

Pray the Rosary for Your Children Q@A (PARENTS' ROSARY FOR THEIR CHILDREN)

The Beginning

The idea of the **parental rosary prayer** was initiated during the retreat of an prayer group called MARANA THA in Gdansk on September 8, 2001. The purpose of this prayer is the popularization of the **parental rosary** and the initiation of new groups of parents, very similar to the Living Rosary groups, where parents are the living roses of prayer for their children.

In time, we - parents began to observe and experience different fruits of our prayer. We share these fruits with others by telling them about the graces our children and we had already received. This had given the beginning to the new groups. Now we know about hundreds of parental rosary groups and there are still more to come... This Divine plan is growing very rapidly.

The Group Marana Tha is a non-formal, prayer group that works and prays within the Holy Trinity Parish in Gdansk-Oliwa. It is a part of the Charismatic Movement of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of this group is a new evangelization as called by the pope John Paul II and religious education of adults in the parish. Most of all, the group is focusing on the knowledge of the Word of God through Bible studies, theological knowledge (based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church), regular communion with Christ through the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confession.

The Mass for the group is said in St Jacob Church in Oliwa every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. The group also organizes the evangelical trainings/retreats for adults during weekends - every first weekend of the month.

The spiritual director of the group is Fr. Prof. Andrew Kowalczyk. More about the group can be found on: www.marana-tha.pl

(Q&A) Questions and Answers

Do we have to confirm (and how often during the year) our participation in the Rosary for Children?

Currently, every month you will receive an e-mail asking to confirm your participation in the prayer. You will need to pick a proper link to respond to this e-mail. Every e-mail will contain basic and current information of your prayer group such as: your part of the mystery for the current month and the

names of the children in your group. The participation in the prayer can also be confirmed by picking a link on the page "*My Rosary Group*". The confirmation is required and possible only for individuals that registered with us not for the whole rosary group.

Is it possible to check which mystery I am praying in the particular month?

Yes, it is possible. Write your first and last name in the link on the page "*My Rosary Group*". There you can also confirm your participation in the rosary.

Is there a way for me to get to know people who are praying with me in my group?

This option is not yet possible - for many reasons. First, because our prayer is based on trust in God - I trust that the other 19 parents pray for their and for my children, they trust that I am doing the same. If I forgot to pray my mystery, others had offered me their prayers that day, but as soon as I recall I will strive to fulfill my duty even more. We are all receiving God's graces for free. Second, there could be a lot of problems with making this personal information available on line due to the confidentiality issues. Third, this could create unnecessary chaos. Maybe in the future we will find a solution and have such information available. However for now, you can only find out what are the names of the children in your prayer group.

Is there a possibility for couples - husband and wife - to pray the same mystery in the month by belonging to two different rosary groups? Participating in two different groups can be very beneficial to our children as twice as many people will then pray for them and we, as a family will pray for twice as many children, too?

The idea of couples praying together is a wonderful idea and we are encouraging it very much. Our system however does not allow for such option. The group prayer, whether 20 or 40 people has the same power (see petition 3 and 4) - the numbers do not really matter.

My family is very big and I have lots of friends in the Roman Catholic congregations in Poland and overseas. I was wondering if it is possible to create our own rosary group. If yes what should we do?

We are encouraging such initiative. People need to spread this type of rosary prayer in their own environment. You will find out very quickly that many parents pray daily for their children. Some of them will join your group with enthusiasm. You will then become the moderator, leader of your rosary group. The rules and duties of a moderator are described and presented on page "*Downloads*".

Is it enough to declare a new rosary group on your Web-Site or is it necessary to inform and discuss this with the priest in our parish?

It is enough to declare your participation or creation of new group on our Web-Site however if there are links to your parish your priest should be informed first. Regardless, it is really beneficial to let your pastor know about this initiative and ask for his blessings and help in spreading this rosary prayer.

Can we count on your help if for whatever reason we will not find 20 parents to start our own group?

We know that the creation of a rosary group does not yet take longer than two weeks. We pray to spread this initiative. You need to believe that God will lead you to people, and maybe you will be able to create even more than one group! Of course sometimes God will use our site to help you, too!

If the group is not yet completed- should people that are in it already pray more than one part of the rosary so that the whole rosary is said every day?

