Children’s Prayer Nests

The Children’s Prayer Nests are made up of groups of children who come together to pray the Rosary, as the Blessed Virgin requested at Fatima and as Padre Pio of Pietralcina desired. These groups form the Armata Bianca of Our Lady: the Army of little children guided by the Queen of Heaven to win the whole world to Her Divine Son, Jesus. You see children, the adults on earth do not consider you very much, but those in Heaven rely on you to solve the serious and urgent problems of peace in the world and the salvation of humanity.

That is why our Lord sent the Virgin Mary to Fatima, to three little children aged 10, 9 and 7, to ask them to help Her in this marvellous work. Now Our Lady is calling you too, and is asking you: «Do you want to offer yourselves to God, ready to accept all the sacrifices He wishes to send you in reparation for the sins with which He is offended and for the conversion of sinners? Do you want to belong to my great army which desires to bring peace and salvation to the world?». Our Lady is waiting for your generous response: «Yes, I do!»

So, start working for her right away; dedicate a little time every day praying the Holy Rosary, offering little sacrifices to Jesus and forming a Prayer Nest.

How do you form a Prayer Nest?

It is one of the simplest things on earth. It only needs two or more children who commit themselves to pray the Rosary together wherever and whenever possible:

- at someone’s home;
- in church, in front of the Blessed Sacrament with the pastor’s permission; it would be a good idea for the pastor to be present;
- at school, if the teacher agrees, reciting the Rosary all together in class;
- in a sick person’s home, thus uniting the love of God with the love of one’s neighbour;
- in hospitals and in paediatric wards,
- outside, during playtime or recreation;
- wherever and whenever the Holy Spirit suggests it.

It is advisable that for every Children’s Prayer Nest there should be an adult to help the children, to speak to them about the events of Fatima and to lead them little by little towards Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist. In the absence of an adult, an older child can take on this responsibility.

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“My good Father,
I offer myself to Thee”

Prayer to God the Father

Father, the earth needs You;
Man too, we all need You;
The heavily polluted air needs You.
We beg You, dear Father, Come back to walk The streets of the world;
Come back to live among your people;
Come back to guide the nations;
Come back to bring peace And with it, Justice;
Come back to bring the fire of Your love, so that, redeemed by sorrow.
We may become new creatures in You. Amen
THE HOLY ROSARY

How to pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is a prayer which you say with your heart, a heart full of Love and open to Love. It’s not your lips that repeat the words, but your heart, which at every “Hail Mary” offers a rose to Mary for the salvation of a sinner.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. O God come to my aid; O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit....

At the beginning of each decade, announce the “mystery” to be contemplated, for example, the first joyful mystery is “The Annunciation”. After a short pause for reflection, recite the “Our Father”, ten “Hail Marys” and the “Glory be to the Father”.

At the end of the Rosary, the Loreto Litany or some other Marian prayer is recited.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

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2) The Visitation
3) The Birth of Our Lord
4) The Presentation in the Temple
5) The finding of Jesus in the temple

MYSTERIES OF LIGHT (Thursday)
1) The Baptism in the Jordan
2) The wedding feast of Cana
3) The proclamations of the kingdom of God
4) The Transfiguration
5) The institution of the Eucharist

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (Tuesday and Friday)
1) The agony in the Garden
2) The scourging at the pillar
3) The crowning with thorns
4) The carrying of the cross
5) the crucifixion

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Wednesday and Sunday)
1) The Resurrection
2) The Ascension
3) The descent of the Holy Spirit
4) The Assumption
5) The crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven

O MY JESUS, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls into Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

HAIL, MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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O God come to my aid;
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, one God.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.
Mother of divine grace, pray for us.
Mother most pure, pray for us.
Mother most chaste, pray for us.
Mother inviolate, pray for us.
Mother undefiled, pray for us.
Mother most faithful, pray for us.
Mother admirable, pray for us.
Mother of good counsel, pray for us.
Mother of our Creator, pray for us.
Mother of our Saviour, pray for us.
Mother of mercy, pray for us.
Virgin most prudent, pray for us.
Virgin most valiant, pray for us.
Virgin most courageous, pray for us.
Virgin most powerful, pray for us.
Virgin most vigilant, pray for us.
Virgin most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of justice, pray for us.
Seat of wisdom, pray for us.
Cause of our joy, pray for us.
Spiritual vessel, pray for us.

Children will save the world” (Father Pio)

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