

54 days to change the world. Day 11.

Today is the eleventh day of this novena. We will be praying the Sorrowful Mysteries in a spirit of petition.

Today we will continue to be inspired by the many miracles attributed to the Rosary. We'll focus on Brazil in the 1960s.

Like many countries during the 1960s, Brazil was undergoing political and social upheavals. By 1964, Brazil's oppressive president, Joao Goulart, had appointed many communist politicians to positions of leadership. These politicians were actively opposed to the Catholic Faith, but those devoted to their faith and its principles were not easily subdued.

In response to the oppression of Catholicism, the humble and brave women of Brazil took up the most powerful weapon available to them: the Rosary. They formed a coalition of the Rosary in opposition to the oppressive regime. With faithful confidence in the power of Our Lady, these devout Catholic women "crashed" a pro-Communist rally by going there to pray the Rosary. Their voices, raised devoutly in prayer, drowned everything out and broke up the rally.

Responding to the Rosary warriors, President Goulart publicly insulted the people of Brazil, ridiculed the Rosary, and stated that it was the Communist ideas that would save Brazil—not the Rosaries of simple women.

On March 19th, around 600,000 people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, marched in protest against the President. The crowd, under the title "March of the Family with God Toward Freedom," took to the streets of San Paolo to pray the Rosary. Within two weeks, a coup overturned the Communist leadership, causing President Goulart to flee Brazil. The people of Brazil proclaimed this victory as a victory for Our Lady of the Rosary. In thanksgiving, the Brazilian people hosted a March of Thanksgiving to God, in which over a million people paraded through the streets of Rio de Janeiro praising God.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!