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HOUR OF GRACE *DECEMBER 8TH – 12:00 NOON*

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Hour of Grace

During the period of November 24, 1946 to December 8, 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Monti Chiari, Italy, eleven times.

On the first appearance the Blessed Mother told Sister Pierina She wanted to be known as the "Mystical Rose," and that an hour of grace should be kept at noon, December 8th in all the Catholic Churches of the world. The Blessed Mother wanted this to be known through all of Italy, and the entire world.

It was November 16, 1947 when Sister Pierina was finishing Her Thanksgiving after Holy Communion when she saw a great light. She then saw a vision of the Blessed Mother as the "Mystical Rose."

Sister was so deeply moved by the stunning beauty of Our Lady that she began talking to Her. All of a sudden a gentle force made her kneel down in front of Our Lady. The Blessed Mother spoke these words, "My Son is so greatly offended by the sins of the people, especially by the sins of impurity. He is already planning to send the deluge upon the people, for their destruction, but I have asked Him to show mercy, and not send the destruction. So that is why I have appeared, to ask for penance and atonement for the sins of impurity.

Then the Blessed Mother asked for an act of humility by Sister Pierina. She asked her to make the sign of the cross with her tongue on each of the four stones in the sanctuary. "This shall be a reminder to the people that I have appeared here, and do not have the people step on those stones.

On the 22nd of November, Sister Pierina felt the overwhelming urge to go to church at 4:00. The Mother Superior, four sisters and a group of friends accompanied her. They were all saying the Rosary when the Blessed Mother appeared as before.

She instructed Sister Pierina to make the sign of the cross on the stones and fence them off so that no one would step on them.

Again, Our Lady asked for penance. She said "Penance is nothing more than accepting all our crosses daily willingly. No matter how small, accept them with love." At this time She told Sister Pierina to come again December 8th at noon, "This will be my Hour of Grace." The Sister asked how she was to prepare for this Hour of Grace?" To which the Blessed Mother said, "With prayers and penance. Pray the 51st psalm with outstretched arms three times. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces would be granted. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God." The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

It was December 7th when Sister Pierina felt the urge to go to church. This time she was accompanied by the priest and the Mother Superior.

The Blessed Mother appeared with a young boy and girl dressed in beautiful white clothing. Sister Pierina was sure these little ones were angels because they were so beautiful.

The Blessed Mother said "Tomorrow I will show you My Immaculate Heart, which is so little known among the people." She asked people to pray for Russia. "There are so many people being held prisoners, which their families know nothing of, because they have been gone for so many years. Pray for the conversion of Russia, the suffering of the soldiers and their sacrifices and martyrdom will bring peace to Italy."

"The little children are Francisco and Jacinta. I am giving them to you as your companions. You will have much to suffer for my sake. I want simplicity and goodness from you, as of these little children." The Blessed Mother then blessed Sister Pierina, the priest and all those who were gathered there.

REQUEST OF BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE HOUR OF GRACE

1. Day and time of Hour of Grace December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception... to be started at 12 Noon and will continue until 1 p.m. (one full hour of prayer.)
2. During this hour the person making the "Hour of Grace" either at home or in Church must put away all distractions (do not answer the telephone, or answer any doors or do anything but totally concentrate on your union with God during this Special Hour of Grace.
3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms.
4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way or by using favorite prayers, singing hymns, meditating upon other Psalms, etc.

PSALMS 51

The Miserere: Prayer of Repentance.

A psalm of David when Nathan the prophet came to him after his sin with Bathsheba.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins.
3. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against Thee. Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightiest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.
5. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8. Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.
9. Turn away Thy Face from my Sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
10. Create in me a clean heart. O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
11. Cast me not away from Thy Presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
12. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
13. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
14. Deliver me from blood guilt, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy justice.
15. O Lord open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall proclaim Thy praise.
16. For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it; Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit, a heart contrite and humbled. O God, Thou wilt not despise.
18. Be bountiful, O Lord, to Sion in Thy kindness by rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then shalt Thou be pleased with sacrifices of Righteousness, with burnt offerings and holocausts: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.



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Our Blessed Mother as the Mystical Rose

On the morning of December 8th, people began arriving at the little church at 8:00 a.m. from neighboring towns. By noon, some 10,000 people had gathered to see the Blessed Mother, many of who had to stand outside because the church did not have enough room for the large crowd.

