoy her protection. On the 7th of October (or another day agreed with their Spiritual Assistant) the Group meets for a catechesis and for the Rosary ceremony. The rosaries are blessed and the commitment to the recitation of the Rosary is renewed.

When this rite is celebrated at the end of Mass, the Celebrant will adapt it accordingly.

Hymn

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, the liturgy of the Church has its centre in the Eucharist and - during the day - is marked by the Liturgy of the Hours. Padre Pio suggested the holy rosary to his spiritual children to meditate on the Word of God guided by the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today we want to commit ourselves together and pray often the holy rosary, possibly daily, to live our journey together as a Padre Pio Prayer Group.

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

From the Gospel according to St. Luke (18, 1-8))

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, „Give me justice against my adversary.“ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, „Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.“” And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

From Padre Pio's letters

It is Prayer, this combined force of all good souls that moves the world, that renews consciences, that sustains the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (The Home for the Relief of Suffering), that comforts the suffering, that heals the sick, that sanctifies work, that elevates health care, that gives moral strength and Christian resignation to human suffering and that spreads the smile and benediction of God on every languor and weakness.

Pray much, my children, pray often, without ever tiring.

Short pause

BLESSING OF ROSARIES

We have come to the blessing of the rosary crowns that will accompany our pastoral journey. We renew our fidelity to Mary and our commitment in praying the Holy Rosary.

We bless you, Father, because you have called us to meditate on the Birth, Death and Resurrection of your Son, to meditate on earthly life, waiting to contemplate him in eternity.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

We bless you, our Brother and Lord Jesus Christ, you've chosen Mary your mother to show your face of peace and mercy to the world.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

We bless you, Holy Spirit, through Saint Pio of Pietrelcina You give us the Holy Rosary to meditate on your great works for men and for our salvation.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

All: O Virgin Mary, accept our good intentions to pray the Holy Rosary every day to remember your love with which you accompanied the life of your Son Jesus Christ and then to share His glory in heaven.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina obtain for us from the Lord the holy perseverance in our purpose to pray the Holy Rosary daily, for our needs, for the Church and for the whole world.

Oh Lord, let the strength of Your spirit and Your Holy Blessing descend upon these holy wishes.
You who live and reign for ever and ever

Amen

Song to Our Lady