

# THE GIFT OF THE ROSARY

The Month of the Rosary



## **I HEAR YOUR PRAYERS AND THEY MATTER TO ME**

Do you have 20 minutes a day to spare for our Blessed Mother? Since making the recitation of the Holy Rosary a part of my evening routine, I no longer have trouble sleeping! It's as if she's telling me, "I hear your prayers and they matter to me. I will intercede on your behalf. Sleep well, my child." The peace and calm I feel when I finish praying the Rosary is just what I need to end my day on a positive, blessed note. What blessings will reciting the Rosary bring to you?

-Anonymous

## **MARY'S INTERCESSION**

When I was in elementary school, I first heard the calling to become a priest. Through Junior High, it began to wane, and by the time I got to High School, I was looking at other options. I think it was in my Junior year that my parents began praying the Rosary together. After a few months of listening to them from my room, I asked them if I could join them. I don't know when or how it happened, but slowly, over the course of several months of praying the Rosary, I began to hear the call to the priesthood again. After a time, I realized I had to respond... and here I am today. I credit my openness to God's call for my life (priesthood) from Mary's intercession from praying the Rosary with my family.

-Father Von

## GOD'S LOVE FOR ME

Many years ago I decided to try to improve my waning prayer life by praying the Rosary daily. At first it was not an easy task, there was a lot I didn't know about saying the Rosary properly, but I learned. As I learned, I found my faith deepening and I started to realize that the Rosary is not only a very special time to be with the Blessed Mother, but also a special time to be with Jesus and the Holy Father. As I pray the Rosary I think about how the Blessed Mother in her great faith and love said "yes" to the angel Gabriel. I think how she is always with us even now through her many appearances, most often with important messages to help guide and protect us. I think of her never-ending intercession on our behalf and her words of love and comfort spoken to Juan Diego in 1531 that tell us of the great motherly love and protection she provides for us and it draws her ever closer to her. The Rosary allowed me to know Jesus more than ever before. By meditating on the mysteries I feel like I am with Him through the joy of His birth to the agony of His death and the miracle of His resurrection. Saying the Rosary helped me deepen my relationship with Jesus and love Him more.

Saying the Rosary, I also started to see God's great works of Love in my life, not just today, but when I looked back on my life I saw that God's help and blessings were always with me especially at times when I most needed Him.

I don't miss out saying the Rosary daily, but I can say it is not always perfect. At times I find myself asking for forgiveness for not being as focused as I want to be and I know that I am forgiven and loved and that is my final thought.

Saying the Rosary daily, I not only feel my love for God deepening, I more deeply feel God's love for me.

-Anonymous

