

Our Lady's 15 Promises for Praying the Rosary Explained

Besides the indulgences attached to the Rosary, Our Lady revealed to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche additional benefits for those who devoutly pray the Rosary. Our Lady's promises are shown in darker blue text. Additional explanations and doctrinal connections to each promise are shown following in the smaller text font. Note that the Rosary is the prayer (non-liturgical) with the most published Magisterial/Papal documents expounding its excellence. Vatican II's summary on Our Lady is contained in *Lumen Gentium*, chapter VIII.

1. *Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.*

Signal graces are those special and unique graces which help sanctify us in our state in life. St. Louis de Montfort states emphatically that the best and fastest way to union with Our Lord is via Our Lady [*True Devotion to Mary* the book, chapter 4].

2. *I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.*

Our Lady is our Advocate and the channel of all God's grace to us. Our Lady is promising that She will watch especially over those who pray the Rosary. (See *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter VIII – Our Lady #62.) [A great more detail is available on this topic in *True Devotion to Mary*, chapter 4, by St. Louis de Montfort.]

3. *The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease*



St. Dominic - Bl. Alan de la Roche
"Receiving Promises"

sin and defeat heresies.

This promise, along with the next, is simply the reminder on how fervent prayer will help us all grow in holiness by avoiding sin, especially a prayer with the excellence of the Rosary. An increase in holiness necessarily requires a reduction in sin, vice and doctrinal errors (heresies). If only the modernists could be convinced to pray the Rosary! (See *Lumen Gentium*, chapter V – The Call to Holiness #42.) St. Louis de

Montfort states, "Mary alone crushed all heresies, as we are told by the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary)..." [True Devotion to Mary #167].

4. *It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.*

This promise, along with the previous ones, is the promise of help to live in virtue. Becoming holy is not only avoiding sin, but also growing in virtue. (See *Lumen Gentium*, chapter V – The Call to Holiness #42.)

5. *The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.*

Since Our Lady is our Mother and Advocate, She always assists those who call on Her implicitly by praying the Rosary. The Church reminds us of this in the Memorare prayer, "...never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided..."

6. *Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.*

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Messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Medjugorje

Message of March 25, 2009 "Dear children! In this time of spring, when everything is awakening from the winter sleep, you also awaken your souls with prayer so that they may be ready to receive the light of the risen Jesus. Little children, may He draw you closer to His Heart so that you may become open to eternal life. I pray for you and intercede before the Most High for your sincere conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of April 25, 2009 "Dear children! Today I call you all to pray for peace and to witness it in your families so that peace may become the highest treasure on this peaceless earth. I am your Queen of Peace and your mother. I desire to lead you on the way of peace, which comes only from God. Therefore, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call."

This promise highlights the magnitude of graces that the Rosary brings to whoever prays it. One will draw down God's mercy rather than His justice and will have a final chance to repent (see promise #7). One will not be conquered by misfortune means that Our Lady will obtain for the person sufficient graces to handle said misfortune (i.e., carry the crosses allowed by God) without falling into despair. As Sacred Scripture tells us, "For my yoke is sweet and my burden light." (Matthew 11:30)

7. *Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.*

This promise highlights the benefits of obtaining the most possible graces at the hour of death via the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Extreme Unction (Anointing of the Sick). Being properly disposed while receiving these sacraments near death ensures one's salvation (although perhaps with a detour through purgatory) since a final repentance is possible.

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.*

Our Lady highlights the great quantity of graces which can be obtained through praying the Rosary. These graces assist us during life and at the moment of death. The merits of the saints are the gift of God's rewards to those persons who responded to His grace that they obtained during life, and so Our Lady indicates that She will provide a share of that to us at death. With this promise and #7 above, Our Lady is providing the means for the person to have a very holy death.

9. *I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.*

Should one require purgatorial cleansing after death, Our Lady will make a special effort to obtain our release from purgatory through Her intercession as Advocate.

10. *The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.*

This promise is a logical consequence of promises #3 and #4 since anyone who truly lives a holier life on earth will obtain a higher place in Heaven. The closer one is to God while living on earth, the closer that person is to Him also in Heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states. "Spiritual progress tends toward ever more

union with Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2014)

11. *You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary.*

This promise emphasizes Our Lady's role as our Advocate and Mediatrix of all Graces. Of course, all requests are subject to God's most perfect will. God will always grant our request if it is beneficial for our soul, and Our Lady will only intercede for us when our request is good for our salvation. (See Lumen Gentium, chapter VIII – Our Lady #62.).



12. *All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.*

If one promotes the praying of the Rosary, Our Lady emphasizes Her Maternal care for us by obtaining many graces (i.e., spiritual necessities) and also material necessities (neither excess nor luxury), all subject to the will of God, of course. Our Mother Queen of Peace Times is dedicated to the propagation of the most Holy Rosary. Everyone who contributes time, money and prayers is included in this promise by Our Holy Mother.

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.*

Since Our Lady is our Advocate, She brings us additional assistance during our life and at our death from all the saints in Heaven (the Communion of Saints). (See paragraphs 954 through 959 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.)

14. *All who recite the Rosary are my Sons, and brothers of my only Son Jesus Christ.*

Since the Rosary is a most excellent prayer focused on Jesus and His life and activities

in salvation history, it brings us closer to Our Lord and Our Lady. Doctrinally, our Lady is our Mother and Jesus is our older brother, besides being our God. (See Lumen Gentium, chapter VIII – Our Lady #62.)

