



Ceremony of the handing over of the Rosaries

7th October 2024

The Rosary is the prayer that Padre Pio gave his Prayer Groups as a sign of recognition. The ceremony of the Rosary handout was established to unite us with Mary so that the Church can always enjoy her protection. On the 7th of October (or another day agreed with their Spiritual Assistant) the Group meets for a catechesis and for the Rosary ceremony.

The rosaries are blessed and the commitment to the recitation of the Rosary is renewed. When this rite is celebrated at the end of Mass, the Celebrant will adapt it accordingly.

Hymn

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

Amen

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, the liturgy of the Church has its centre in the Eucharist and - during the day - is marked by the Liturgy of the Hours. Padre Pio suggested the holy rosary to his spiritual children to meditate on the Word of God guided by the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today we want to commit ourselves together and pray often the holy rosary, possibly daily, to live our journey together as a Padre Pio Prayer Group.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.



PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA PRAYER GROUPS

"Jesus is my hope, and the living source of my happiness"
Padre Pio Prayer Groups, pilgrims of hope

From the Gospel according to Mark (16, 14-20)

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

From Padre Pio's letters, [Ep. III, pp. 570 – letter 7, dated 7/10/1917]

Don't make an effort to overcome your temptations because these efforts would strengthen them. Despise them and do not dwell on them. Call to your imagination Jesus Christ Crucified in your arms and on your breast. And say, kissing his side a number of times: "This is my hope; the living source of my happiness. I will hold you tightly, Jesus, and will not let you go until you have placed me in a safe place".

Tell me once again, my dear daughters, what are you afraid of? Oh don't you hear God saying to Abraham and to you: Do not fear, I am your protector". What do you seek on earth if not God?

Reflection

Padre Pio gives us his personal experience of living Jesus as *Hope and source of happiness*. We cannot think of Hope as a simple delegation to the Lord - so that He may give the necessary answers for the men and women of our time - but the Lord is our Hope and we are his disciples-missionaries in today's world. Let us therefore try to understand, with the help of the Word of God, the signs of the times and commit ourselves to making our vocation operational without ever losing sight of the cornerstone of Christian action: living charity by communicating the superabundant love of Christ.

Short pause

BLESSING OF THE ROSARIES

We have come to the blessing of the rosary beads that will accompany our pastoral journey. We renew our fidelity to Mary and our commitment in praying the Holy Rosary.

We bless you, Father, because you have called us to meditate on the Birth, Death and Resurrection of your Son, to meditate on earthly life, waiting to contemplate him in eternity.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

We bless you, our Brother and Lord Jesus Christ, you've chosen Mary your mother to show your face of peace and mercy to the world.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

We bless you, Holy Spirit, through Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You give us the Holy Rosary to meditate on your great works for men and for our salvation.

Hail Mary, Blessed be Jesus Your beloved Son

All: O Virgin Mary, accept our good intentions to pray the Holy Rosary every day to remember your love with which you accompanied the life of your Son Jesus Christ and then to share His glory in heaven. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina obtain for us from the Lord the holy perseverance in our purpose to pray the Holy Rosary daily, for our needs, for the Church and for the whole world.

Oh Lord, let the strength of Your spirit and Your Holy Blessing descend upon these holy wishes.
You who live and reign for ever and ever

Amen

Hymn to Our Lady