## OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY



# 54 DAY NOVENA

also known as "The Irresistible Novena"

The 54 Day Novena originated when a young girl, Fortuna Agrelli from Naples Italy, began a Rosary Novena (5 decades of the Rosary once a day for 9 days) on 16th February 1884, asking Our Lady to ease the intense pain she had endured for 13 months.

On 3rd March Our Lady appeared to Fortuna, holding the infant Jesus and a Rosary. She was accompanied by St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Sienna.

Fortuna said to Our Lady; "Queen of the Holy Rosary, be gracious to me, restore my health."

The Blessed Virgin replied; "You have invoked me by various titles and have always obtained favours from me. Now, since you have called me by the title so pleasing to me 'Queen of the The Holy Rosary' I can no longer refuse the favour that you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to me. Make 3 Novenas and you will obtain all."

After Fortuna was cured Our Lady appeared again. This time she said; "Whoever desires to obtain favours from me should make 3 Novenas of the Rosary in petition and 3 Novenas in thanksgiving."

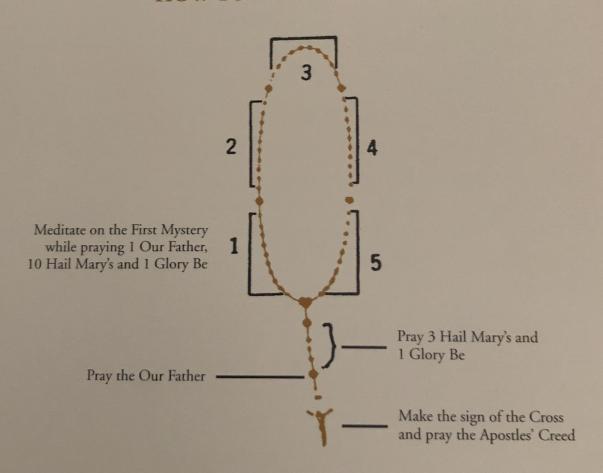
This miracle made a deep impression on Pope Leo XIII, the Pope at the time. He wrote 9 encyclicals about the Rosary during his papacy and urged all Christians to love the Rosary and say it frequently.

St. Louis de Montfort, who spoke often about the Rosary, said; "The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus who so loves His Mother."

Pope Adrian described the Rosary as; "The scourge of the Devil" and St. Padre Pio said; "The Rosary is THE WEAPON!"

Our Lady informed St. Dominic; "Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination" and told St. Lucia of Fatima; "There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we can not resolve by the prayer of The Holy Rosary."

### HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY



### SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### I BELIEVE (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgivenes of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **OUR FATHER**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### HAIL MARY

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with our end. Amen.

### THE FATIMA PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven especially those in most need of Thy Mercy. Amen.