No, we are praying only our own mysteries and God will do the rest. Parental Rosary Groups are spreading quickly. You need to pray and talk to your friends about this prayer; you can also use the article from ["Love One Another"](#) or the testimonies presented on our site.

I am already part of a different rosary group in my parish. Can I pray with more than one rosary group?

Of course! We know people that belong to many different rosary groups and they are growing spiritually and receiving many, many graces. Living Rosary is a beautiful prayer and participation in the Parental Rosary Groups does not interrupt it at all!

Can we choose a Saint that has been already chosen by different group as a patron of our group?

Yes.

I tried to sign up my parents to Parental Rosary, but the form came back few times. The message says that the e-mail address is wrong but it seems that I have completed the form correctly.... Can you help?

These types of problems are often related to small errors or typing mistakes in e-mail addresses; telephones numbers, spelling of the names etc. It is worth to double-check the information before sending it. We are working to create a system that is user-friendlier but your accuracy is still required. If you have done everything possible and the form still did not go through, you can always send us e-mail (our e-mail address is available on the page ["Contact"](#)).

Few days ago I have sent my registration form to be included in the Parental Rosary Prayer through your Web-Site, but did not yet receive the confirmation. Did I do something wrong?

Sometimes, but very rarely, the server error may occur. The form may not be then received within few days. In such case, please send us e-mail through the page "*Contact*"

What are the duties of a moderator?

A moderator has to confirm that members of his/her group are praying their mysteries. That means once in a time (could be once a month) he/she should contact the parents to receive and verify their participation in the rosary. Detailed information is presented on the page "*Downloads*".

If I am already praying in a rosary group registered through your Web-Site, but I want to initiate a parental rosary group in my parish, can I switch to pray with my own group?

Yes - we are truly encouraging that as this action spreads the rosary and allows for the expansion. By knowing how many fruits and graces we can receive through participating in this rosary prayer, we are, in a way, obligated to share them with others. God gives us particular graces for such deeds. After withdrawing your name from your current group by sending us e-mail- your place will be filled with another name.

Can we pray one part of the mystery of the Holy Rosary for two or more children?

Yes you can. We pray one tenth of the Rosary for all our children (it does not matter two or five or more). Through that prayer we also embrace our Godchildren & those for the spiritual adoption - although we do not have to name them one by one. Automatically, included in our prayer are also daughters and sons-in-law - as husband and wife are one.

Can the person who is praying the Holy Rosary visit the fortune teller; believe in the future foreseen in horoscopes and tarot cards, practice reiki, occultism and bio-therapy or take part in the séances to call upon a death person's spirit?

ABSOLUTELY SHOULD NOT! These are very serious dangers that can hurt the children and those who engage in such practices. The person should withdraw from these activities as soon as possible - the sacrament of reconciliation is then the necessity. It is possible, that many people are not aware that they are harming themselves and their children by taking part in such activities. They are tempted by the illusion of good or false perception of regaining their health. The information about such dangers had - between others - gave the beginning to our initiative of the Parental Rosary Prayer.

The practices mentioned in the question are definitely against the Bible and the Church teachings. We know that withdrawing from such practices is sometimes very difficult, but this can not be an excuse to continue them. In the future we will provide more information on this subject on our Web-Site.

I pray for my children very often, one can say, even every day - how is the parents rosary prayer that you are proposing “better” than my prayer and do we really need to pray such organized type of prayer?

We are not forcing anybody to join the Parental Rosary Prayer and we are not undermining any other prayer. This initiative began in our hearts and brought the wonderful results to the lives of our prayed for children. We are just sharing the fruits!

In His Apostolic letter *“About the Rosary”* -John Paul II emphasized that the Rosary prayer can be the salvation to all family problems. Furthermore, the dynamic and scheme of this prayer, based on the dynamics of the living Rosary Groups allows for a flow of graces specifically reserves for such groups in the Church. By taking part in this initiative we are creating a community of prayer, perseverance, responsibility and peace. Meditation over the same mystery through each day of the month tied with the parental love for our children broadens the horizon of thoughts.

The idea of the parental prayer based on the proven method of meditating over the life of Jesus and the Holy Family was created with the specific intentions. By asking God to protect our children from the consequences of our sins and weaknesses we alone grow in humbleness, we understand what we should do to become better parents and we receive God’s help to correct the situation. By spreading this type of prayer we are also evangelizing. God is always with those who put Him above people!