Sister Pierina was accompanied to church by her mother and brothers, the Mother Superior, and the Chief of Police from Monti Chiari. Sister was reciting the Rosary with the crowd in the middle of church. Suddenly a brilliant white light appeared from the ceiling. Stairs were coming from the light down to the floor of the church, about fifteen feet in length.

The staircase was beautifully decorated with red, white and yellow roses. The Blessed Virgin appeared so radiant, dressed in white, with Her hands folded. She was standing on a splendid carpet at the top of the stairs, made of the red, white and yellow roses.

In the Most Gentle and Loving Voice, Our Lady smiled and began to speak, "I am the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of all graces, and the Mother of my Beloved Son, Jesus. I want to be known as the Mystical Rose. My wish is that every year on the 8th of December, at noon, an "Hour of Grace" will be installed. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray, **undisturbed**, during this hour.

"Then slowly, She began to descend the staircase, gracefully scattering roses as

She went along, until She reached midway of the staircase. Here again, the Blessed Mother spoke: "I am very happy to see this great demonstration of Faith."

Sister Pierina asked for many of the sinners to be forgiven. The Blessed Mother replied: "My Divine Son will show His Greatest Mercy as much as the people will pray for them. I want this to be known and told to the Pope (Pius XII). Tell him I want him to install the "Hour of Grace" through the whole world and even those who are not able to go to church during this hour, will receive the same graces by praying during this time in their home at noon time.

She also asked that the Statue be made and placed on the spot where She stood. This should be called the "Rosa Mystica", and carried in a procession through the town, at which time many graces will be given and cures will take place. Then the statue is to be returned to the church.

Our Lady prayed for the sick, some will be cured others not. Many men, women and children were cured at that very instant.

A 26 year old woman who could not say

a word for nine months, suddenly began shouting, "I see her. I see the Blessed Virgin." A 18 year old girl with ulcers was instantly cured. A five year old boy who had been paralyzed was told by the Blessed Mother, "Come to Me, you will be walking now." He was placed on the blessed stones and was able to walk."

There were three others who were very sick and were immediately cured. But, of course, the greatest miracles taking place were those of the spiritual blessings being shed upon the people gathered in the church.

The Blessed Mother said, "This is the last time I will appear here. Pray, weep and do penance on these stones, and you will receive the care of My Motherly Heart." She then left the little church, but because of the unending love of Our Heavenly Mother, She has given us "The Hour of grace", to be spread through the entire world. She had given all the opportunity to demonstrate our love and trust to Her and to help make reparation for the grievous sins offending her Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE WORDS OF THE ANGEL OF PORTUGAL

By Charles M. Urban, Sr.

The following descriptions are extracted from the 'Memoirs of Sr. Lucia' as written in her book: "Her Own Words to the Nuclear Age," (with comments by John M. Haffert) International Pilgrim Virgin Foundation, 1993. Pages indicated.

A vision of a harbinger in 1915 was the very first time Lucia and her companions witnessed what she described as a figure poised in the air above the tree line which was made nearly transparent as the sun's rays passed through it, which really frightened them. However, no words were spoken by the figure to the children at this time and the figure finally disappeared. Afterwards they completed their Rosary prayer. **Page 77**

During the 1st visitation in 1916, the

angel calms the fear of the children, introduces himself as the **Angel of Peace**, and requests them to pray with him by **bowing** his head forward before the Lord, in a customary and honoring manner, he asks them to say the following prayer:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love Thee."

After this prayer, the angel informs them how the Heart of Jesus and Mary eagerly await their innocent prayers. **Pp 79-80**

Months later, during the 2nd visitation in the summer months of 1916, again the Angel appears and emphatically says to them: ***"What are you doing? Pray... pray very much. The most holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer your prayers constantly to the Most high."*** Lucia asks, "How are we to make sacrifices?" ***"Make everything***

you do a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission the sufferings the Lord will send you." **Pg. 80**

Here, the Angel reinforces the necessity to continually pray and stresses the utmost sacred importance of sacrifices. Prayers and sacrifices may not seem to be meritorious to us, but the angel assures the children that they are **desired** and **imperative** to God!

Additionally, the angel implies the extraordinary opportunity **we neglect** in NOT offering our creator our **daily** sufferings, illnesses, and difficulties that the Lord sends us and learn to endure each of them as an act of reparation for our sins as well as whatever sins others will commit. One can correctly infer the angel is saying to the three children, the Lord has selected you above all other earthly beings because your hearts and minds are pure and innocent.

