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FOREWORD

BY FATHER PATRICK PEYTON, C. S. C.

National Director:

THE FAMILY ROSARY

"May God and Our Lady love and bless everyone who makes use of this little booklet.

May its pages inspire an increase of love for Our Blessed Mother in many hearts and prompt them to make the Family Rosary part of their daily lives."

Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

DEDICATION

*May these humble prayers help you to find
and to live The Message of Our Lady*

OUR MOTHER

*to Whom we prayerfully dedicate this
Crusade of Prayer that all nations may soon
learn to live at peace with God and with one
another!*

God bless you, and Mary guard you,
Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine,
so valiantly defending this Nation,
in the Blue of its Valor,
the White of its Love,
and the Red of its Sacrifice;
and one day may They return you safe
to your loved ones at Home!

WAKE UP, AMERICA!
IT'S YOUR LAST CALL FOR PEACE!

Our Lady's words at Fatima, terrible and frightening, in their full meaning, concern your future and that of the whole world.

LISTEN, AMERICA!
MARY, CHOSEN PATRONESS OF YOUR
LAND, SPEAKS TO YOU!

"I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to *amend* their lives and to *ask pardon* for their sins."

"The war (First World War, then raging) is going to end. But *if* people do not stop offending God, another and worse one will begin in the reign of Pius the Eleventh."

"When you shall see a night illuminated by an unknown light (January 25, 1938), know that this is the great sign that God gives you that He is going to *punish* the world for its many crimes by means of war, hunger and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father."

"To prevent this, I shall come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the five First Saturdays."

ONLY ONE OF TWO THINGS CAN HAPPEN—

"If my requests are granted, Russia *will be converted* and *there will be peace*."

"If not, she (Russia) will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church."

"The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed."

"I ask for the consecration of the whole world to my Immaculate Heart."

"I want to tell you...that I am the Lady of the Rosary. People must say the Rosary and say it properly. Continue, my children, reciting the Rosary with devotion every day, to obtain peace for the world."

The Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the hand of Her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes.

**BUT AMERICA STILL GOES ON ITS MERRY
WAY...STILL INDIFFERENT AND
SELF-SATISFIED!**

Because you have *not yet really* felt suffering and destruction!

WAKE UP AMERICA—

Listen to what our present Holy Father, Pope Pius XII has to say:

A few months after the close of the last war, the bloodiest in all history—he warned: "Men must prepare themselves for suffering such as mankind *has never seen.*"

And lately: "The sands of time are running out as mankind faces its moment of decision—self-destruction or survival"—its

"DARKEST HOUR IN HISTORY SINCE
THE DELUGE."

Suppression of Catholic schools and churches, confiscation of church property, concentration and slave camps, mock trials and prison for all Catholics from Cardinals down—do we want this in America?

Are we going to wait until our homes and our churches are leveled; until our tables are bare; until the Red Horde of godless Communism overruns our land?

Communism not only denies God, *it hates God*. God is not only ignored, but cursed.

Communism is thorough. It seeks to destroy all religion everywhere. In the words of Lenin: "The Marxist must be an enemy of religion."

Many definitions of "communist" have been given in recent years. The most realistic and practical is this: "A communist is one who, if he had his way, would first dispose of every priest and sister by torture and murder. He would shatter the crucifix over the altar; he would scatter the Sacred Hosts over the sanctuary floor, trample upon Them and desecrate Them in every conceivable way."

It can safely be said that all the blood shed during the three-hundred year persecutions of

the early Church under the Roman emperors *was only a drop*, compared to the blood that has been shed behind the Iron Curtain.

The Vatican Radio in July of this year has stated that over *12,000* Catholic priests have been murdered, imprisoned or exiled by the Communist-controlled countries during the last five years.

BUT THAT'S IN EUROPE!
IT JUST CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!
IT CAN'T???

If wars are a punishment for revolt against God—*why should we be spared the same fate?*

Why should Mary intercede for sinners who refuse to repent? Why should she intercede for Americans who have lost the meaning of sacrifice and penance, and have forgotten how to pray?

Recently our Holy Father has said: "The greatest sin of our generation is that it has lost *all sense of sin*."

There is no peace because men have forgotten their God.

Because the Communists insisted, we allowed the United Nations to erase completely the name of God from its vocabulary. A *blackout* of God on Earth!

YES, THE HANDWRITING IS ON THE WALL!

A nation given to *vice and godlessness* cannot enjoy the blessings of peace.

