

MY POCKET ROSARY BOOK

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ROSARY NOVENAS

RELIGIOUS devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena. Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect resignation should it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing, though in His infinite wisdom and mercy He may refuse the particular favor which they implore.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. However, care must be taken lest the power of any Novena be limited to the number nine rather than perseverance in fervent prayer.

The practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of a Rosary Novena in *petition* or *thanksgiving* is another way of heeding Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to *Pray the Rosary*.

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

Mary's Great Promise at Fatima

THE Five First Saturdays are intended to honor and to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for all the blasphemies and ingratitude of people.

This devotion and the wonderful promises connected with it were revealed by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, a small village in Portugal. Our Lady appeared to three children there in 1917, and one of the little girls, Lucy, tells us that she said: *I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:*

1. *Confess and receive Communion;*
2. *Recite five decades of the Rosary;*
3. *And keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the twenty Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.*



SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY

∞ **The Visitation** ∞

I Desire Charity toward My Neighbor

Reflection

Think of Mary's charity in visiting her cousin Elizabeth and remaining with her for three months before the birth of John the Baptist.

Participation

- 1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.
- 1 Glory Be to the Father.

Prayer

Mary, you showed true charity in visiting Elizabeth and remaining with her three months before the birth of John the Baptist. Obtain for me the grace to *love my neighbor*.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”



SECOND LUMINOUS MYSTERY

∞ **Christ's Self-** ∞

Manifestation at Cana

I Desire to Do Whatever Jesus Says

Reflection

Think of Christ's self-manifestation at Cana when He changed water into wine and opened the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary.

Participation

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys.

1 Glory Be to the Father.

Prayer

Mary, as a result of your intercession at Cana, your Son changed water into wine and opened the hearts of the disciples to faith. Obtain for me the grace to *do whatever Jesus says*.

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.”