However under no circumstances, we do intend to judge the other types of prayer. If there are other organized or unorganized parental prayers - please let us know. We will gladly present them on our Web-Site.

Is there a possibility to gather twenty people so they form one separate group of parents without having a moderator?

No, this is not possible; we have to be sure that there is a communion of prayer within the group; we need to be sure that each parent is praying. The people, on the other hand, need to be able to confirm their participation in the prayer. Such twenty people should contact us individually or simply choose one person to become a moderator.

Will I commit a sin if I do not pray my tenth of the Rosary on a particular day?

No - this is not a sin; it is only a lost chance to receive more grace, more spiritual goods. Everyone can, once in a time, forget and there is nothing wrong in that - sometimes such fact can bring upon reflection on our spiritual life and on the way we fulfill our parental duties. However, if

avoiding the prayer is intentional and if its purpose is to take advantage of other praying for my children then this is a very serious problem.

Should we talk to our children about such prayer?

Absolutely! If the children see parents praying together, they will join them in a very natural way, they will know where the graces are coming from. The children will understand that parents also have their own weaknesses and problems and that they are trying to overcome them with God's help.

It is worth to invite children to pray with us, we should do that, of course, in a very delicate way appropriate to the age of the children. We should invite them all: the very young, older or even the adult children.

My friend, who I invited to pray in a Parental Rosary Group, asks if she can introduce her friend to pray with us. That friend is not attending church services regularly or receiving sacraments. There is a hope, however; if she starts praying the Rosary for her children, who are bringing her lots of problems any way, she will come back to Church and start practicing again. What should I advise her to do?

Definitely, invite her to pray the Rosary!

Just like you said, people may have very complicated lives but they may want to prevent this from happening to their children. For their children's sake they will start praying and God will not leave them alone! For a reason - Mary - Mother of God is called the "Refuge of the sinners" - and the sinners - big or small - ask for Her protection and help. Of course, we have to strive to bring people to God but we need to let God do it the way He wants it! Praying the Rosary is already a grace from God. However, we can not interrupt the God's plan for others. Then, do well for others, invite them to pray, give hope to those who need it - and pray yourself! This is our goal.

Can I pray for the children that are close to my heart, but not my own - like my nieces, nephews and Godchildren in the Parental Rosary Group?

The structure of this prayer is still forming.

Godchildren are included in this prayer automatically. The purpose of this prayer is to break the negative emotional and spiritual forces or waves in the "parent -child" relationship. If you have children close to your heart you should invite their own parents to join the Parental Rosary Groups. It pays off to reach towards our sisters and brothers and get them involved in this prayer. We know that graces are flowing thanks to this Rosary prayer from three sources:

- prayer itself and all God's promises about the Rosary;
- individual conversion and breaking up with the sins;
- spread of this prayer - so evangelization.

Thus be brave! Helpful links and information can be obtained from this Web-Site or directly from us.

For the children close to our heart we can always pray regardless.

How long do we normally wait for the response. It is been five days already since I have sent my registration and I did not receive the confirmation - is this unusual?

Currently the confirmations are being sent immediately. To be a part of the Rosary Group a proper link must be sent and the confirmation is automatically send-back. If you did not get it, that means the link was not sent correctly or the form was completed wrong - like your e-mail address. Also, it is possible that the confirmation was received and placed in your junk-box, especially if you e-mailed us from overseas - please check your junk-box. Very rear it happens that the registration from is lost in the cyber space but we can not eliminate such possibility.

Testimonies - the Fruits of the prayer

God is calling us to continuous and trustful prayer in our intentions. He is blessing that prayer in two ways. For some children - through the conversion and protection from the evil (all kids receive something) and for other - through graces and the removal of negative situations (not directly involving the children but affecting them because of their parent's past deeds) form their lives.

Testimony of the mother

Five years ago, my marriage fell apart. My children, the older daughter in particular, blamed me for letting their dad go.... The relationship between my oldest daughter and me was very shaky, every conversation ended in tears and disagreement...

