

THE GIFT OF THE ROSARY

The Month of the Rosary



SITTING AND PRAYING WITH MARY AND JESUS

Praying the Rosary has blessed me with so many gifts. My husband and I have grown in our relationship with each other, with Mary and with Jesus. I have always been a prayerful person, but the Rosary is different. As soon as I begin praying the first Our Father, I immediately see myself sitting and praying with Mary and Jesus. I truly feel their love and their presence. The Rosary has blessed me with peace, comfort and guidance when I needed it most. Through the Rosary, I have been introduced to people who have become such an important and loving part of my life and of my family. I am eternally grateful to Mary and to Jesus and for all the blessings the Rosary has gifted to me and to all whom I pray for.

-Kathy Blanchette

THROUGH MARY

For me, when I pray the Rosary, I find that it provides me a great sense of peace. When someone angers me or upsets me, instead of lashing back, I find myself going to pray for them. Many times, when things seem hopeless, I find hope through the mysteries and it reminds me that all things are possible through prayer. Through the Rosary, I have found that my faith has increased, I find that I have more patience, trust, comfort, strength and a greater sense of joy in my life. My heart is filled, overflowing with love and knowing how much I am loved. Knowing that our Lord Jesus gave his mother to every man, woman and child as our maternal mother. Our Lord Jesus never refused his mother of anything. What better advocate could I have than my Blessed Mother Mary. Going before her Son pleading and hearing my prayers and needs. She is interceding for me in everything to her beloved Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus. Through Mary,

-Bob Foster

MEDITATING ON THE MYSTERIES

Praying the Rosary is something that only recently in the last couple of years became a part of my life. I had been intimidated by the length of time it took and wasn't sure I knew all of the prayers or the order they came in. I was introduced to someone at our parish who encouraged me to try praying the Rosary and gave me a "how to" pamphlet. It wasn't as difficult as I thought! I began praying the Rosary daily and felt such peace when I did. Meditating on the mysteries has been especially powerful because they have given me a deeper glance into the life of Mary and Jesus. I understand scripture in a way that I hadn't prior to praying the Rosary and praying through the mysteries. I find myself envisioning each of the mysteries and how our Blessed Mother felt going through all that she did. Understanding Jesus' life here on earth has helped me to live my faith more fully. I am forever thankful to the person who encouraged me to pray the Rosary and helped me to know it wasn't as difficult as I thought. There have been so many beautiful blessings that have come from praying the Rosary that I know would not have happened without it.

-Anonymous

