



Why we pray the Rosary

An invitation to all children



The Rosary is a precious treasure in our Church. It's a special prayer that is prayed by millions of people, including children, all over the world. The reason it's so special is that it brings us closer to Jesus and Mary. When we pick up our Rosary, it's not just a string of beads, but a band of love that we hold in our hands. A band that binds us together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and with God.



Whenever we pray the Rosary, we repeat the words "Hail, Mary" over and over. It sounds like a lot of "Hail Marys," but each time we say these words, it's like offering the Mother of God a beautiful little rose. And when we pray them lots of times, it's like presenting a large and beautiful bouquet of roses to Our Lady.

It might sometimes seem repetitive, saying the same words over and over again. But if you were to tell your mommy or daddy "I love you" every day, would they find that boring? No! For love is never boring – in fact, it grows stronger every time we express it.

The Rosary is like a treasure trove in which we discover about Jesus and His Mysteries – how He was born, how He lived and worked so many miracles, how He suffered and died for us, how He rose again and went up into Heaven... Whenever we think about the life of Jesus, we learn just how much He loves us. And Mary, His Mother, helps us to get to know and understand Him better.



Even if you are still only little, you can still join in and pray. Maybe only part of the Rosary – just a few "Hail Marys" perhaps? Even this is very precious because every little prayer counts. Each time you pray, Jesus and Mary are delighted with each little flower you give them. In fact, all of Heaven smiles down on you! The Rosary is like a ladder, which brings us, step by step, closer to God in Heaven.

In our great prayer campaign "**A million children praying the Rosary**" you are not praying alone. All around the world – in schools, churches, houses and villages – children like you are joining together at the same time and praying the Rosary with you. And so thousands and thousands of children are all praying to God for peace in the world, for people who are lonely or unhappy, or who are suffering and having a hard time.

And so, step up bravely and join in! Take up the Rosary in your hands and pray! Jesus can hear you; Mary can hear you and smiles joyfully at you! And you will discover that you are never alone!



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