

ROSARY CHAIN PRAYER

Visakhapuri Mary Matha Shrine, which is a Shrine of Our Lady of Immaculate Heart situated at Ross Hill in Visakhapatnam on the coast of the Bay of Bengal, has been a spiritual hub over a century. Ross Hill Prayer Group at this Marian Shrine, inspired by the Holy Spirit, began the Prayer Campaign named *Rosary Chain Prayer* 25 years ago in 1995. In this **Year of Silver Jubilee of Rosary Chain Prayer** we are ever grateful to God for the steady spiritual progress seen in this Prayer Campaign. The holy precincts of Our Lady have always provided spiritual atmosphere to the devotees to contemplate on the Mysteries of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and help them to have celestial experience. We are deeply indebted to Most Rev. Dr. K. Mariadas, MSFS, the then Archbishop of Visakhapatnam and His Grace Most. Rev. Dr. M. Prakash, the present Archbishop for their continual encouragement and blessings bestowed upon this prayer campaign. We gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the selfless and strenuous efforts of pioneering members who spearheaded this prayer campaign. Innumerable are the priests, religious and the laity who have been actively involved in it and encouraged it in its spread. We are grateful to them.

Why we must pray the Holy Rosary?

We live in a world characterized by materialism, consumerism, disunity, deadly diseases, mental insanity, insecurity, terrorism, environmental imbalances, broken families, careless children, irresponsible citizens and lack of human, moral, religious and spiritual values. People run from pole to pole in search of peace in their hearts, families, communities and society. To sum up, the world stands in need of Divine Grace. Holy Rosary has answer to our grief-stricken world. Praying the Holy Rosary helps to draw souls close to God and keeps us away from sin. It ushers in the Kingdom of God amidst us. It will never allow us to go astray on our faith journey, but leads us on the path to heaven. Mary, Mother of God, always intercedes for her children who pray the Rosary in families, communities and pious groups. It is also a sure means to release souls in purgatory. Holy Rosary helps us through the Immaculate Heart of Mary to consecrate our world to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thus, we can say that devout recitation of the Holy Rosary is the need of the hour.

As we celebrate "Year of Silver Jubilee of Rosary Chain Prayer", let us recall the words of St. John Paul II, who said "Rosary is an effective spiritual weapon against evils of the society" and Pope Pius XII who insisted in his own time saying "if you pray the Rosary together you will experience peace in your family. You will get on together". Hence, let us spread this powerful spiritual movement with renewed enthusiasm to all we meet. Let us make known to

them the spiritual benefits of the Holy Rosary, i.e., Peace, Unity and Harmony in the family.

How to Recite the Rosary Chain Prayer?

Choose any suitable hour of the day or night to pray the Rosary at your place. Maintain this hour everyday during the month of October, which is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pray each decade of the Rosary for the given intention. Pray individually or as a family or as a group. **Inform us of your timing for this prayer by the end of September by post or email.** Thus we will team up in large numbers to pray day and night for the urgent needs of the Church and the world.

Feast of the Holy Rosary at Ross Hill

In October 1995 when we began the Rosary Chain Prayer we chose Queen of the Most Holy Rosary as our Patroness. Since then we have been celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Holy Rosary on 7th October at Ross Hill, Visakhapatnam with a full day Marian Convention. This year being "Year of Silver Jubilee of Rosary Chain Prayer", **We have arranged at Ross Hill three days of MARIAN CONVENTION on 5th, 6th, and 7th October.** We cordially welcome all to participate in this convention and receive God's Blessings through the intercession of Our Lady of Holy Rosary. The following are the details of Marian Convention:

5th October – Saturday

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Convention in Telugu

6th October – Sunday

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Convention in English

7th October – Monday

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Convention in Telugu

Theme : MARY AS MODEL OF MISSIONARIES

"Through every kind of prayer and supplication, pray at all times in spirit." - Eph. 6:18

"Concerning the rest, brothers, be strengthened in the Lord, by the power of his virtue. Be clothed in the armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the treachery of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the directors of this world of darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in high places. Because of this, take up the armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand the evil day and remain perfect in all things." - Eph. 10:13

