

# OCTOBER

## THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary October 7th



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary primarily because we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Originally known as Our Lady of Victory, Pope St. Pius V established the feast in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces over the Turkish navy at the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. The Christian coalition of maritime states was considered greatly outmatched by the Ottoman Empire, so St. Pius V requested all Western Christians to pray the Rosary to avoid defeat. Though outnumbered, the Christian forces prevailed and their resulting victory is attributed to Mary's powerful intercession.

We continue to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary today!

Source: [EWTN Our Lady of the Rosary](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more about why October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

#### Celebrating the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

[Click here](#) for Aleteia's 10 ways you can celebrate Our Lady in October.

Of course, the primary way you can intentionally honour the Blessed Virgin this month is by praying the Rosary. Popes and saints have long touted the many graces associated with this form of prayer. St. John Paul II even wrote an apostolic letter on the subject with practical tips for individuals and families, entitled *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. You can read the letter [here](#).

Whether you are looking to take up the Rosary for the first time or want to go deeper in your personal contemplation, there are plenty of resources to help you in your prayer journey. See a round up of links below to get you started.

#### Rosary Resources

- [The Rosary in Two Minutes - Busted Halo](#) webpage
- [The Power of Praying the Rosary](#) video
- [Why Pray the Rosary](#) webpage
- [How to Pray the Rosary - Hallow](#) webpage
- [How to Pray a Better Rosary](#) video
- [Pray the Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron](#) webpage
- [Rosary for the Family](#) PDF booklet
- [21 Ways to Pray a Family Rosary](#) webpage
- [The Living Rosary: Bring the Rosary to Life for Your Students](#) webpage
- [DIY: Making a Friar Rosary with Fr. Malachy Joseph, CFR](#) video



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