

October  
2017



*In the Spirit of  
St. Camillus*

**Notes from Pastoral Care**

## **The Month of the Rosary**



### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October 2017**

Please remember the Holy Father Pope Francis' intentions in prayer throughout the month of October:

#### **Workers and the Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



October usually is an enjoyable time of the year in the United States. The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful

fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors

for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique. The feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church are celebrated during this month: St. Therese the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain).



## October 2nd - Feast of the Guardian Angels

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian

Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having

a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Every Catholic should know the Angele Dei (Angel of God) prayer and pray it often.



## October 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th.

The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7th in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary.

The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honoring Mary.

### 1571 - The Battle of Lepanto

The victory at Lepanto is the most famous and

important of the military victories through the Rosary.

On October 7, 1571 the Turk's attempted to invade Christian Europe at Lepanto on the coast of Greece.

The Pope asked Catholics to pray the Rosary with the intention that the Turk's attack would fail.

The Christians were outnumbered 3 to 1.

Thanks to the Rosary prayers and against all odds, the Christians were victorious, sinking 200 Turkish ships and killing 50,000 of their men.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is now celebrated on October 7th every year in memory of this miraculous victory.

This prayer for the Crusade of the Family Rosary

was written by Francis Cardinal Spellman, the cardinal archbishop of the archdiocese of New York in the mid-20th century. The Family Rosary Crusade was originally an organization, founded by Fr. Patrick Peyton, dedicated to convincing families to recite the rosary together daily.

Today, we can pray this prayer to spread the practice of the daily recitation of the rosary.

### **For the Crusade of the Family Rosary**

O Queen of the most holy Rosary: with hearts full of confidence we earnestly beseech you to bless the Crusade of the Family Rosary. From you came the grace to begin it. From you must come the grace to win souls. We beg you to bless this Crusade so that from every home the incense of this prayer will daily rise before you, O admirable Mother.

O Queen of Homes: by the power of the Rosary we beseech you to embrace all the members of our family in the love of your Immaculate Heart. May you abide with us and we with you, praying to you while you pray for us. May you preside in our homes as once you did at Nazareth with Jesus and Joseph, filling them with the holiness of your presence and inspiration.

O Queen of Peace: it is you who have placed the Rosary in our hands. It is you who bid us to recite it daily. By the power of the Family Rosary we beseech you to obtain peace for us--peace within our hearts, our homes, our country, and throughout the world. Through the daily recitation of the Family rosary we beg you to keep sin from our souls, enmities from our hearts, and war from our shores. By the graces received from the devotion of the Family Rosary we pray to be made helpful to one another in following the paths of virtue so that we may be found worthy to be called children of your family, children of your home. Amen.

Source: Catholic Culture





## *October's Thoughts to Ponder*

Faith is trusting God's goodness in spite of life's troubles. - (Dave Branon)



## *Interesting Facts*

- It was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar. October got its name from the Latin word "Octo" meaning eight.
- October's birthstone is the opal and they symbolize hope.
- Its birth flower is the Calendula. Another name for this flower is pot marigold. They are easy to grow and popular in gardens. Colors range from pale yellow to deep orange. The calendula symbolizes sorrow or sympathy.
- More American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month. They were John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.
- Free rural delivery of mail began in the United States, October 1, 1896.
- The first transcontinental telegram was sent on October 24, 1861

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