After a considerable time lapse, the

Guardian Angel of Portugal visits the children a 3rd time. This is of the utmost spiritual importance as in the description of the events the angel of Portugal discloses, instructs, and encourages the children to often and throughout the day **repeatedly pray** the taught prayers which are listed below and most likely, he may have emphasized that the entire Hail Mary prayer should be properly recited. Careful reading of the text discloses that in previous times the children recited **only** the words, **Our Father and Hail Mary, Holy Mary** for each appropriate bead.

During this visit, the angel exposes the depth and breadth by which GOD is adored, glorified, and worshiped by this prominent choir of Angels. Better said, it involuntarily discloses or reveals the sanctity by which the angels persevere adoring the Creator and the **solemn veneration** in which they glorify Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist. **Pg. 80** and ***"The Fatima Message,"*** <http://www.cmri.org/fatima-message.shtml>



The Five Prayers taught by the Angel



1. ***“O my God. I believe. I adore, I trust and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.”***
2. ***“Most Holy Trinity. I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”***
3. ***“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the insults, sacrileges, and indifference with which He is offended. And through the infinite merit of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg Thee the conversion of poor sinners.”***
4. ***“O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”*** (To be said when offering personal sacrifices, penances, sufferings, etc. for poor sinners)



5. ***“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.”*** (To be said after the Glory be to the Father following each decade of the Rosary) (*“Our Lady of Fatima: Our Mother Comes to Us,”* IPVS Foundation, Inc.)

When we get to Heaven

Not even the most academically advanced human being could be considered one of the ‘brightest stars’ in heaven. We are all limited by our humanity, understanding, circumstances, environment, and fallen natures. The proof is in the Heavens. One only needs to look up at the starry night and realize the place of our existence here below in comparison to the immeasurable and immense multitude of visible stars in the heaven above and only imagine what lies in the distance and beyond the visibility of our limited eyesight. One may then begin to minimally grasp God’s infiniteness.

Unquestionably, we were not here when the ‘universe’ was created or our earthly dwelling formed, during the countless prehistoric years, or the great deluge. While we claim Abraham as ‘our father in faith,’ Moses as the great ‘lawgiver’ neither were we alive during their time or at the formation of the Kingdom of Israel. We completely missed the split of the Davidic Kingdom, the eventual fall and captivity of the ten (10) Northern tribes of Israel by the Assyrians, the Babylonian captivity of the final and remaining two (2) tribes in the Southern Judean countryside, or even the birth of the savior, Jesus Christ, and the formation and continuation of Jesus’ church to rapidly name a few historical moments.

Consequently, as infant and adolescent human beings, we are first taught to walk, talk, etc., followed by elementary then secondary and higher education in our preferential interests, desires, or abilities. These instructions come from parents, relatives, friends, instructors such as teachers or professors, ministers and we absorb this information and do our best to perform desired outcomes always expecting and hoping that they are correct and our intended best will be realized or achieved.

As we read the story of the Angel of Portugal one may understand that he did not appear to adults who may have been educated at higher levels of learning or were situated in professions or careers and who may have instantaneously discredited the concept or vision for some unrealistic explanation. Rather, the angel appeared

to those three (3) small children. Jacinta was 6, Francisco was 8 and Lucia was 9 years old, and in this human act with total submissiveness, humility, and with absolute respect, he **bowed** his head down until it touched the ground. The children were at once inspired and mimicked his action praying along with him as they each repeated the first prayer the angel taught them:

“My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee. I beg forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love Thee.”

During each subsequent visit, the Angel instructed them with several additional prayers and on the final visit, he came holding a chalice in his left hand with a **sacred host suspended** above the cup as drops of blood from the host **dropped** into it while leaving the chalice **suspended** in the air as he knelt down beside them and made them repeat three times:

“O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly and offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ...”

Continuing with the written text, we can conclude that the angel affirms our profession in the transubstantiation which our mother church has confirmed in each and every Catholic prior to the moment of our First Holy Communion, whether one accepts and believes or rejects this divine truth to their eternal peril. At this moment the Angel moved away from the children, captured the suspended chalice, took the Sacred Host and gave it to Lucia and shared the Blood from the chalice with Jacinta and Francisco. As he did that he said: ***“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.” Pg. 81.***

They later said they were visited and had spoken instructions several times by the apparition of **the angel**, who at first identified himself as **the “Angel of Peace”** and on another apparition as the **“Guardian Angel of Portugal.”** He taught them the proper prayers by which to

receive the body and blood of the Lord, to make and offer sacrifices, and to spend time in adoration of the Lord. If one ever doubted the existence of God, heaven, and angels, a believer no longer doubts their existence, office, and message. Most can only conclude from reading this text that God has assigned each living being a guardian angel, but little did most presume that God’s concern also extended over each nation on earth.

