

54 days to change the world. Day 17.

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

In each of these miraculous stories, we continue to see how our Blessed Mother personally desires each one of us to be converted so as to dwell with her Son in Heaven forever. There is no situation too dire, no person too sinful, nor any force too formidable to oppose Our Lady. With the help of her Holy Rosary, she will fight for us!

The powerful protection of Our Lady can be seen in the life story of Immaculée Ilibagiza. During the 1994 Rwandan genocide, Immaculée and seven other women spent ninety-one days hidden in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house. Despite the horrors unfolding around her, Immaculée trusted in God and continued to ask Our Lady for protection by praying the Rosary

Although her family and over 500,000 others were tragically killed, Immaculée and her companions were protected. Immaculée believed that praying the Rosary saved their lives. As well as physical protection, the Rosary brought great personal consolation to a situation that would otherwise feel desolate. Despite the tragedy she underwent, Immaculée believes that her devotion to the rosary during this time brought transformative spiritual benefits.