



“Behold, here is your Mother.” The last gift Jesus gave us from the Cross was His Mother. He wanted her to say “yes” to God’s will, and if Jesus, who is God, needed Mary, how can we say we don’t? Rejecting her is rejecting the gift of Jesus Himself. As St. Maximilian Kolbe said, “Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Mother too much. You can never love her more than Jesus.”

In 1917, during her apparitions in Fatima, Mary revealed herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and asked that we pray it daily—for peace and for the conversion of sinners. Each Hail Mary is heard by her and delights Jesus, who rejoices in hearing His Mother praised. Tradition holds that with every Hail Mary, Mary receives a rose, and with a full Rosary, a crown of roses—hence the name “Rosary,” meaning “Crown of Roses.”

True devotion to Mary never threatens our relationship with Jesus; it deepens it. The Church sees Marian devotion as a path to Christ. As St. John Paul II said, the Rosary is “a journey with Mary to the heart of Jesus.” Within it lies the beautiful story of our salvation.

- Fr George