When we get to Heaven we think and reason that we will see Jesus, our parents, siblings, relatives, friends, we’ll go fishing or possibly some other entertainment, there won’t be any hatred, experience peace, receive a glorified body one day, no more suffering, pains or hunger, and numerous other ‘benefits.’ Who really knows? I certainly do not know, but believe in anticipation of our own demise and that the tenets and teachings of our faith are true.



Truthfully, one ‘accepts’ these events as a matter of truth and faith. However, based on this approved Fatima miracle we are able to gain a small and rare insight into how these superior beings called **angels** unceasingly adore and worship Jesus. The prayers the angel teaches the children in themselves say more than one can humanly imagine. This is really an unexpected revelation into the angel’s soul and life in heaven.

Worship, honor, and in humble adoration with the utmost respect and gratitude, they prostrate in the presence of God. This is exactly what they do eternally in the heavenly realm and model what we should be doing here on earth in our human form.

THE WORDS OF THE ANGEL OF PORTUGAL

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Definition of Angels

The most eloquent and simplistic definition of an angel's being and position is found in the New Catechism of the Catholic Church. It was St. Augustine who is quoted as saying in paragraph #339:

"Angel is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel.'"

Throughout biblical history, angels have assisted God in their given assignments. The word angel is defined as a "messenger" from God. As we know, there are good and evil angels. Without dwell-

ing on the bad, we may learn much about God's favor toward us as humans. It is not beyond the realm of reason to deduce that God not only favors His creation, but also guards and protects us. While there are many other reasons, we can at least realize that in the Fatima visitations the Angel of Peace, and the Guardian Angel of Portugal, has been sent in anticipation of the visitation of the Lady from Heaven not only to calm their fears but also to acquaint and model the reverence, devotion, and honor the angels maintain in these heavenly form of prayers.

Aside from teaching them how to pray, the prayers to learn and repeat, experiencing the miracle of Holy Communion, allowing them to familiarize

themselves with these spiritual visitations, the two most enlightening revelations are the humility and devotion the angel demonstrates by genuflecting and the respect, admiration, and honor he displays in bowing his head in prayer simultaneously placing in the hearts and mouths of the children the prayer they will never forget:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love You."

Calming their fears and affirming the special interest that Jesus and Mary expected of them was certainly a means of raising them to a higher spiritual plateau of special importance and responsibility. However, for the readers, it should come to mind the celestial process the angel displays.

The opposite of this honor and worship is the disdain, disrespect, contempt, and dishonor the bad angels hold to their eternal detriment.

"I WILL REIGN THROUGH MY HEART, DESPITE SATAN"

By: Mr. David Blum, Erie Apostolate of Divine Mercy

In June, 1675 to

St. Margaret Mary, Jesus spoke:

"There it is, that heart so deeply in love with men, it spared no means of proof, wearing itself out until it was utterly spent ... all I get back is ingratitude; witness their irreverence, their sacrileges, their coldness and contempt for me in this sacrament of love ... what hurts me most is that hearts dedicated to my service behave in this way.

Make solemn acts of reparation for the indignities I have received in the Blessed Sacrament while exposed on the altars of the world. I promise that I shall open My Heart to all who honor me in this way... they will feel in all its fullness, the power of My love...Don't be afraid! I shall rein through My Heart, despite satan, in spite of my enemies, in spite of all oppositions."

be both Companion and Heavenly Food, of all who would surround Me to the end of time with adoration reparation an love ..."

"Their Ultimate Condemnation"

"This in no way diminished My grief at the many who **WOULD LEAVE ME DESERTED IN MY TABERNACLE AND WHO WOULD NOT EVEN BELIEVE IN MY REAL PRESENCE** ... into how many hearts defiled by sin would I have to enter ... and how often this profanation of my body and blood would serve for their ultimate condemnation."

"I Would remain Alone"

"Sacrileges and outrages, and all the nameless abominations to be committed against Me passed before my eyes ... The long, lonely hours of the day and of the night in which I would remain alone on the altars ... and the multitudes who would not heed the appeals of My Heart ... Ah!"

"Comfort in the Tenderest Hearts"

"Josefa, let the thoughts of My Heart sink deep into yours. It is love for souls that keeps Me a Prisoner in the Blessed Sacrament. I stay there that all may come and find the comfort they need in the tenderest of Hearts, the best of Fathers, the Most Faithful of Friends Who will never abandon them."



