



## ***Our Lady of the Rosary Joined by the Angels and Saints***

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October, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> month, was the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year in the Roman calendar--“Octo” meaning 8. The same applies for November, our 11<sup>th</sup> month, which was the 9<sup>th</sup> month in the Roman calendar--“Novo”. Just why the names were not changed after the calendar reverted to the Gregorian system is a good question. I do know the Romans loved their “vino.” Anyway, we ask the Lord God to bless October with colorful leaves and hopeful attitudes.

Saint-wise it's a super month! Starting out on the first with St. Therese of Lisieux, the little Flower, a very powerful intercessor, by the way. She promised a shower of roses for answered prayers. It also happens to be my grandson Tyler's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday! “Happy Birthday “Ty.” Next, we have the feast of our Guardian Angels. Jesus refers to them in Matthew 18 when he tells the crowd that the little children's angels in heaven continually behold the face of God. Daily, we should greet our angel and remember that he is with us each minute of the day. Looking back over my life, I realize mine must have saved me from many disasters. When I meet him in heaven, I hope we'll have a good laugh: “remember that time....”

October is the month of the Holy rosary and we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary on the 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrate St. Theresa of Avila, a very powerful saint. She was a reformer, author and theologian. I love her prayer, “Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away. God never changes, patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.”

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate St. John Paul II. This beautiful saint labored in a quarry during the Nazi occupation of Poland. He later served as a priest, then as bishop under the succeeding Soviet regime. He became Pope in 1978. One of his famous quotes is: “Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

Along with the many other saints we celebrate this month we have St's. Simon and St. Jude, both apostles. After Pentecost, Simon preached the gospel in Edessa, Greece and Jude in Egypt. They met later in Persia where they suffered martyrdom. St. Simon and St. Jude, please pray for us.

My dear sisters let us remember all CWOZ's prayer petitions. We lift up the sick who are suffering and those who have died. We pray for all suffering loneliness and depression and all of the effects of Covid 19. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for a vaccine. We pray for a new Pentecost for our church. We pray for an end to violence and division in our country. We pray God's will be done in the coming elections. We pray for our Families, who are suffering Mind, Body and Spirit. May Jesus give us the strength to greet each new day with hope, and here is a prayer that I leave you from St. Catherine of Siena as she prayed to the Lord God: "You have loved me even before I existed, and knowing this, I place all my trust in Your love and set aside every fear." Amen. God bless you. Love Marge!



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