

Pray the Rosary in public for the conversion of our country and the world!

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Holy Rosary.” Sister Lucy said. “She has given this new efficacy to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all, spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the family of the world, or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.”

Rosary Crusaders

Who we are:

A group of concerned Catholic parents, grandparents, young people, and students.

Our Mission:

The Rosary Crusaders' mission is to get as many American Catholics as possible to pray a daily Rosary privately and/or publicly for the conversion of the United States of America to the Christian principles of the Catholic Church taught by Jesus Christ. The Rosary Crusaders' website and pamphlets will be used to promote this goal and to educate the Faithful about the Holy Rosary.

Members of the Rosary Crusaders will pledge to pray five decades of the Rosary daily with the intention of the conversion of the United States to the Christian principles taught by Jesus Christ and established in His Bride, the Holy Catholic Church, and to promote and participate when possible in public marches sponsored by the Rosary Crusaders for this intention.

Visit www.RosaryCrusaders.org for more information and to pledge your daily Rosary online. Your name will be posted on our website as a Rosary Crusader of Our Lady!

Our goal is to have 10% of Catholics praying a daily Rosary for our country.

Pray the Rosary in Public!

Following are some examples of what we can do to counteract the perils of our day:

- ◆ Pray the Rosary daily to avoid the world's deceptions and lies.
- ◆ Form a Block Rosary that meets monthly or weekly.
- ◆ Pray the Rosary while walking, alone or with family and friends.
- ◆ Pray the Rosary while waiting in a doctor's or dentist's office.
- ◆ Pray the Rosary while relaxing on your front porch.
- ◆ Pray the Rosary while riding on public transportation, whether a bus, train, or airplane.
- ◆ Pray the Rosary while riding or driving in your car, especially if you carpool to work or school.
- ◆ Take part in any public recitation of the Rosary you may hear about, such as processions, pilgrimages, or consider joining prayer groups in front of abortion clinics. (Check our website for future national Rosary processions sponsored by Rosary Crusaders.)
- ◆ Encourage others to pray the Rosary. Share with them the examples given in this pamphlet.
- ◆ Distribute this pamphlet to others. (Download from our website www.RosaryCrusaders.org.)

"Let us go with confidence to the throne of grace; that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid." Heb. 4:16

Why Pray the Holy Rosary?

At Lourdes, Our Lady prayed the Rosary with Bernadette and at Fatima, She asked that the Rosary be prayed for the conversion of the world.

During her last authentic public interview in 1957, Sister Lucy, the eldest of the three Fatima seers, stressed, "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."



For nearly 800 years, the Holy Rosary has yielded impressive victories when recited publicly. This devotion has amassed victories over false religions and, in the 20th century, over the scourge of Communism.

Consider these examples:

◆ After WWII, the Russians occupied Austria because of the country's oil wells and strategic location in Europe. Pope Pius XII noted in 1949 that, "If Vienna falls (to the Communists), Europe will fall. If Vienna stands fast, Europe will stand fast." In the fall of 1954, Fr. Petrus Vavlocek organized a great Rosary procession in the center of Vienna, led by Federal Chancellor Figl with his Rosary and candle in hand. By April 1955 over seven hundred thousand people in Austria, or 10% of the population, pledged to pray the daily Rosary in compliance with Our Lady of Fatima's request. On May 13, 1955 — the anniversary date of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, Soviet Russia agreed to the independence of Austria and shortly thereafter in October, the month of the Rosary, withdrew its troops completely. Fr. Vavlocek, gave full credit for Austrian freedom to Our Lady of Fatima and the recitation of the Rosary.

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◆ Another manifestation of the power of public recitation of the Holy Rosary over Communism occurred in 1964 in Brazil. Communist sympathizer President Goulart had appointed top Communist Party members to high government posts. The Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro used the radio to warn the people that the Goulart regime was about to seize power for the Communists. He asked for prayer and penance, in keeping with Our Lady's requests at Fatima.

The first major encounter with the Communists came when 20,000 devoted Brazilian women with Rosaries in hand broke up a Communist rally. President Goulart derided this peaceful demonstration, scorning the effectiveness of prayer in solving Brazil's problems. The women of Sao Paulo took action against Goulart. In six days, they arranged a demonstration called the "March of the Family with God Toward Freedom" and 600,000 people marched through downtown Sao Paulo praying the Rosary and singing religious hymns. It became apparent that Goulart did not have the popular support necessary to affect a revolution in Brazil, and he fled the country. The victory was attributed to Our Lady of the Rosary.