Our Blessed Mother as the Mystical Rose

IN MY BLOOD AND IN MY WOUNDS. NO NEED TO BE AFRAID ... COME TO ME ... IF YOU BUT KNEW HOW DEARLY I LOVE YOU."

"SPARE A FEW MINUTES"

"And you, dear souls, why this coldness and indifference on your part? Do I not know that family cares, household concerns and the requirement of your position in life, make continual calls upon you? **BUT CANNOT YOU SPARE A FEW MINUTES IN WHICH TO COME AND PROVE YOUR AFFECTION AND YOUR GRATITUDE?** Do not allow yourselves to be involved in useless and incessant cares, but spare a few moments to visit and receive This Prisoner of Love."

"I Watch For You"

"Were you weak or ill in body surely you would find time to see a doctor who would cure you? Come then, to one who is able to give both strength and health to your soul, and bestow the alms of love on this Divine Prisoner ... Who watches for you ... calls for you ... and longs to see you at His side."

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Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen said: "At our judgment before Jesus, our biggest regret will be the time we could have spent praying before the Tabernacle."

THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE HEART OF JESUS

"The Way of Divine Love"

By: Sr. Josefa Menendez

Jesus speaks to

Sr. Josefa Menendez

"Write for My souls: I want to tell them of the poignant sorrows which filled My Heart at the Last Supper. If it was bliss for Me to think of all those to whom I should

"They Despise Me"

"The Holy Eucharist is the invention of Love ... Yet how few souls correspond to that love which spends and consumes itself for them! I live in the midst of sinners that I may be their life, their physician and the remedy of the diseases bred by corrupt nature ... and in return they forsake, insult and despise Me!"

"Come To Me"

Poor pitiable sinners **DO NOT TURN AWAY FROM ME ... DAY AND NIGHT I AM ON THE WATCH FOR YOU IN THE TABERNACLE. I WILL NOT REPROACH YOU ... I WILL NOT CAST YOUR SINS IN YOUR FACE ... BUT I WILL WASH THEM**

INDULGENCES THAT MAY BE GAINED BY PRAYING THE ROSARY

The granting of a plenary indulgence presupposes that one's soul is entirely free from affection for sin. Only one each day can be gained—the exception being the day one dies, when another plenary indulgence can be gained at the moment of death, if we turn with love to God. One must keep in mind that in order to gain an indulgence one must have the intention to do so. One may not assign indulgences gained to another person still living; however, indulgences gained can be offered up for the Holy Souls in Purgatory freely.

Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Rosary.

A plenary indulgence is granted, if the Rosary is recited in a church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious Community or pious Association: a partial indulgence is granted in other circumstances. A plenary indulgence can be gained, once a day, by praying the Rosary, privately or in common, before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed or in the tabernacle. (This is true owing to the plenary indulgence attached to a practice of Eucharistic adoration that is at least one half hour in length, according to the Enchiridion.) The gaining of the plenary indulgence is regulated by the following norms:

1. The recitation of a third part only of the Rosary suffices; but the five decades must be recited continuously.
2. The vocal recitation must be accompanied by pious meditating on the mysteries.

3. The public recitation the mysteries must be announced in the manner customary in the place; for private recitation, however, it suffices if the recitation is accompanied by meditation on the mysteries.