So enmeshed are we in earthly pleasures, comforts, divorce, abortion, birth-control, drink, and easy living, that each day it becomes increasingly more difficult for the Mother of God to hold back the hand of her Son from striking this *pleasure-mad* generation.

**"MEN MUST CEASE OFFENDING MY SON"
WHEN ARE WE GOING TO WAKE UP?**

Is it going to be the same story of—too little and too late? There's not a moment to be wasted.

NOW IS THE HOUR!

Now is the time for *action*—for *Prayer*—for *Penance!*

For a Real Turning to God!

For a *Crusade* for Peace through PRAYER!

For a *return* to the *Christian* way of life!

For *Christians* to become *Christian* again!

"PRAY AND DO PENANCE..."

is Mary's request. It's a call to Spiritual Arms—a call to leave the sidelines and join the ranks—the front lines—of prayer and penance. Prayers are more powerful than bullets, and arms of prayer stronger than arms of steel.

IT IS NOT YET TOO LATE!

The Immaculate Heart will triumph and there will be peace, according to Sister Lucy, one of the three children of Fatima, "*when a sufficient*

number are offering sacrifice and fulfilling Our Lady's requests."

And it's all in a nutshell in Our Lady's Last Call for Peace, her

PEACE PLAN FROM HEAVEN

Written in Heaven!
Sanctioned by God!
Delivered by Mary!
Zealously recommended
by the Holy Father!

Needs no Act of Congress—needs just You!

Brought home to you in plain language it means: a more *faithful* and *conscientious* fulfillment of your *ordinary daily duties*, no matter what your state of life may be.

More specifically it's a four-point program:

1. PENANCE—To stop sinning, to give up easy living, to live a Christian life, to ask pardon for your sins.
2. DAILY ROSARY—For Peace and for Conversion of Russia. Preferably the Family Rosary. "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together."
3. DEVOTION AND CONSECRATION—To the Immaculate Heart of Mary, of yourself, your family, your parish. Any formula suffices. Do it and then live that consecration.
4. REPARATION—For the sins of the world and for conversion of Russia: the five First

Saturdays (for details see page 37), by frequent Confession, by frequent Communion at Mass, by living the Ten Commandments, and by patiently accepting our daily duties and the sacrifices connected with them.

Especially, do not forget the Daily Rosary, which always was and is the most frequent and insistent request of Our Lady. It's the *Perfect Family Prayer*.

Pius IX said: "If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, in your country, assemble every evening to recite the Rosary!"

It has a glorious past. Through its power, Mary on countless occasions has saved individuals, families, nations, and the world. She can save us *now also—if we pray*.

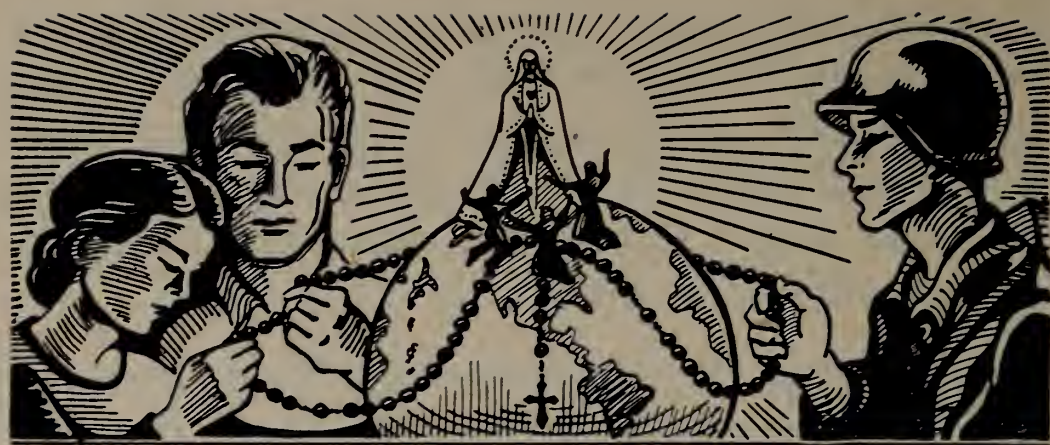
THAT IN SHORT IS MARY'S MESSAGE

So first sell yourself on it and make it a very *REAL* part of your daily life. Then sell it to others.

THE TIME IS SHORT!
PRAY, PRAY AND DO PENANCE!
JOIN THE CRUSADE!
UNITE WITH MARY—
THE QUEEN OF CRUSADERS!

If *enough* people pray and live Mary's request, there *will* be Peace!

IF NOT—GOD HELP US ALL!