"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly." - Luke 18:7-8

INTENTIONS 2019

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all who are dedicated to the Gospel ministry that they may imitate Mother Mary in her total surrender and commitment to the Lord.
2. We pray for people from all walks of life that they may have fraternal concern and charity towards others.
3. We pray for all believers that they may be witnesses of Jesus, the Word incarnate.
4. We pray for all parents that they may surrender their children to the life of Grace and bring them up as God's children.
5. We pray for Christian parents that they may inspire their children in word and deed to become active witnesses of the Kingdom of God.
6. We pray for the newly baptized, who are re-born through water and the Spirit, that they may live in love as true sons and daughters of God.
7. We pray for the youth that they may enter married life with genuine and holy love.
8. We pray that every baptized Christian may realize his duty to proclaim the word of God supported by the witness of life.
9. We pray for all Christians to recognize the face of Christ in migrants and refugees and to minister to their needs.
10. We pray for all who receive Holy Communion that they may approach the Sacrament with utmost reverence and faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

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ROSARY DEVOTIONS AT ROSS HILL

Every 1st Saturday :

*Fasting Prayer, Mass and Procession with
Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
(10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.)*

Every 2nd Saturday & Last Sunday

*Complete Rosary Mysteries with 1000 Hail Marys.
(10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.)*

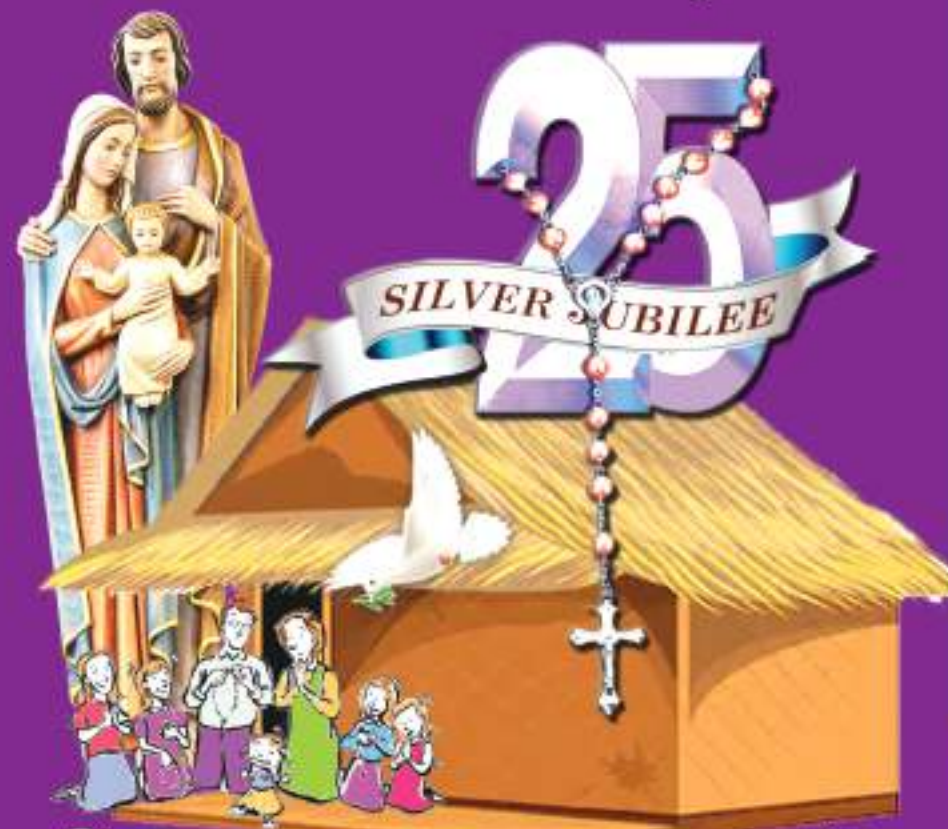
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The Family that Prays Together Stays Together

11. We pray for all who are beset with various problems and sufferings that they may look up to Jesus in His passion and find solace and strength.



12. We pray for the poor and the weak that they may be meted out with justice and social dignity in the court of law.



13. We pray for the youth who are under the influence of harmful habits and addictions that they may look up to Jesus, the Liberator to adapt new ways of life.



14. We pray for the jobless, homeless and those burdened by heavy debts, especially poor farmers, that the governments may bring them relief and rehabilitation.



15. We pray that those who are persecuted for their faith that they may look up to Jesus the crucified and experience Grace and Blessing.



16. We pray for the departed souls that they may receive Divine Mercy and fullness of redemption



17. We pray for those who are on death bed, that they may experience forgiveness for their sins and reach eternal home in peace.



18. We pray for all the seekers of Truth, that they may be granted the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.



19. We pray for all the stewards or administrators of temporal goods, that through the intercession of the Mother Mary, they may use and govern wisely the temporal goods entrusted to their care.



20. We pray for all those who participate in the Rosary Chain Prayer, that they may find meaning in life amidst the daily challenges and finally come to share in the glory of Mother Mary in heaven.