Partial Indulgences

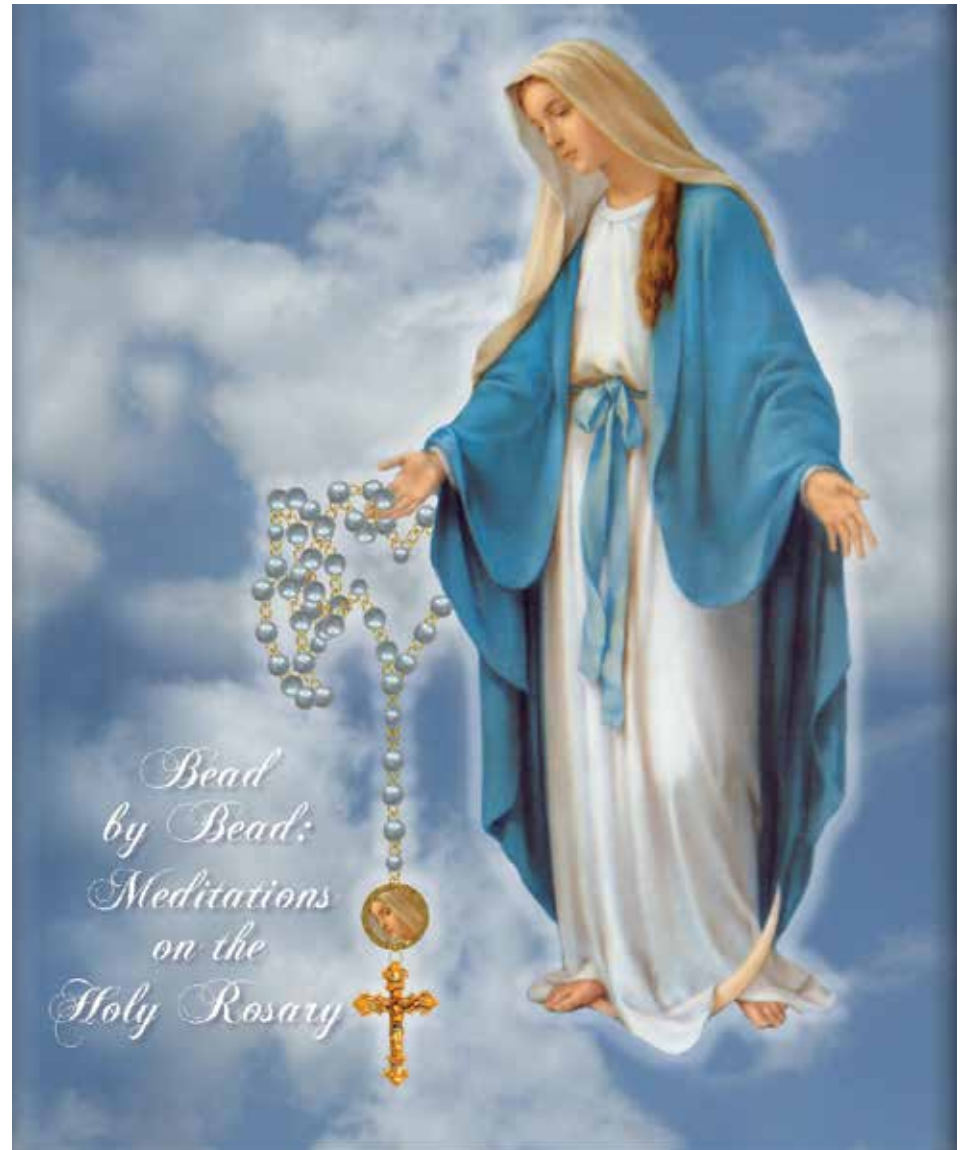
Any reverent use of a sacramental item by a member of the faithful qualifies us to receive a partial indulgence. Thus, carrying your Rosary with you mindfully and piously, is an indulgenced practice, for example.

Blessings obtained from reciting the Rosary:

1. Sinners are forgiven
2. Souls that thirst are refreshed.
3. Those who are fettered have their bonds broken
4. Those who weep find happiness.
5. Those who are tempted find peace.
6. The poor find help.
7. Religious are reformed.
8. Those who are ignorant are instructed.
9. The living learn to overcome pride.
- 10 The dead (Holy Souls) have their pains eased by suffrages.

Benefits of the Rosary in our life:

1. It gradually gives us a perfect Knowledge of Jesus Christ.
2. It purifies our souls, washing away sin.
3. It gives us victory over all our enemies
4. It makes it easy for us to practice virtue.
5. It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord.



I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, LORD.....

By Russell Ford



A pastor passing through his church in the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray.

Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle,
The pastor frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was kinda shabby, and his coat was worn and frayed,

The man knelt, he bowed his head, then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed, each noontime came this chap,
Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the pastor's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?"

The old man said, he worked down the road, lunch was half an hour
Lunchtime was his prayer time, for finding strength and power.

I stay only moments, see, because the factory is so far away;
As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kinda what I say:

"I just came again to tell you, Lord, how

I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, LORD.....

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happy I've been,
Since we found each other's friendship,
and you took away my sin,
Don't know much of how to pray, but I
think about you everyday
So, Jesus, this is Jim checking in."

The pastor feeling foolish, told Jim that was fine.

He told the man he was welcome, to come and pray just anytime.

Time to go, Jim smiled, said "thanks." He hurried to the door.

The pastor knelt at the altar, he'd never done it before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there.

As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer:

Past noon one day, the pastor noticed that old Jim hadn't come.