PRAYERS OF THE CRUSADE

(When the Priest enters the sanctuary, the Congregation rises and sings:)

MARY—HOPE OF THE WORLD

(Melody: On This Day, O Beautiful Mother)

CHORUS:

**Save the World, O Merciful Mother,
Save Mankind in this, its dark hour;
Rally all nations under thy Banner,
Hope of the World and Queen of
Peace!**

**Aid us now, to thee we fly,
"Save, we perish," hear our cry,
Bless our Land, restore again
Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!**

(Repeat Chorus)

OPENING PRAYER

Priest—In the Name of the Father, † and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest and People—**Most Blessed Mother,**
* you have appeared on earth to
warn us all * that unless we pray, *
amend our lives, and repent for our
sins now, * God's heavy hand of
vengeance will soon descend upon
us. *

In response to your ardent request,
* we beg you to accept this Crusade,
* this spiritual mobilization of Amer-
ica, * this consecration to your Im-
maculate Heart of all faithful * pray-
ing here and throughout this nation,
* as a reparation for our countless
public and private sins. * May all
humanity * now helplessly groping
for a resurrection, * soon rise, through
your powerful intercession, * from its
grave of war and suffering * to a new
life of enduring peace, freedom and
happiness.

CONSECRATION OF THE WORLD TO ITS MOTHER

Priest and People—Glorious Queen of



the Most Holy Rosary, *
Refuge of the Human
Race, * we humbly
kneel before your heav-
enly throne, * fully con-
fident that it is in your
power * to save us and
all Mankind * in the
present calamity. * May

the sight of the widespread persecu-
tion, * material and moral destruction,
* and of the sorrows and anguish of
countless fathers and mothers, * hus-
bands and wives, * brothers, sisters,
and innocent children, * of the great
number of lives cut off in the flower of
youth, * move you to compassion. *

Animate the faithful with a genuine
love for their God and neighbor; * stem
the overwhelming flood of modern pa-
ganism; * fill all hearts with a dread of
sin, * the first and foremost cause of

war. * Enkindle in them the real meaning of sacrifice, * the practice of Christian life, * a deep love for prayer, * and an apostolic zeal, * that men everywhere may soon return to their senses and to their God. *

In accordance with your ardent wish, * we consecrate to your Immaculate Heart our entire selves, * all that we have, * all that we love, * all that we are. * To you we give our bodies and our souls, * our minds and our hearts; * to you we consecrate our families, * our homes, our country, and the whole human race. *

May the golden chain of today's Rosary bind our hearts, * those of our loved ones, * and all hearts the world over, to your Immaculate Heart, * where alone they can find the true blessings of peace. * Amen.

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(With all meditations appropriately chosen for each mystery from the actual words spoken by Our Lady at Fatima.)

Priest—In the Name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest leads—The Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father.

PRAYER FOR PEACE THROUGH MARY

Priest and People—O Lady of the Ro-



sary, * Last real Hope of a dying World, * in whom rests all power to save us and all mankind, * graciously hear our prayer * and turn your eyes of pity * upon the miseries of our war-distracted and sorely

afflicted world. *

We are not worthy, O Most Holy Mother, * that you should hear our prayers. * But mindful of the never-failing power of your Rosary * in countless

victories over tyranny, heresy and irreligion, * and moved by your ever-hopeful promise * to assist all who have recourse to you, * we beg you, most compassionate Mother, * to hear our prayer * and to have mercy in our distress. *

Grant, we pray, * that through the grace of your Divine Son, * we may triumph over our enemies * in this world-wide crusade for peace through prayer * against the godless forces * which are swiftly spreading the flaming fires of selfishness, * hatred, terror, slavery, and death to all nations. *

Mercifully protect Holy Mother Church, * Our Holy Father, and all Bishops, * Clergy, Religious, and Faithful * today so cruelly oppressed. *

May our prayers and sacrifices prevail upon you * to wipe out this scourge of Communism from the face of the earth, * before it devours every trace of human freedom, religion, and civilization. *

O Most Powerful Lady of Victory, *

whose might outweighs all forces of war, * spread forth your all-embracing Mantle of Peace * upon us, your children, * that all nations may soon enjoy a new era of freedom and good will * —The Age of Mary * —A world of genuine Christian peace. * Amen.

THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY

Priest—Jesus suffers in the Garden of Agony for the sins of men.

Priest—Mary's Message: "I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. Men must cease offending my Divine Son for He has already been too grievously offended."

Priest leads—Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father. (Mary at Fatima requested that after each decade of the Rosary this prayer be always added.)

