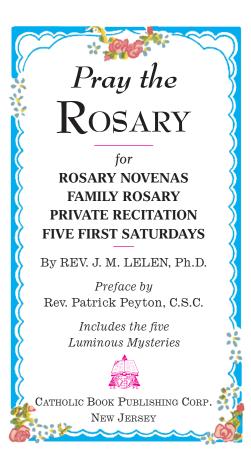


Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima



#### **ROSARY NOVENAS**



ELIGIOUS devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena.

Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect resignation should it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing, though in His infinite wisdom and mercy He may refuse the particular favor which they implore.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. However, care must be taken lest the power of any Novena be limited to the number *nine* rather than perseverance in fervent prayer.

The practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of a Rosary Novena in *petition* or *thanksgiving* is another way of heeding Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to *Pray the Rosary*.

The 54-Day Novena Devotion, which originated in 1884 at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei, consists of the daily recitation of five decades of the Rosary for twentyseven days in *petition* and five decades for twenty-seven additional days in *thanksgiving*. In reality you will be making three Novenas *in petition* for *a particular favor* and three Novenas *in thanksgiving* for a *particular favor*.

1st day say the 5 Joyful Mysteries.

2nd day say the 5 Sorrowful Mysteries.

3rd day say the 5 Glorious Mysteries.

4th day begin again the 5 Joyful Mysteries, etc.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Note: the Mysteries of Light recommended by Pope John Paul II could be inserted in this Novena on the 2nd day, dropping the Sorrowful and the Clorious Mysteries each one day (to the 3rd and 4th days, respectively). The Joyful Mysteries could begin again on the 5th day.



### The Nativity

## THE NATIVITY

I Desire the Love of God

# Think of . . .

The poverty, so lovingly accepted by Mary when she placed the Infant Jesus, our God and Redeemer, in a manger in the stable of Bethlehem.

**Say** . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father, etc.

<sup>&</sup>quot;O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy."



### The Agony in the Garden

#### FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY

## AGONY IN THE GARDEN

I Desire True Repentance for My Sins

# Think of . . .

Our Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemani, suffering a bitter agony for our sins.

Say . . .

1 Our Father. 10 Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father, etc.

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, take all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy."



## The Crucifixion