As more days passed without Jim, he began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill.

The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Jim was with them, brought changes in the ward.

His smiles, a joy contagious, changed people, were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad,
When no flowers, calls or cards came, no visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurse's concern.
No friends came to show they cared, he had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up, and with a winsome smile;
"The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, that in here all the while;

Everyday at noon He's here, a dear friend of mine, you see
He sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me:

I just came again to tell you, Jim, how happy I have been,
Since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin.

Always love to hear you pray, I think about you each day,
And so Jim, this is Jesus, just checking in."

FROM OUR READERS....

I would like to share with you a special blessing I received from Our Lady. My father was taken to the hospital in serious condition. I soon realized my father was not going to make it. Immediately I thought of the Brown Scapular and realized I did not even have one on my own. I rushed from my father's room to my car praying all the way home that my father would not pass away until I had the Brown Scapular around his neck and promised Our Lady that I would make scapulars if She granted my prayer. I returned to the hospital and placed the scapular around my father's neck. Shortly thereafter, my father passed away. Several months later as I was cleaning out my father's dresser drawer, I found a reminder of my promise to Our Lady---yards of brown wool scapular material. Carol

Please pray for God's blessings, health for myself and family; financial obligations and job opportunity.

I ask your prayers and Our Lady of Fatima's prayers to save the souls of my family and friends. Thank you for the opportunity to be here and thank you for saving my soul when I was wanting to sin.

Dear Lady of Fatima, please pray for M. and M. Help them to know and keep them to live a Holy life with you and Jesus.

Dearest Mary - Please help Peter and me to heal from our surgeries. Give us strength to carry on in this life. Keep us close to you



and Jesus' heart. We love you and Jesus. Sweet Heart of Jesus be our love; Sweet Heart of Mary be our salvation.

Please Mary -- Help us find a way to bring my son and his wife back to you. Help us to be good examples that they, and the girls, can see and want. Please take away the demons that interfere in their faith. We ask for your prayers.

#Dearest Mary - Protect my two granddaughters. Keep them pure & holy. Protect them from sexual predators and others that may hurt them physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Answer Through a Humble Prayer

During one of my travels with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, I met a man named Don in

California who said he was an alcoholic. He told me he had had a wife and two children, and a good job in Chicago. However, drinking took over and he lost his job, his wife and children left him. He went to California to start a new life and found a good job again, but his drinking soon caused him to lose it. He was then living in a very small apartment on a very low income, and drinking all he could afford. On a sunny day, Don was out for a walk, sober because he had no money, when he saw a group of people ahead of him. As he approached, they disappeared into a church. Wondering what was going on, he slowly went up the stairs and looked in through the open doors. The people were singing and praying and he then saw a statue of Mary with flowers all around it, and a spot light shining on it. He said it reminded him of his happy life years ago

in Chicago with his family. He turned and left the Church, feeling very lonely. The next day, he came back to the Church and stepped inside and stood at the back of the Church as a group of people were praying the Rosary. Don said he didn't pray, but just whispered "You know my problem and you know that I can't fix it." Just then, a man in front announced that the Statue would be leaving now to go to another church, so Don quickly left ahead of the crowd since he didn't have fresh clothes nor a fresh shave. As Don was walking back home, he passed the liquor store that gets all his money. He saw a new poster in the window advertising his favorite brand of liquor and it was on sale, and thought to himself "My check will come tomorrow!"

Just as he opened the door and entered his apartment, Don said a thought came to him. "The devil put that sign there to be sure he keeps getting my money." "Immediately, I went to the cupboard, took out my last bottle that had just a little liquor in it, and poured it down the drain." That was the last time I ever touched a liquor bottle. Carl R. Malburg

Editor's comment:

A beautiful, instant cure in answer to one short humble prayer. But many of us have prayed for years, and still see no change. Why? God knows and we must trust Him, and persevere, knowing that no prayer is wasted and His Will is always best.

IF ONLY I COULD

By Russell Ford

After serving a year behind bars, I met an old prisoner who had at that time served twenty-five years of a life sentence. He began by engaging me in a conversation on metaphysics. It wasn't long before he had me hooked, and I simply had to have the truth he offered.

Obviously the truth he had to offer was that of the Catholic Church, established by the Author of Truth. But there was the very core of our holy and ancient Faith: The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist.

