

Brief History of Rosa Mystica

In a series of apparitions between 1947 -1976 Our Blessed Mother appeared to a humble Italian woman, Pierina Gilli, under the title of "Rosa Mystica" (Mystical Rose) in Montichiari and Fontanelle, Italy. It is believed that the original purpose of these appearances of Our Blessed Mother was to reform the clergy and religious houses of the time. By appearing with the two children of Fatima, Francisco and Jacinta on December 7, 1947, (the sixth apparition) she showed that her appearance was a continuation of the message of Fatima -- urging us to pray the Rosary and do penance.

Pierina Gilli was born on August 3, 1911, at Montichiari and worked as a nurse in the hospital there. Our Lady first appeared in the spring of 1947 with three swords each piercing her heart. She said only the words: "Prayer, Penance, and Expiation," and was silent. The swords symbolized: lost vocation as a priest or religious, lost grace of religious who live in deadly sin, and lost faith of religious leaving vocations to return to the world.

In the second apparition (July 13, 1947) Our Lady appeared in a white dress adorned with three beautiful roses: white, red, and yellow which Pierina was allowed to see in place of the swords. The white rose represented a spirit of prayer, the red one represented a spirit of sacrifice, and the yellow rose a spirit of penitence and conversion. Our Lady said, smiling, "I am the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of all of you." Here she paused, then she went on, "Our Lord sends me to bring a new Marian devotion for all male and female institutes, religious orders, and secular priests. I promise those religious institutes, orders, and secular priests who venerate me in this special way my special protection, an increase of spiritual vocations, fewer betrayed vocations, and great sanctity among the servants of God..." She wished to have the 13th of each month dedicated to her, a "Day of Mary" and each July 13th celebrated in honor of the 'Rosa Mystica,' the Mystical Rose.

In still another apparition Mary asks for the veneration of her Immaculate Heart in religious congregations. For December 8 (every year) she decrees an Hour of Grace for the whole world, to be celebrated at noon. In Our Lady's words, "This Hour of Grace will produce great and numerous conversions. Hardened and cold hearts resembling this marble will be touched by divine Grace, and they will become faithful to Our Lord in loyal love. Many graces for soul and body will be received through this devotion." During the same apparition she asks for a statue modeled according to the characteristics of the Rosa Mystica.

The Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Laux, founder of the international Maria Rosa Mystica Society, had a private audience with the Holy Father in 1985. Pope John Paul II told Fr. Laux: "I am receiving many reports from Cardinals, Bishops and Missions...reports of Rosa Mystica statues shedding tears, reports of cures and conversions through the Rosa Mystica, reports that people return to prayer and penance through the Rosa Mystica statue of Montichiari." Although six local bishops have expressed their belief in the appearances, so far no official declaration has been made. It is important to note that in 1966, Pope Paul VI approved the new canon law (Canon 1186) which states, "It is permissible, even without the express permission of the Church, for the faithful to follow alleged apparitions, prophecies and miracles, as long as they contain nothing which contradicts the Church's teachings or doctrines on Faith and Morals." Because the apparitions in Montichiari and Fontanelle are a matter of private revelation, Catholics are left to decide themselves how much personal spiritual emphasis to place on apparitions and the messages they deliver.

Our Lady Rosa Mystica Hour of Grace



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The Hour of Grace of Our Lady Rosa Mystica

In a series of apparitions between 1947 -1976 Our Blessed Mother appeared to a humble Italian woman, Pierina Gilli, under the title of “Rosa Mystica” (Mystical Rose) in Montichiari and Fontanelle, Italy. It was in one of her apparitions to Pierina that she expressed her wish that *“the devotion of the Rosa Mystica together with the veneration of my Immaculate Heart to be increased in the religious institutes and the monastic communities, in order that these souls dedicated to God may receive more graces from my motherly heart.”*

Thousands of people were present with Pierina in the Basilica of Montichiari when, on December 8, 1947, Our Lady appeared to request that an Hour of Grace be observed every December 8 at noon throughout the world.

“This Hour of Grace — great and numerous conversions will occur! Souls totally hardened, cold as this marble, will be touched by divine grace, and they will become faithful and God loving again. Many graces for soul and body will be received through this devotion.”

Our Blessed Mother wishes to lead us to the Lord and above all to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. She seeks not her own honor but that of her Son. She wishes above all to help bring about the miracle of transformation which is the inner renewal of souls and of the Church in restless and difficult times.

In her Immaculate Heart, Mary picks up, as in a splendid chalice of crystal, the streams of light, grace and love from the Most Holy Trinity, and reflects them with immeasurable motherly love upon all her children. She acts as God’s treasurer and the Mediatrix of Grace. She, as the “Rosa Mystica,” wishes most especially to shower an abundance of grace upon those dedicated to God.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Closing Hymn

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee,
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign! (repeat)

Hark, the loud celestial hymn;
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphin,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord. (repeat)

TANTUM ERGO

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Priest: You have given us bread from heaven.