All—O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
Save us from the fire of hell,
And lead all souls to heaven,
Especially those who have most
need of Your Mercy.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Priest and People—Chosen Patroness of



Our Land, * Queen and Mother of all Nations, * who appeared in the land of Portugal, * and restored peace to that once so troubled country, * look graciously upon our dear homeland * and rouse it to a

moral revival * and a genuine renewal of prayer, * penance, and deep solid faith. *

Guard our homes, churches, and schools, * our entire land and all therein * from harm and destruction. * Preserve the integrity of this nation * founded on Christian principles * and dedicated to your Immaculate Conception * by protecting it from all enemies within and without. *

Through you, Mother, we pray God our Father, * through Whom all authority is rightly administered, * all laws

are enacted, and judgments decreed, *
to assist with His Holy Spirit of counsel
and fortitude, * the President, Congress,
and all public officials of these United
States. * May He grant them strength
and guidance, * that their administra-
tion may tend to the preservation of
peace, * the promotion of national hap-
piness, * and the establishment of an
international order * in which the spirit
of Christ shall rule the hearts of men
and of nations. *

THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

Priest—Jesus is stripped of His garments, bound to
a pillar, and cruelly scourged.

Priest—Mary's Message: "More souls go to hell
because of sins of the flesh than for any other
reason."

(All stand)

Priest leads—Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory
be to the Father.

All—O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
Save us from the fire of hell,
And lead all souls to heaven,
Especially those who have most
need of Your Mercy.

(All kneel)

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN SERVICE

Priest and People—O Mother of Sor-



rows, * because you so
fully understand the
hardships of battle, *
for you stood at the feet
of your Son in the great-
est struggle of them all *
—The Hill of Calvary— *
watch, we implore, *
over our loved ones ex-

posed to the horrors of war * and the
spiritual and moral dangers of military
life. *

Teach them, good Mother, * to give
and not to count the cost; * to fight and
not to heed the wounds; * to toil and
not to seek for rest; * to labor and not
to ask for any reward, * save that of
doing God's holy will. *

Give them unflinching courage to
defend their country * with honor and
dignity * and with that deep Christlike
faith * which makes all hardships more
tolerable, * all pain more bearable, *

and death itself a martyr's sacrifice. *

Mother of God, be ever with them on the battlefield, * and when Victory is finally won, * return them sound in mind, body, and soul * to their loved ones at home * to enjoy the peace they so richly deserve. *

Priest—Pause here to recommend to Our Blessed Mother, the names of your loved ones, relatives, and friends in the Armed Forces for whom you wish to make the Crusade, and especially the following men and women whose names have been handed in: (The Priest then reads the names and continues immediately.)

And as today's special intention let us recommend to our Blessed Mother the following boys who are ill, or who have been wounded on the field of battle...and the following who are missing in action...

Finally, include in your intention the spiritual and physical welfare of all men and women of this parish in all branches of the Service, wherever they may be, and especially those stationed at: (A new camp or battlefront may be selected each time.)

(All stand)

MARY, GUARD OUR BRAVE DEFENDERS

(Melody: Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest)

Mary, guard our brave defenders,
Guide our men—air, land, and sea;

Keep them ever close to Jesus,
And, good Mother, near to thee.

CHORUS:

Mary, guard them, guard we pray,
Guide them all both night and day;
Give them strength and courage,
Mother,
Bring them all home safe, we pray.

(Repeat Chorus)

(All kneel)

THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

Priest—Jesus, mocked and spat upon, is crowned in derision with a crown of thorns.

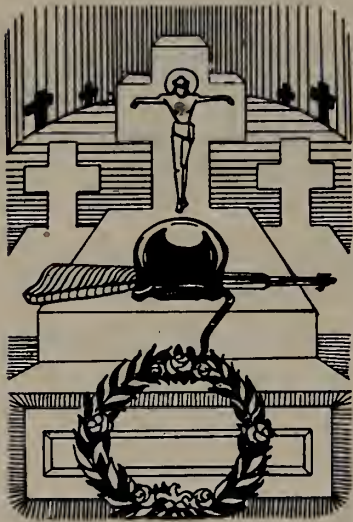
Priest—Mary's Message: "Behold my heart surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men drive therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me."

Priest leads—Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father.

All—O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
Save us from the fire of hell,
And lead all souls to heaven,
Especially those who have most
need of Your Mercy.

