

54 DAY ROSARY NOVENA

THE "54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA" IS AN UNINTERRUPTED SERIES OF ROSARIES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY, REVEALED TO THE INCURABLY SICK FORTUNA AGRELLI BY OUR LADY OF POMPEII AT NAPLES IN 1884. FOR THIRTEEN MONTHS FORTUNA AGRELLI HAD ENDURED DREADFUL SUFFERINGS AND TORTUROUS CRAMPS; SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN UP BY THE MOST CELEBRATED PHYSICIANS. ON FEBRUARY 16, 1884, THE AFFLICTED GIRL AND HER RELATIVES COMMENCED A NOVENA OF ROSARIES. THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY FAVOURED HER WITH AN APPARITION ON MARCH 3RD. MARY, SITTING UPON A HIGH THRONE, SURROUNDED BY LUMINOUS FIGURES, HELD THE DIVINE CHILD ON HER LAP, AND IN HER HAND A ROSARY. THE VIRGIN MOTHER AND THE HOLY INFANT WERE CLAD IN GOLD-EMBROIDERED GARMENTS. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ST. DOMINIC AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA. THE THRONE WAS PROFUSELY DECORATED WITH FLOWERS; THE BEAUTY OF OUR LADY WAS MARVELOUS. BLESSED VIRGIN SAID: "CHILD, THOU HAS INVOKED ME BY VARIOUS TITLES AND HAST ALWAYS OBTAINED FAVOURS FROM ME. NOW, SINCE THOU HAST CALLED ME BY THAT TITLE SO PLEASING TO ME, 'QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY,' I CAN NO LONGER REFUSE THE FAVOUR THOU DOST PETITION; FOR THIS NAME IS MOST PRECIOUS AND DEAR TO ME. MAKE THREE NOVENAS, AND THOU SHALT OBTAIN ALL."

ONCE MORE THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY APPEARED TO HER AND SAID, WHOEVER DESIRES TO OBTAIN FAVOURS FROM ME SHOULD MAKE THREE NOVENAS OF THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY, AND THREE NOVENAS IN THANKSGIVING."

THE NOVENA CONSISTS OF FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY EACH DAY FOR TWENTY-SEVEN DAYS IN PETITION; THEN IMMEDIATELY FIVE DECADES EACH DAY FOR TWENTY-SEVEN DAYS IN THANKSGIVING, WHETHER OR NOT THE REQUEST HAS BEEN GRANTED. THE MEDITATIONS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY. ON THE FIRST DAY MEDITATE ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES; ON THE SECOND DAY THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; ON THE THIRD DAY THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES; ON THE FOURTH DAY MEDITATE ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES; AND SO ON THROUGHOUT THE FIFTY-FOUR DAYS.



NOVENAS OF PETITION								
1 J	2 L	3 S	4 G	5 J	6 L	7 S	8 G	9 J
10 L	11 S	12 G	13 J	14 L	15 S	16 G	17 J	18 L
19 S	20 G	21 J	22 L	23 S	24 G	25 J	26 L	27 S
NOVENAS OF THANKSGIVING								
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JOYFUL (J)	LUMINOUS (L)	SORROWFUL (S)	GLORIOUS (G)
1. ANNUNCIATION 2. VISITATION 3. NATIVITY 4. PRESENTATION AT THE TEMPLE 5. FINDING IN THE TEMPLE	1. BAPTISM OF JESUS 2. WEDDING OF CANA 3. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD 4. THE TRANSFIGURATION 5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST	1. AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN 2. SCOURGING OF JESUS AT THE PILLAR 3. CROWNING WITH THORNS 4. CARRYING THE CROSS 5. CRUCIFIXION	1. RESURRECTION OF JESUS 2. ASCENSION OF JESUS 3. DESCENT OF HOLY SPIRIT 4. ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY 5. CORONATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY