

## The Rosary

(From Sister Lucia's letters concerning the Rosary and prayer, from *A Little Treatise on the Nature and Recitation of the Rosary*.)

*"I wish you to ... pray the Rosary every day." (June 13, 1917)*

"We should pray the Rosary every day because all of us have the necessity and obligation to pray.

"If we do not save ourselves by innocence, we need to save ourselves by Penance. Therefore, the little daily sacrifice that we offer to God to pray our Rosary is united to this prayer in which we implore: 'Our Father, who art in Heaven ... Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' – 'Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.'

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*"I want you to ... continue praying the Rosary every day." (July 13, 1917)*

"Our Lady insisted, begging us to have perseverance in prayer."

It is not sufficient to pray one day; it is necessary to pray always, every day, with faith, with confidence, because every day we fail and every day we need to have recourse to God, begging His pardon and His help.

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*"I want you to continue praying the Rosary every day." (August 19, 1917)*

Our Lady insists, because She knows our lack of scrupulousness in doing good, our frailty and our necessity, and as a Mother, She comes to meet us to give us a hand and sustain our weakness on the path that we must follow to save ourselves: the path of prayer which is the path of our meeting with God. So She was sent to ask us to pray at the end of each decade: 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need.'" – (This is understood: those who find themselves in danger of damnation).

*Sister Lucia*

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*“Continue to say the Rosary to obtain the end of the war.”  
(September 13, 1917)*

In this insistence, Our Lady indicates to us the great necessity that we have to pray to obtain the grace of peace between nations, among peoples, among families, in the homes, in consciences, between God and souls.

Only the light, strength and grace of God penetrating into souls and into hearts can bring us to a true and mutual comprehension, pardon and succor, the one means whereby a true and just peace can be attained. But to obtain it, it is necessary – to pray!

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*For other passages of Sister Lucia on the Rosary, read Chapter 36 of this book.*