PRAYER FOR OUR HONORED DEAD

Priest and People—O Mother Mary, *



who, in giving up your
only Son on the Mount
of Calvary * that others
might be free, * became
the first Gold Star
Mother of Christian
times, * look with mercy
upon these our boys *
who gave their lives

that we, * their brothers in Christ might
live. *

Some are known, others unknown. *
For some tears are shed, * for others
there are none to weep. * Some have
been buried beneath the ruins of towns
and villages, * others have shed their
blood on the field of battle * or died in
the depths of the sea. *

Through your Crucified Son, * Who
said that "Greater love than this no one
has, * that one lay down his life for his
friends," * grant to these our heroic

dead, * who died defending us, our homes and our altars, * heavenly peace and eternal rest. *

And on that Great Final Day of Victory in Heaven above, * when Final Reveille shall sound, * and the Legions of the Just shall march in Grand Review before your Son, * our Supreme Commander-in-Chief, * may these men all be present and accounted for; * and may they all on that day bear proudly in their hearts * the original and true Distinguished Service Cross * —The Saving Cross of Christ— * the only Eternal Award and Memorial * of sacrifice and of victory. *

Priest—Pause here to recommend to Our Blessed Mother, the names of your departed loved ones, relatives, and friends who gave their “last full measure of devotion,” for their country and their God, and especially all of the fallen heroes of this parish, and the following whom we now add to our Crusade’s Legion of Honor: (The Priest then reads all names handed in, and continues immediately.)

And as today’s special intention let us remember all of our American boys who made the supreme sacrifice during the (a new battlefield may be selected each time.)

Priest—Our Lady of Victory, triumphant at the hour of death!

People—**Pray for them.**

Priest—May the Captain of their Souls grant them eternal rest.

People—**And may perpetual light shine upon them.**

Priest and People—**May their souls and the souls of all the heroic dead of this conflict rest in peace. Amen.**

THE FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

Priest—Jesus, perspiring, gasping and falling, carries His heavy Cross.

Priest—Mary's Message: "If my requests are not granted, Russia will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed."

(All stand)

Priest leads—Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father.

All—**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
Save us from the fire of hell,
And lead all souls to heaven,
Especially those who have most
need of Your Mercy.**

(All kneel)

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL FAVORS

Priest and People— Most Blessed Lady,



* Mother of Unbounded
Mercy, * in your life of
glory, remember the sor-
rows of earth. * Look
with kindness on us
who suffer, * who strug-
gle against difficulties,
* who bear unceasingly
the bitterness of this life.

* Have mercy on us who love each
other and are separated. * Have mercy
on the lonely of heart. * Have mercy on
the weakness of our faith. * Have mercy
on us who weep, * on us who pray. *
Grant our special request, * and be-
stow upon us that peace of mind and
soul * which the world cannot give nor
take away * from those who love God
and call you Mother. *

Priest—Pause here to name the special spiritual
needs and temporal favors which you are asking
Our Lady to obtain for you personally through
this Crusade. (Pause)

THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

Priest—Jesus, after three hours of agony, dies on the Cross for our salvation.

Priest—Mary's Message: "If people will do what I tell you, Russia will be converted, many souls will be saved, and there shall be peace in the world."

Priest leads—Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father.

All—O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
Save us from the fire of hell,
And lead all souls to heaven,
Especially those who have most
need of Your Mercy.

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Kneeling, the entire Congregation sings:)

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni Trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

PRAYER AT BENEDICTION

Priest and People—O Jesus, Who are



about to give Your benediction to me, * and to all here present, * I humbly beseech You that it may impart to all of us * the special graces we need. * Yet more than this I ask. * Let Your blessing go forth far and

wide. * Let it be felt in the souls of the afflicted * who cannot come here to receive it at Your feet. * Let the weak and tempted feel its power wherever they may be. * Let poor sinners feel its comfort * drawing them to hope in You. * Grant to me, O Lord, and to all here present, * a strong personal love of You, * a real horror of sin, * a higher esteem of grace, * a greater zeal for Your honor and glory, * for the honor of Your Sacred Heart, * for our own sanctification, * and for the salvation of souls. * Amen.

(Kneeling, the entire Congregation sings:)

**Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui.
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.**

**Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio.
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio.
Procedenti ab utroque,
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.**

Priest—Panem de coelo praestitisti eis. (“Alleluia”
at Easter time)

People—**Omne delectamentum in se
habentem.** (“Alleluia” at Easter time)

Priest—Oremus: Deus qui nobis sub Sacramento
mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tri-
bue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui
sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuae
fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus; Qui vivis et
regnas in saecula saeculorum.

People—**Amen.**

THE DIVINE PRAISES

(Repeat aloud after Priest)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin, and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels, and in His Saints.