15. *Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.*

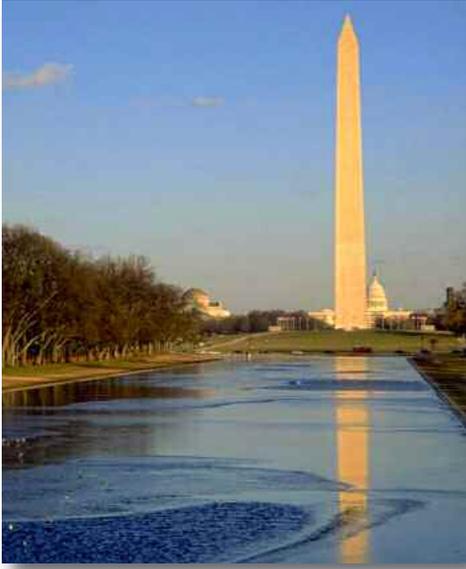
Predestination in this context means that, by the sign which is present to a person from the action of devoutly praying the Rosary, God has pre-ordained his salvation. Absolute certainty of salvation can only be truly known if God reveals it to a person because, although we are given sufficient grace during life, our salvation depends upon our response to said grace. (See Summa Theologica, Question 23 for a detailed theological explanation.) Said another way, if God has guaranteed a person's salvation but has not revealed it to him, God would want that person to pray the Rosary because of all the benefits and graces obtained. Therefore the person gets a hint by devotion to the Rosary. This is not to say that praying the Rosary guarantees salvation – by no means. In looking at promises #3 and #4 above, praying the Rosary helps one to live a holy life which is itself a great sign that a soul is on the road to salvation. (See also paragraphs 381, 488, 600, and 2782 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.) In fact, St. Louis de Montfort says even more strongly that "an infallible and unmistakable sign by which we can distinguish a heretic, a man of false doctrine, an enemy of God, from one of God's true friends is that the hardened sinners and heretics show nothing but contempt and indifference to Our Lady..." [True Devotion to Mary, #30]

Reminder: these promises mean that, by faithfully and devoutly praying the Rosary, Our Lady will obtain for us the necessary Graces to obtain said promises. It is still up to each individual soul to respond to those graces in order to obtain salvation.

Special Note: The Sacrifice of the Mass is the most important prayer in the life of a Catholic. The Holy Rosary Prayer is very powerful but it is second to the Holy Mass. One should pray and concentrate during Holy Mass on the good news for the day, the words of consecration, Holy Communion; every part of the Mass is so important. One should not pray the Rosary during Holy Mass. Praying the Rosary before or after Holy Mass is most advantageous.

Laus Deo

Washington Monument



Washington Monument

One detail that is rarely mentioned is that there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. With all the uproar about removing the Ten Commandments and the name of God from America, this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information. (The politically correct philosophy is killing America!)

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there. Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

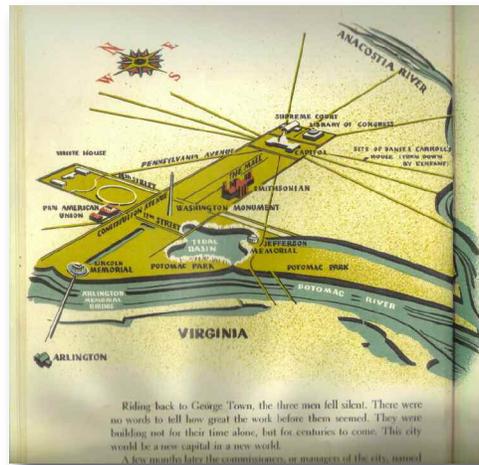
So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say...

“Praise be to God!”

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was president of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo. “Praise be to God!”

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant. A PERFECT CROSS IMPOSED UPON THE LANDSCAPE, with the White House to the north, the Jefferson Memorial to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who notice.



Washington DC Cross

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings, the memorial stones share a message.

• On the 12th landing is a prayer offered by the city of Baltimore.

- On the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians.
- On the 24th a presentation made by Sunday school children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items including the HOLY BIBLE presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first president of our unique democracy. “One Nation, Under God.”

I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you ever read it? Well, now is your opportunity, so read on!

“Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. You may forget the width and height of “Laus Deo,” its location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: “Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

National Right to Life Statistics

In the United States 49,551,703 abortions were performed from 1973 to 2007. If we estimate the present average of 12,206,200 per year, by the end of the past year (2008), the total was approximately 61,757,903 abortions.

During the President Bush administration the abortion rate went down approximately 100,000 to 50,000 abortions per year. Hundreds of abortion clinics closed during the Bush administration.

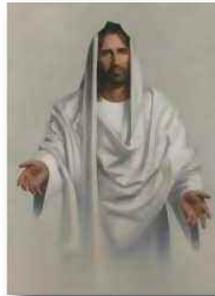
The Obama administration will be partners with Planned Parenthood. Abortion physicians throughout America and with our tax dollars help increase the slaughter of innocent infants to over 16,000,000 per year. Many surgeons love abortion. It's a big money maker and it allows them to have regular business hours.

There is absolutely no justification for a Catholic to rationalize this horrific slaughter. If it is the law of the land to legally murder innocent infants, we are still obligated to obey God's commandment, "Thou shall not KILL."

Dear God, have mercy on what was once the UNITED STATES of America, In God We Trust.

FG Coordinator

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"If you would abandon yourselves to me, you will not even feel the passage from this life to the next life. You will begin to live the life of Heaven from this earth." - BVM 1986



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