In the middle of February 2006, my friend told me about the Parental Rosary Web-site. With great determination, I sent my registration and since February 22 I began praying the Rosary for the children. What had happened after cannot be explain in a human way. Finally the peace entered our house, there was no more yelling and blaming, no more tears - sometimes we still talk about what had happened but this is how we cleanse ourselves from the past happenings... You could say that we needed more time, but we already had full four years and it was not going to get better...

Today, I know for sure, that the Parental Rosary prayer transformed us. I am thankful to God for that prayer and to everyone praying the rosary for the children as they all helped to bring peace into my home.

Ted

The Rosary Prayer greatly influenced my life. My mother, being a part of a Rosary Group in our parish, for many years prayed for me saying her

mysteries. The fruit of this prayer was my conversion. Also, nothing else but praying the daily mysteries of the rosary together with my wife strengthen our marriage. For few years now, my wife and I are part of an evangelical/prayer group. One of the practices of this group is a daily rosary prayer by some of the members of the group. All together there are few rosary groups that pray in particular intentions. I belong to some of them.

The problem in my daughter's marriage was her inability to conceive that lasted two years. The medical tests proved that both -my daughter and my son-in-law were perfectly healthy. My wife and I prayed for our children.

For some time, one of the members of our evangelical/prayer group and one other person encouraged me to pray the rosary for my children. Unfortunately, I was not ready for that as, I thought, I was already praying enough.

On September first, during a conversation about the situation of our children with the people in our group, one more time someone proposed the rosary prayer for our children. This time the Spirit of Prayer won. Same day I have added one more tenth of the Rosary to the other I was already saying. This one was for my children! I am still praying it today.

How great was my joy when I found out that my daughter is happy mother of three kids! Moreover, the first child was conceived exactly at the beginning of September!! How can we not believe in the power of the rosary prayer!

Glory be to GOD.

Mark

A 13-year old boy - very talented but also very reserved, self-conscious, frightened and with a very low self-esteem. During this prayer cured and still curing from most of his problems, fears and downsides. All the teachers have noticed the great change in him, at the end of grade 6 - he received all perfect mark even from the most unexpected subject. He improved in the fields that were his greatest weaknesses. By overcoming his fears his personality clearly but gently changed for better.

Sophia

At the age of 10 - lots of problems (child was not at fault) with children her own age, feelings of being alone, abandoned by friends - these lasted around three years. God however changed this situation by 180 degrees! He transformed all the previous happenings into good. Sophia opened her soul, strengthen and also learned a lot from it - for example - what is a true friendship. She learned not to hold a grudge towards others even if they were part of her past problem.

Philip

6-years old - healed unspectacularly from a long-lasting sickness of the digestive system.

We are also receiving testimonies about conversions, receiving peace during prayers, about the change for better in our children, and lasting cure from different health problems or about starting the family prayer...

What are we getting in return for participating in the Parental Rosary Prayer?

1. We are giving our children the most beautiful present even - every day - all the graces connected to the rosary prayer (many, many graces) - we live the fourth commandment ever fuller and deeper;
2. We are sure that always, every day, someone is praying for our children, even when we forget. If no one forgets, every day the whole Rosary is said for our children!
3. We grow on the field of a personal prayer, often couples decide to pray together - and that is the start of the family prayer (wonderful and very fruitful initiative!)

What should one do, to participate in such Rosary Group? How to initiate one?

1. Declare that you will pray one mystery of the Holy Rosary every day (Our Father, Hail Mary x 10, Glory..) for your own children and the children of all the other 19 parents. This must be a faithful prayer - see the apostolic letter of John Paul II "Rosarium Virgins Mariae". You will pray at home or at any place you are having free time.
2. After a month there will be a change of the mystery of the Holy Rosary i.e. you will move one tenth forward, for example if you were praying 1 Joyful Mystery, now you should be praying 2nd, and next month 3rd Joyful. The person praying 1 Joyful Mystery also prays the beginning prayers i.e. I believe, Our Father, 3x Hail Mary (Faith, Trust and Love) and Glory.
3. You must register through the initiators of the Prayer and learn about the rules. You should also inform us about who will be praying, for whom, your address or other form of the contact such as telephone number. You may also undertake the responsibility of a moderator of a new Parental Rosary Group such as choosing a Saint to be a patron of your new group, growing spiritually and spreading this initiative by inviting others to pray for their children.