(When the Tabernacle has been closed, the Congregation rises and sings.)

○ MARY DEAR, OUR PATRONESS

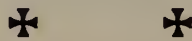
(Melody: America the Beautiful)

○ Mary dear, Our Patroness,
Queen of the Stars and Stripes!
Protect us from the enemy,
And bless our Native Land!

CHORUS:

○ Mary dear! ○ Mother dear!
Queen of the Rosary!
Free us from war,
Send peace once more,
Unite all hearts in Thee.

(Repeat Chorus)





ADDITIONAL PRAYERS TO OUR LADY

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS
(For Congregational and Private Use)

MARY'S GREAT PROMISE AT FATIMA

"Behold my Heart surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, try to console me, and tell them that I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed to salvation, whoever, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall

1. confess and receive Holy Communion,
2. recite five decades of the Rosary,
3. and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary,
4. with the intention of making reparation to me." (July 13, 1917)

Note: The Confession may be made in the eight days before or after Communion. The Rosary may be recited at any convenient time of the day, and the fifteen-minute meditation may be made at any time of the day, either on all the mysteries as a whole or on one or several mysteries. The Rosary and meditation may be combined by thinking on each mystery a few minutes before or after reciting the decade. A sermon for the occasion may be substituted for the meditation. A plenary indulgence is granted for each First Saturday. (S.P.Ap. June 13, 1912)

The Mediatrix of All Graces has promised at Fatima all the graces necessary for salvation to those who faithfully practice this devotion for the First Saturday of any five consecutive months.

The First Friday, First Saturday, and First Sunday of the month normally come together in the same week. The Confession good for one is good for the others, provided the person is in the state of grace when he receives Holy Communion. It is recommended that people receive Holy Communion in reparation on all three days, giving Our Lady a little more than she asks—and helping to make up for those who refuse to give her anything at all.

It is also very fitting to renew the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to offer an Act of Reparation.

Our Blessed Mother told Lucy that Her Divine Son wishes the faithful to receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday, as on the First Friday of each month, for the triumph of truth and the conversion of Russia.

In addition to assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, receiving Holy Communion is the most perfect form of reparation that can be offered by the layman.

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

By Pope Pius XII

(Plea of Pope Pius XII: "It is our wish that, wherever the opportunity suggests itself, this consecration be made in the various dioceses as well as in each of the parishes and families. We are confident that abundant blessings and favors from heaven will surge forth from this private and public consecration.")

"Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, * Refuge of the Human Race, * Victress in all God's Battles, * we humbly prostrate ourselves before thy throne, * confident that we shall receive mercy, * grace and bountiful assistance and protection * in the present calamity, * not through our own inadequate merits, * but solely through the great goodness of thy Maternal Heart. *

To thee, to thy Immaculate Heart * in this, humanity's tragic hour, * we consign and consecrate ourselves * in union not only with the Mystical Body of thy Son, * Holy Mother

Church, * now in such suffering and agony in
so many places * and sorely tried in so many
ways, * but also with the entire world, * torn
by fierce strife, * consumed in a fire of hate, *
victim of its own wickedness. *

May the sight of the widespread material
and moral destruction, * of the sorrows and
anguish of countless fathers and mothers, *
husbands and wives, * brothers and sisters,
and innocent children, * of the great number
of lives cut off in the flower of youth, * of the
bodies mangled in horrible slaughter, * and
of the tortured and agonized souls * in danger
of being lost eternally, * move thee to compas-
sion. *

O Mother of Mercy, * obtain peace for us
from God * and above all procure for us those
graces * which prepare, establish and assure
the peace. *

Queen of Peace, pray for us * and give to
the world now at war * the peace for which all
peoples are longing, * peace in the truth, justice
and charity of Christ. * Give peace to the war-
ring nations, * and to the souls of men, * that
in the tranquillity of order * the Kingdom of
God may prevail. *

Extend thy protection to the infidels * and to
all those still in the shadow of death; * give
them peace and grant that on them, too, * may
shine the sun of truth, * that they may unite
with us * in proclaiming before the one and
only Saviour of the World * "glory to God in

the highest and peace to men of good will." *

Give peace to the peoples separated by error or by discord, * and especially to those * who profess such singular devotion to thee * and whose homes an honored place was ever accorded thy venerated image * (today perhaps often kept hidden to await better days); * bring them back to the one fold of Christ under the one true shepherd. *

Obtain peace and complete freedom for the Holy Church of God; * stay the spreading flood of modern paganism; * enkindle in the faithful the love of purity, * the practice of the Christian life, * and an apostolic zeal, * so that the servants of God may increase in merit and in number. *

Lastly, as the Church and the entire human race * were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, * so that in reposing all hope in Him, * He might become for them the sign and pledge of victory and salvation * so we in like manner consecrate ourselves forever * also to thee and to thy Immaculate Heart, * Our Mother and Queen, * that thy love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God * and that all nations, * at peace with one another and with God, * may proclaim thee blessed, * and with thee may raise voices to resound from pole to pole * in the chant of the everlasting Magnificat * of glory, love and gratitude * to the Heart of Jesus, * where alone they can find truth and peace." * Amen.

