

value to give presents to one's neighbour, how much more is it of value when we give presents to the Mother of GOD. Never is such done in vain. But have patience. When you give a workman a job to be done, you do not expect to go home immediately with the finished work, but you go home with the knowledge that the skilled worker will look after your job now. It is exactly the same with Heaven. And like a conscientious good workman, also Heaven will make the best of your job, of your request. Sometimes they will even say: „Look, it is better this way ...“ Do not be disappointed then. Heaven will comply with your request as is best for you. Therefore, go home quietly after offering your prayers. Heaven will not forget your intentions.

Well then, give the Mother of GOD flowers as a present and think less: „We must pray, we must make sacrifices.“ Love is what Heaven wants from you. Love, not sacrifices. Today there are sacrifices enough if one remains faithful to GOD. There is no need to look for them as well. In spite of everything, do not forget the joys. There are still so many things in this world for you to be enjoyed and Heaven will gladly share your joy. Amen!


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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

The Prayer of the Rosary A Wreath of Fragrant Roses for Mary

Do you know that while reciting the Rosary you are speaking to the most exalted and most beautiful creature of GOD? Moreover: the Rosary is Mary's sharpest weapon against hell. But how often is it said in a false way! Certainly, many do say more than one Rosary daily, with devotion and joy, I am glad to say, because they greatly appreciate it. However, there are also Rosary-fanatics, with whom only quantity counts and who boast it everywhere. Still others attach for the salvation of souls more importance to the recital of the Rosary than to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is completely wrong to say the Rosary only for self-gratification, only in order to be able to say: „I have recited it.“ Nor should the Rosary be said only because it is Mary's wish or the Church's request.

To the children in the Children's Prayer Storm I have always explained the Rosary in the following way: when a child picks flowers on a meadow for Mother's Day, then he will bring his mother in his childlike, spontaneous love not just one flower but a whole bunch so that he can hardly hold it in his little hands. Thus we should imagine the prayer of the Rosary: every „Hail Mary“ is a flower, which will blossom more beautifully, more precious according to the effort you make to pray it contemplatively. And the more love you ask of GOD and the more love you have for this prayer, the more fragrant this flower will smell. Mary is a mother, Mother of all mothers, Mother of all men, she is also your Mother. Therefore, one truly does not pick for her only one flower, but a whole bunch with the same childlike, spontaneous love as this child does. However, your bunch is yet to be bound with a beautiful and matching cord or ribbon. A Saint gave the beautiful reflection to it: „The little part of the rosary cord with the five beads which you have said at the beginning, will serve you now to bind the bunch of flowers.“ – Therefore, remember: every „Hail ...“ pleases Mary. And at the very moment when your fingers are

gliding on to the next bead, a wonderful flower from your heart is floating towards Mary. – When you say the Rosary in the awareness that each „Hail Mary“ is a wonderful flower, which Mary receives with motherly joy, then you will say it with much more ease and joyfulness.

Being Victorious with Faith

However, saying the whole Rosary with prayerfulness and recollection is not to everyone’s taste. We know that nowadays many people while praying are suffering from sinful thoughts and thrills, which used to cause them no or hardly any trouble. That is the reason why, for longer prayers, they hardly find strength and perseverance any more. Then again they are surprised that all of a sudden they have to confess this or that considering themselves worse than they used to be. No, through sin in the world the power of hell has increased enormously. GOD permits this, and there is hardly any power proceeding from the official Church any more to restrain Satan. – My advice would therefore be not to force yourself to pray your way through a whole Rosary. Do not force the children and youths to do so. Because in doing so sooner or later it breeds a dislike while creating fear of the length of the prayer of the Rosary, and hell will finally be victorious.

Were the official Church to use the power she could have, had she not been so much humanized and had she not so much adapted herself to the world, then those willing to live piously would not be having such a hard time by far. Let us just take an example, Holy Communion: „It is holy Bread“, I recently heard from a child who goes to Communion in the official Church! This answer does not express that the consecrated Host truly is the Body of JESUS CHRIST. Consequently one will never expect the power of JESUS CHRIST at the reception of the Sacred Host. If we are aware in faith, granted to us by GOD’s grace, that we are truly receiving the Body of JESUS CHRIST in Holy Communion, then we will inevitably have a share in the power of JESUS CHRIST as well. Faith in GOD’s presence is going to bring about and develop this strength in you helping you to a holy life and checkmating the Evil One with increasing regularity.

When you receive the SAVIOUR in Holy Communion, then you receive GOD! And when GOD lives in your heart, then you are able to treat your enemy with contempt. Do not fight too much against the Evil One but rather despise his attacks trusting that you are GOD’s child bearing Him in you. In doing so you are fighting, too, and will win over his attacks. In doing so you will disarm him. Then be victorious over evil.

Flowers for Mary

The Rosary is said to be the breviary of the laity or the little people. It is an easy-to-handle weapon, which everybody can use everywhere and every day without needing a particular place, grace, consecration or station to do so. – My beloved, please do, all of you, say at least three „Hail Marys“ every day and we will be successful in getting Mary to stand up from her throne and command the adversaries in the Name of GOD: „That’s enough!“ – We would also owe it to our descendants, to our youth, who must live in this situation now, although through no fault of their own. – You know that we are longing for the Triumph of Mary as GOD has ordained it. Therefore, shower the Mother of GOD with flowers, with fragrant roses. She will not be able to resist for a long time. But it should be done in order to please her. It should be done for her sake, not for one’s own satisfaction, not for reasons of one’s own salvation. – Imagine that every New Christian were to say just three „Hail Marys“ every day, added up they would be quite a few. But unfortunately, it hurts me very much, so many of those entrusted to me do not even devote time to one „Hail Mary“. Just do have a try, say three „Hail Marys“ and you will take such pleasure in saying one more. – Therefore, who has not said the Rosary until now, I advise him from now on to say at least three „Hail Marys“ every day. Those who already say three „Hail Marys“ every day are expected to add one more, etc. Let there be no one among those faithful to me who does not say at least three „Hail Marys“ every day, who does not give the Mother of GOD at least three flowers as a present every day with childlike affection and veneration. I never call on anyone to say the whole Rosary. However, who can manage to do it and can afford the time for it, has received from GOD the gift needed for that and is expected to use this grace and say the Rosary: „Give an account of your graces and gifts!“ is what is meant here.

Mary Is also a Lawyer,

particularly at the hour of death. That is why we say in the „Hail Mary“: „... pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.“ It is known that men, though they lived an unchristian life, but said only three „Hail Marys“ every day, died a good death because of that by being allowed to die with contrition or having received the last rites. Every „Hail Mary“ is like a fee for your lawyer Mary that she may be able to defend you before GOD’s throne. And she is a good lawyer. It is worthwhile feeing her well in advance.

Let us give pleasure to the Mother of GOD with flowers, prayers ... and you can rest assured that Heaven will not remain silent about it. For if it is of such
