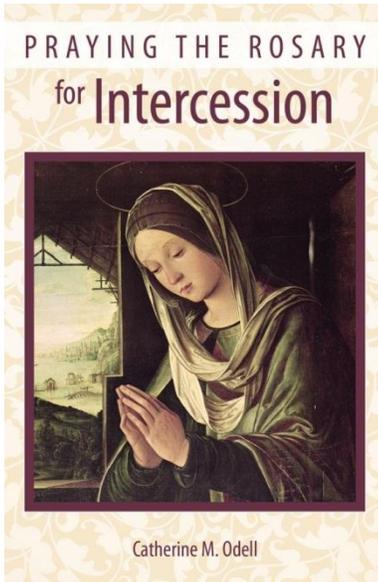


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## New Look at Ancient Prayer Revisits Rosary's Potential to Intercede, Renew, Heal

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, June 12, 2012 – Most Catholics know the Rosary as an effective intercessory prayer – for their own needs, or those of others. But many people don't have a full appreciation for how powerful, rich, and healing it can be. When the faithful say The Rosary, they ask for Mary's prayers, and as an attentive mother, she responds. In fact, Mary intercedes even as someone *begins* to speak to her.

A new guide to optimal utilization of this centuries-old prayer, **Praying the Rosary for Intercession**, by Catherine M. Odell (Our Sunday

Visitor, 2012) couples each of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries with a pertinent scripture passage, a reflection that relates the mystery to the topic of intercession, a mystery prayer and suggested intercessory mystery intentions. Also included in each chapter is a feature called “The Rosary in Our Lives” – true stories of the Rosary and its place in the lives saints, popes, and theologians, as well as ordinary Catholics.

**Praying the Rosary for Intercession** also includes a history of the Rosary, and step-by-step instructions on how to pray it. The book is ideal for anyone – whether a ‘regular’ at praying the Rosary, or one who’s never attempted it but wants to learn.

Readers will better understand the collective role of the Communion of Saints in praying for others, encompassing the faithful still in this world, as well as those in heaven and purgatory.

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