ACT OF REPARATION

(To be recited on the First Saturdays)

Most Holy Virgin and our beloved Mother, * we listen with grief to the complaints of thy Immaculate Heart * surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein * at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. * Moved by the ardent desire of loving thee as our Mother * and of promoting a true devotion to thy Immaculate Heart, * we prostrate ourselves at thy feet * to prove the sorrow we feel * for the grievances that men cause thee * and to atone, by means of our prayers and sacrifices, * for the offenses with which men return thy tender love. *

Obtain for them and for us * the pardon of so many sins. * A word from thee * will obtain grace and amendment for us all. *

Hasten, O Lady, the conversion of sinners, * that they may love Jesus * and cease to offend the Lord, * already so much offended, * and that they may not fall into hell. *

Turn thine eyes of mercy towards us, * that henceforth we may love God * with all our heart while on earth * and enjoy Him forever in heaven. * Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

(For Individuals and Families)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, * Queen of heaven and earth, * and tender Mother of men,

* in accordance with thy ardent wish made known at Fatima, * I consecrate to thee myself, * my brethren, my country, * and the whole human race. *

Reign over us and teach us * how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph * in us and around us, * as It has reigned and triumphed in thee. *

Reign over us, dearest Mother, * that we may be thine in prosperity and in adversity, * in joy and in sorrow, * in health and in sickness, * in life and in death. * O most compassionate Heart of Mary, * Queen of Virgins, * watch over our minds and hearts * and preserve them from the deluge of impurity * which thou didst lament so sorrowfully at Fatima. * We want to be pure like thee. * We want to atone for the many sins committed against Jesus and thee. * We want to call down * upon our country and the whole world * the peace of God in justice and charity. *

Therefore, we now promise to imitate thy virtues * by the practice of a Christian life * without regard to human respect. * We resolve to receive Holy Communion * on the First Saturday of every month, * and to offer thee * five decades of the Rosary each day, * together with our sacrifices, * in a spirit of reparation and penance. * Amen.

SHORT PERSONAL CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

My Queen and my Mother, to thee do I offer myself without any reserve, and to give thee a mark of my devotion I consecrate to thee during this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole person. Since I belong to thee, O my good Mother, preserve and defend me as thy property and possession.

LITANY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

(For Private Use Only)

Our Lady of Fatima,

Pray for our country.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Sanctify our Clergy.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Make our Catholics more fervent.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Guide and inspire those who govern us.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Cure the sick who confide in you.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Console the sorrowful who trust in you.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Help those who invoke your aid.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Deliver us from all dangers.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Help us to resist temptations.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Obtain for us, all we lovingly ask of you.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Help those who are dear to us.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Bring back to the right road our erring brothers.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Give us back our ancient fervor.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Obtain for us pardon of our many sins and offenses.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Bring all men to the feet of your Divine Child.

Our Lady of Fatima,

Obtain peace for the World.

Let us pray

O God of infinite goodness and mercy, * fill our hearts with a great confidence in Your most holy Mother, * whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, * and grant us by her most powerful intercession * all the graces, spiritual and temporal, * which we need, through Christ Our Lord. * Amen.

THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Christ
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven

Days on Which Mysteries Are Recited

Monday.....	The Joyful
Tuesday.....	The Sorrowful
Wednesday.....	The Glorious
Thursday.....	The Joyful
Friday.....	The Sorrowful
Saturday.....	The Glorious
Sunday.....	The Glorious

(Sundays in Advent, Joyful; Sundays in Lent,
Sorrowful)

MY BEADS

For many and many a time in grief,
My weary fingers wandered round
Thy circled chain, and always found
In each Hail Mary sweet relief.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, * *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of Divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of Peace,

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the
world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the
world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, * that we Thy servants * may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; * and through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, * be freed from present sorrow * and enjoy eternal gladness. * Through Christ our Lord. * Amen.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, * that never was it known, * that anyone who fled to thy protection, * implored thy help, * and sought thy intercession, * was left unaided. * Inspired with this confidence, * I fly unto thee O virgin of virgins, my Mother. * To thee I come, * before thee I stand, * sinful and sorrowful. * O Mother of the Word Incarnate, * despise not my petitions, * but in thy mercy hear and answer me. * Amen.