At first I couldn't believe what Mike was telling me. My incredulity wasn't from the inability to believe, but rather what I was hearing was too good to be true! As Mike's words flowed into my ears, thirteen years of fear, pain and uncertainty flowed out of my heart. I began to realize that my very Creator—the God who lowered Himself to adopt a mortal nature, just so he could die for all of my evil—had made Himself a prisoner so I could take Him into my own body, worship Him, adore Him and just spend time at His feet here on earth!

I fell hopelessly, helplessly in love with the Holy Eucharist. In fact, when the old convict taught me about the Real Presence on August 24, 1988, I did something I hadn't done for twenty years. I wept like a

small child.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1989, I was baptized into the full embrace of the Church. It is fitting that I was baptized on that particular day. Our Lady at Lourdes told St. Bernadette that she would not be happy in this life. How well I know the suffering to that vocation. My soul is filled with joy, but happiness continues to elude me. Why? Because divine justice is being satisfied via my love of our Eucharistic King.

Divine Mercy is what allowed me to learn and embrace the truths of the Catholic Church. But God wouldn't be God if His divine mercy was not balanced by divine justice. I spent the first thirty years of my wretched life driving nails into the flesh of Jesus. Divine mercy allowed me to be bathed in the Precious Blood I

drew, but divine justice had to be satisfied.

This prison in the heart of Dixie is also in the heart of Protestant Fundamentalist country. We have no chapel. We have no tabernacle. We have no opportunity for an hour of adoration. We only hear Mass twice a month. The idea of being able to worship Jesus in His physical presence is what won my heart to his Church, but I am now denied that opportunity.

My greatest penance in prison is never being allowed to visit my Love. I may never kneel before my Love. But I will tell you one thing in all honesty and sincerity. I could easily go to my end in this prison if only allowed one hour at the feet of my Love. I want to adore Him. I want to worship Him. I want to sing to Him. I want to thank Him. But I cannot.



I read how He is left alone and neglected in so many churches. I cry and wonder why I hear how people approach Him at Communion, the King of Kings—my Lord forgive them, dressed as if they are at a picnic. I cry and wonder why. I hear that He is abused by being stuck to the bottom of pews and trampled in the aisles. I cry and wonder why.

When was the last time you went to visit Jesus? Too busy??? Are the television, business meeting, party or other wants and desires more important than visiting your Creator? He died on the cross for you! Can't you give Him just one hour a week? If you're too busy to visit Him, friends, you're too busy!

Jesus gave you life—physical and spiritual. He has made Himself and His Church available to keep you out of hell. He suffered more than you can ever imagine for your salvation. You, at least, owe Him one hour of the 168 hours you have in a week. I beg you to drive to your parish church. Go in and sit with Him for a while. He will surely appreciate your presence and you will never regret keeping Him company. And while you're there, if you think of it, please mention me to Him. Tell my Love that I want to be there too. If only I could.

DEVOTION TO THE DROPS OF BLOOD LOST BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ON HIS WAY TO CALVARY

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, with St. Matilda and St. Bridget, wishing to know something of the Passion of Jesus Christ, offered fervent and special prayers upon which Our Lord revealed to them:

Be it known that the....

- Number of armed soldiers were 150;
- Those who trailed Me while I was bound were 23.
- The executioners of justice were 83;
- The blows received on My head were 150;
- Those on My stomach 108;
- Kicks on My shoulders 80.
- I was led, bound with cords, by the hair 24;
- Spits in the face were 180;
- I was beaten on the body 6666 times;
- Beaten on the head 110 times;
- I was roughly pushed, and at 12 o'clock was lifted up by the hair;
- Pricked with thorns and pulled by the beard 23;
- Received 20 wounds on the head;
- Thorns of marine junks 72;
- Pricks of thorns in the head 110
- Mortal thorns in the forehead 3;
- I was afterwards flogged and dressed as a Mocked king;

- Wounds in the body 1000;
- The soldiers who led Me to Calvary were 608;
- Those who watched Me were 3;
- Those who mocked Me 1008;
- Drops of blood which I lost were 28,430.

To all the faithful who shall recite for 3 years each day, 2 Our Fathers, 2 Hail Mary's and 2 Glory Be's in honor of the drops of Blood I lost, I will concede the following 5 graces:

(Blessed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII in Rome April 5, 1890)

1. The plenary indulgence and remittance of your sins.
2. You will be free from the pains of Purgatory.
3. If you should die before completing the said 3 years, for you it will be the same as if you had completed them.
4. It will be upon your death the same as if you had shed all your blood for the Holy Faith.
5. I will descend from Heaven to take your soul and that of your relatives, until the fourth generation.

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Pray for us!

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