

**These promises from Our Lady to Saint Dominic will help give an incentive for those times when we struggle to pray:**

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the heart of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered and never overwhelmed by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death (unprepared for heaven). The sinner shall convert. The just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of

God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



**A CALL FOR PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE**

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*"Since he is not the God of disorder but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33)*

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Lord indeed give us His peace!

The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis. We have suddenly been catapulted into a sea of unprecedented violence. The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death.

Yet, in this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear.

That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish.

On behalf of all the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, I invite all parishes and religious communities to a day of fasting and prayer for peace and rec-

onciliation.

**We ask that on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, EVERYONE HOLD A DAY OF FASTING, ABSTINENCE, AND PRAYER. Let us organize prayer times with Eucharistic adoration and with the recitation of the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Although most probably in many parts of our dioceses circumstances will not permit large gatherings, it is possible to organize simple and sober common moments of prayer in parishes, religious communities, and families.**

This is the way we all come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

With sincere prayers for all,

**+Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa**

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem  
President of the ACOHL

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*Fr David writes:*

May we join with our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land with Fasting, Abstinence and Praying the Rosary for Peace in Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in Church on **TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2023?**

May we **KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY** for Adoration of Our Lord, the Rosary and lighting Candles for Peace in the Holy Land???

## ABOUT INDULGENCES

### **THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER:**

those who recite **five decades of the Rosary** in church, or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain a **plenary indulgence** daily;

in other circumstances a **partial indulgence**.

A **partial indulgence** may be obtained daily by reciting

**the Litany of Loreto** and

**the Prayer to St Joseph.**

**The practice of reciting the Rosary should be**

**explained and commended.**

*(Southwark Diocesan Directory 2023, pages 255 & 256).*

### **1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

is the Solemnity of

**ALL SAINTS** when we cele-

brate the feast of all the unknown saints who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone reach. Through the communion of saints, we help one another achieve sanctity.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER**

is **ALL SOULS' DAY.** The

Church after celebrating the feast of All Saints, then prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day when they will join the company of the saints. The celebration of the Mass, which is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed on our altars, has always been the principal means for the Church to fulfil the



great commandment of charity towards the dead. We can relieve their suffering through our prayers, suffrages and penances.

We can gain indulgences for them.

Even after death, links with our fellow travellers and brothers and sisters are not broken.

### **NOVEMBER is the Month of the Holy Souls.**

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. **Grave sin** deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us **incapable of eternal life**, the privation of which is called the **“eternal punishment” of sin**. On the other hand, every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the **“temporal punishment”** of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1471-2*).

### **TO GAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE**

it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfil the following three conditions:

#### **1). Sacramental Confession,**

*(20 days before or after the ‘work’, so, monthly Sacramental Confession would be very good practice),*

#### **2). Holy Communion,**

*(receive Our Lord in Holy Communion on the day of the ‘work’ itself),*

#### **3). Prayer for the intention of the Holy Father (on the day of the ‘work’ itself).**

It is further required that **all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent**. If this disposition is in any way less than perfect or if the prescribed three conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence will be partial only.

### **The condition of praying for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff is fully satisfied by reciting one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary”;**

nevertheless, each one is free to recite any other prayer according to his/her piety and devotion.

### **A PARTIAL INDULGENCE IS GRANTED TO THE FAITHFUL WHO:**

1) In the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding even if only mentally – some pious invocation.

2). In a spirit of faith and mercy give of themselves or of their goods to

serve their brothers/sisters in need.

3). In a spirit of penance voluntarily deprive themselves of what is licit and pleasing to them.

### **For Specific prayers and devotions:**

**The Holy Rosary:** A plenary indulgence may be gained, under the usual conditions for the recitation of the Rosary (five decades are sufficient), in a church or public oratory or in the family. If the Rosary is said privately a partial indulgence may be gained.

**The Way of the Cross:** A plenary indulgence is attached to this devotion.

**Prayer before a Crucifix:** A plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions is attached to the recitation of this prayer on the Fridays in Lent and Passiontide. At other times a partial indulgence can be obtained.”

*(From: A Simple Prayer Book, pages 113-115, Catholic Truth Society, London 2005).*

Furthermore:

A plenary Indulgence may be gained by  
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for at least half an hour;  
- **The devout reading of the Sacred Scriptures** (the Bible) for at least half an hour.

A plenary indulgence can be obtained but once a day.

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**Monday to Friday, from 08:00 to 09:00 we can Adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and pray the Holy Rosary from 08:30, and Holy Mass is at 09:15 in this Church of St Mary of the Crays.**