

54 days to change the world. Day 25.

Today is the twenty-fifth day of this novena. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries in a spirit of petition.

The Rosary is a gift to us! Our Lady appeared to Saint Dominic and presented to him the Holy Rosary. Saint Dominic, a humble and holy man, was preaching against the Albigensian heresy. This heresy taught that only the spiritual is good, and that everything material is bad. Therefore, the body itself is evil, and every person's soul is imprisoned in that evil body. The only way in which a person could experience salvation was to be freed from the imprisonment of their flesh. Beyond being wrong, this heresy was dangerous as people would attempt to liberate themselves from their body through starvation and even suicide.

Saint Dominic prayed to God and asked Him to provide what was needed in order to overcome this grave heresy. After three days of prayer and fasting, Our Lady appeared to St. Dominic and instructed him to preach her Psalter in order to overcome this heresy. Our Lady's Psalter involved praying 150 Hail Mary's divided into groups of 10 by Our Fathers. Our Lady then gave St. Dominic mysteries to be prayed along with the Psalter. These mysteries, which were stories of Christ's Incarnation and life, directly contradicted the Albigensian heresy! As St. Dominic traveled throughout France, his words and the graces from the Rosary helped untie the knots of heresy that entangled the hearts of those who listened!

If we listen to Our Lady and pray her Rosary, she will help unbound the knots of sin that entangle us!

Today, as you pray your daily Rosary, consider reflecting on the powerful words of Saint Dominic:

"Whoever devoutly serves the Blessed Virgin through the recitation of the Rosary will infallibly receive blessings according to their spiritual and temporal needs."

"Through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world!"