

ROSARY TO OUR LADY FOR HEALING FROM THE PANDEMIC

As prayed by the St. Jude Womens Guild June 3, 2020

(Opening prayer is Pope Francis's First Prayer to end the Pandemic;

Reflections at each mystery are the parts of Pope Francis's Second Prayer.

These two prayers were said at the end of the special Rosary for healing from the Pandemic which Pope Francis led in the Lourdes Garden at the Vatican on Saturday, May 30, 2020. At that rosary, the Glorious Mysteries were recited, although no specific mysteries were prescribed for later recitations of a pandemic rosary.)

OPENING PRAYER:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

RESPONSE:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

FIRST MYSTERY:

PRAYER AT START OF DECADE PRAYERS:

In suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

PRAYER AT END OF DECADE PRAYERS:

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SECOND MYSTERY:

PRAYER AT START OF DECADE PRAYERS:

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

PRAYER AT END OF DECADE PRAYERS:

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THIRD MYSTERY:**PRAYER AT START OF DECADE PRAYERS:**

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

PRAYER AT END OF DECADE PRAYERS:

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FOURTH MYSTERY:**PRAYER AT START OF DECADE PRAYERS:**

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

PRAYER AT END OF DECADE PRAYERS:

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIFTH MYSTERY:**PRAYER AT START OF DECADE PRAYERS:**

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

PRAYER AT END OF DECADE PRAYERS:

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE:

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS:

Hail holy queen / O God whose only begotten Son..... / St. Michael the Archangel.....

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