◆ In the Philippines in 1986, thousands of Catholics defied the Philippine Army under the command of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos. On the Sunday before the collapse of the Marcos regime, thousands of Filipinos knelt in a field reciting the Rosary before the tanks of the government's armed forces, who had orders to fire on the citizens. Revving the engines of the tanks, the military ordered the people to clear a path. They refused to move... The armored column, which had been on its way to attack a camp of dissident leaders, was turned around by the Rosary, rolling back to the barracks instead of over the citizens.

"Give me a million families with Rosaries in their hands, uplifted to Mary. They will be a military power, not against other people, but for all mankind... Let us, therefore take the Rosary from family to family. With it in our hands, we shall conquer ourselves, convert sinners, do penance for our country, and will certainly move the merciful, mild, and benevolent Heart of Mary."

- Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

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Jaime Cardinal Sin said that the government troops held their fire and did not attack the crowd blocking their way because, as the soldiers told him, "A very beautiful lady dressed in white appeared." The soldiers told His Eminence the lady in the vision said, "Stop! Don't attack my people. I am the Queen of this land."

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, she warned the shepherd children that Russia (the birthplace of Communism) would spread its errors throughout the world. During her 1957 interview, Sister Lucy urged her interviewer: "Tell them, Father (Fuentes), that many times the Most Holy Virgin told my cousins Francisco and Jacinta, as well as myself, that many nations will disappear from the face of the earth. She said that Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation."

"He who sows in sin, shall reap chastisement." *Prov. 22:8*

Eleven years before, in 1946, American Journalist and Professor William Walsh obtained a rare interview with Sr. Lucy. She told him "... the errors of Russia will spread though every country in the world." When he asked if this meant every country in the world *without exception* will be overcome by Communism, she replied, "Yes!" He persisted: "Does that mean the United States of America too?" She answered with a resounding "Yes!"

In a "Catholic Talk" radio program *Our Wounded World*, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen pointed out that, despite the downplaying of **Communism** in the world, its tenets and those of its cousins, **Socialism, Fascism, and Modernism**, have permeated every facet of modern life. The crux of these ideologies is **Materialism**.

There are essentially two philosophies, **Communism** and **Christianity**, and the two are opposites. Communism is material, and focuses on the negative and the destructive, *i.e.*, "Down with Capitalism!" "Down with the rich!" "Down with God!" Christianity on the other hand, builds up: Up from materialism! Up from class struggle! Up to God and eternal salvation! The state that is anti-God and asserts the primacy of the economic and physical well-being of man over the spiritual is a slave state. The state that acknowledges God and the eternal soul is a free state.

Bishop Sheen continues, "The choice that confronts the world today is between a philosophy of life which respects human dignity

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and a philosophy that destroys it. The new god, the new religion of the State, will take over not only the property and the family of man, but also his soul. All will become equal; equally slaves he State. Nations again crucify Christ the King of Souls and nail the Church to the modern cross." Is the United States adopting the **New god** and the **New Religion**? Judge for yourself:

- ◆ State-sanctioned killing of innocents in the womb is well into its 32nd year. (approximately 45,000,000 to date)
- ◆ Euthanasia, raised to a new and terrifying level by the state-sanctioned murder of Terry Schiavo.
- ◆ The Catholic Church in the U.S. is reeling from scandal, heresy and corruption at the highest levels.
- ◆ U.S. armed forces are embroiled in various wars and military actions around the globe; while the world becomes ever more dangerous and preoccupied with **Materialism**.

Sister Lucy of Fatima warns us, "... the Most Holy Virgin is very sad because no one has paid any attention to Her Message, neither the good nor the bad... But believe me, Father, God will chastise the world and this will be in a terrible manner. The punishment from Heaven is imminent." Sister Lucy assured a shocked Professor Walsh that this prophecy includes the United States.

God tells us that a nation which is faithful in observing the laws of divine service shall be blessed above other nations. History is one long illustration of the truth of this promise. Of all the nations that have fallen, there is not one that has not brought chastisement upon itself by its neglect of the Law of God. Is the United States living up to the Law of God?

Ours does not have to be a lost country or a lost world! It can still be saved, but saved only by the charity of God living in souls who are ready to turn to Our Lady and pick up our most effective weapon, the Holy Rosary!

Imagine the graces the United States would receive if:

- ◆ 10% of Americans would pledge to pray the daily Rosary (29.6 million people).
- ◆ 600,000 people would march through our cities praying the Rosary.
- ◆ Thousands would kneel outside abortion clinics reciting the Rosary.

How can we employ the power of publicly praying the Holy Rosary to fight the evils of our day?

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