ADDITIONAL PRAYERS APPROPRIATE IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY AND WAR

(For Congregational and Private Use)

PRAYER FOR VICTORY

O God of battles, * Who grantest victory to those who put their trust in Thee, * mercifully hear the prayers of us, Thy servants, * that the evil designs of our enemies being defeated, * we may praise Thee with unceasing gratitude. *

O God, Who sufferest not the nations that believe in Thee * to be shaken by any fear, * deign, we beseech Thee, * to receive the prayers and sacrifices of the people consecrated to Thee, * that True and Lasting Peace, * the gift of Thy loving kindness, * may render Christian countries safe from every enemy. * Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICEMEN

Keep our servicemen, O Blessed Mother, * free from all harm to soul and body. * Guard

them from every heedless action * that may harm them or the cause they serve. * Obtain for them all * the grace to persevere in the Faith * which will give them courage in difficulties, * strength in temptations, * patience in suffering, * willingness in making sacrifices. * On land, sea, or in the air, * wherever they may serve their country, * O Blessed Mother, be with them always. * And when the war is over, * bring them back safely to their loved ones at home. *

PRAYER FOR CHAPLAINS

Dear Lord, bestow Thy special blessing upon all our priests * who are serving our beloved country as chaplains. * May they be to their men models of courage, * manliness, self-control, and holiness. * Give them such grace * to help our men to live holily, * to suffer patiently, * and to die bravely, * if that be their lot. * Dear Lord, King of Peace, * hear this our prayer while the war lasts, * but do grant us peace soon. * Amen.

PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE STRICKEN BY THE CALAMITIES OF WAR

Do Thou, O Lord, * Who art ever the loving Comforter of the distressed, * Who didst weep at the tears of Martha and Mary, bereaved of their brother, * give to those stricken by the calamities of war, * the peace which is born of consolation * and of resignation to Thy Will.

* Grant peace to the exile and the fugitive, * to them that wander unknown, * and to the wounded. *

Dry the tears of wives, mothers and orphans, * of families who have none to care for them. * They eat the bread of sorrow, * enduring hunger and cold and cheerless homes. * Console the little ones who come to Thine altars * to pray for a father, a brother, * dead, wounded, or lost to them. * Comfort all with Thy heavenly gifts * and with the consolation and resignation * wherein charity is so rich and fruitful. * Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR

O Lord Jesus Christ, * Who in Thy mercy hearest the prayers of sinners, * pour forth, we beseech Thee, all grace and blessing * upon our country and its citizens. * We pray in particular for the President—for our Congress * —for all our servicemen—for all who defend us in ships, * whether on the seas or in the skies * —for all who are suffering the hardships of war. * We pray for all who are in peril or in danger. * Bring us all after the troubles of this life into the haven of peace, * and reunite us all together forever, O dear Lord, * in Thy glorious heavenly kingdom. * Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR ENEMIES

O God, Who for Thy great love of this world * didst reconcile earth to heaven through Thine

only-begotten Son, * grant that we, who by the darkness of our sins * are turned aside from brotherly love, * may by Thy light shed forth in our souls * embrace our friends in Thee and our enemies for Thy sake * in a bond of mutual affection; * through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. * Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED

Almighty, everlasting God, * the eternal salvation of those who believe, * hear us on behalf of Thy servants who are sick...(here pause), * for whom we humbly crave the help of Thy mercy; * that, being restored to health, * they may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church. * Through Christ our Lord. * Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, * and I detest all my sins, * because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, * but most of all because they offend Thee, My God, * Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. * I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, * to confess my sins, to do penance, * and to amend my life. * Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

O Holy Archangel Michael, defend us in battle. * Be our safeguard against the wiles and the wickedness of the devil. * Restrain him, O God,

we humbly beseech Thee * and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, * by the power of God cast into hell Satan and the other evil spirits * who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. * Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS ASSISI FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
* where there is hatred, let me sow love; *
where there is injury, pardon; * where there is
doubt, faith; * where there is despair, hope; *
where there is darkness, light; * and where
there is sadness, joy. *

O Divine Master, grant that I may seek * not
so much to be consoled as to console; * to be
understood as to understand; * to be loved as
to love; * for it is in giving that we receive; * it
is in pardoning, that we are pardoned, * and it
is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *



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