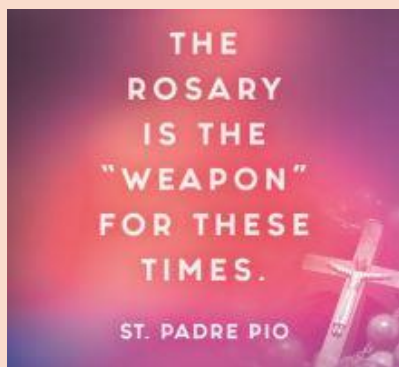




*From the Desk of Father Peter*

## *The Rosary and Why We Should Pray It Daily*



*We live in dangerous times and it is a dangerous world out there. In the words of Pope Pius XI (1857-1939): "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes and in your country, assemble each evening*

*to recite the Rosary. Let not even a day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."*

*The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or as we call it, mysteries in history. These are Biblical events that encourage and strengthen us in our Faith. The Rosary is lightweight to carry and easily maneuverable. It fits in one's pocket, purse or glovebox. When we pray the Rosary, we put ourselves and intentions into God's hands. As we mediate and pray reflecting on the sacred mysteries, we can let go of any worries we may have and we can choose to completely trust in God, knowing that He (God) is listening to our prayers and that He wants the best for us and those we pray for.*

*The Rosary has been a weapon of choice for saints, kings, queens, warrior poets, maidens, peasants, missionaries, and misfits for centuries. But why do we call the Rosary many a time a sacramental "WEAPON"? We call it that because the Rosary is one of best defenses against our mortal enemy, the DEVIL. We are truly engaged in a spiritual war at all times, and Satan, as St. Peter says, "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to*

*devour” 1Peter 5:8. The devil never sleeps and never tires. The Devil is always plotting our downfall. We have got to be on the offensive against him if we are to spiritually survive and make it to heaven.*

*If we are going up against the devil, we would be best fighting under the banner of Our Lady. The devil fears her like he fears no one else. She is like “an army set in battle array”(Song of Songs 6:10) against the forces of evil. She has given her warriors a special weapon for the fight, and they carry her Rosary like a sword at their side. In fact those in religious communities carry their rosaries on the left side, hanging from their belt, because this is the traditional place for a sword!*

*“LOVE THE MADONNA AND PRAY THE ROSARY, FOR HER ROSARY IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY”*

– ST. PADRE PIO

*Finally, the Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the Angel Gabriel’s words announcing Christ’s birth and Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary. The mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ’s life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous.*

*The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead us into a restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The repetition of the words helps us enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ’s Spirit dwells.*

***Pray the Rosary always and Pray for Peace!***



*Peace and blessings to all,  
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*