All: **Having within it all sweetness.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

*O salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur fer auxilium.*

*Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.*

The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. **And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. **Be it done unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us Pray:

Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us.

And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Psalm 51

Prayer of Repentance (repeat three times)

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your
goodness; in the greatness of your
compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.**

**For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
“Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.”
That you may be justified in your sentence,
vindicated when you condemn.
Indeed, in guilt was I born,
and in sin my mother conceived me;
Behold, you are pleased with sincerity of
heart, and in my inmost being you teach me wisdom.**

**Cleanse me of sin with hyssop,
that I may be purified; wash me,
and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;
the bones you have crushed shall rejoice.
Turn away your face from my sins,
and blot out all my guilt.**

**A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.**

**I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.
Free me from blood guilt, O God,
my saving God;
then my tongue shall revel in your
Justice.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your loneliness and desolation, which you bore in total obedience,..... **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your invincible power of intercession for us, **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your being the all powerful Mediatrix of all graces, **Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your sorrows and your tears of blood, **Save them.**

Let us pray:

O Almighty and merciful God, who for the triumph of Thy mercy and the salvation of souls hast granted to the Immaculate Virgin Mary unlimited recourse to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant, we beseech Thee that by Her prayers and intercession we may avoid the contagion of sin and serve Thee with a pure heart, and that we may live and die in Thy Holy Love.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Our Mediator with the Father, Who hast deigned to appoint the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mystical Rose, Thy Mother and the Mother of Thy Church, to be our Mother also and our Mediatrix with Thee, graciously grant that whosoever goes to Thee in quest of blessings may be gladdened by obtaining them all through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thou Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God forever and ever. Amen.

O Mother, you are leading the way for us in your love for your Son, Jesus Christ. Together with you, let us help the afflicted religious but especially our priests. They have the most sacred faculty to transform wine and bread into the Body of Your Son; they are the intermediaries between God and us; they bear the great responsibility for our souls. But we are also responsible for the Holy Church to produce holy priests. Help us through Your Immaculate Heart, O sorrowful Mother, who is burning with love for us. Amen.

Final Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent us Your Mother as a wonderful example of holiness and mysticism and especially as an ideal and patroness for the priests and religious. We ask You, grant us Your help to imitate Your Most Holy Mother more and more, to become souls of expiation and victim souls for those priests and religious, who fail You: You who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, Immaculate from Thy creation, pierced with pain, kindled with love, pray for our clergy and all the religious,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who are walking on the wrong path,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who do not show any more the necessary respect that is due to God,..**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who do not possess any more the courage to profess their faith,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who show no respect for the Most Holy Eucharist,.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who have succumbed to the allurements of a deceitful world, and do not seek God any more,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pierced with pain, kindled with love, pray for all those priests and religious who have given up the Holy Sacrament of Confession, and tolerate sinful deeds,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who have no more love for you and thus have become cold in heart so quickly,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who do not obey the Holy Father any longer,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who are walking on wrong paths and corrupt the mind of the people,..**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious who have left the Church,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your Immaculate Heart,.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your tears,.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your Son who, on the Cross, gave you His priests as your sons,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your motherhood, which embraces all the people on earth,**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of your humility as a handmaid of God by which you shine as an example to all the servants of Jesus Christ,.....**Save them.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosa Mystica, pray for all those priests and religious for the sake of the swords in your heart, which is also pierced by the sword of sorrow which you are suffering for priests and religious,**Save them.**

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;
should I offer a holocaust, you would not accept it.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God,
you will not spurn.
Be bountiful, O Lord, to Zion in your
kindness by rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem;
Then shall you be pleased with due sacrifices,
burnt offerings and holocausts;
then shall they offer up bullocks on your altar.**

The Holy Rosary

Sorrowful Mysteries

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

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

**V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**V. Let us pray.
R. O God whose only begotten Son by His life, death, and Resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Mary, conceived without original sin, refuge of Priests and Religious, pray to Jesus for them! (Repeat 3 times)

Litany of Our Lady Rosa Mystica

Consecration

O MARY, IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL THE HEAVENLY COURT
I CHOOSE THEE THIS DAY FOR MY MOTHER AND MISTRESS.
I DELIVER AND CONSECRATE TO THEE, AS THY SLAVE, MY
BODY AND SOUL, MY GOODS, BOTH INTERIOR AND
EXTERIOR, AND EVEN THE VALUE OF ALL MY GOOD
ACTIONS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, LEAVING TO THEE
THE ENTIRE AND FULL RIGHT OF DISPOSING OF ME, AND
ALL THAT BELONGS TO ME, WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
ACCORDING TO THY GOOD PLEASURE, FOR THE GREATER
GLORY OF GOD IN TIME AND IN ETERNITY. AMEN.

AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

Chorus: Ave Maria,
Gratia Plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

Chorus

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.

Chorus (2 x)

Lord, have mercy on us,	Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us,	Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father in Heaven,	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,	Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	Pray for us.
Mystical Rose,	Pray for us.
Virgin Mother of Christ,	Pray for us.
Spouse of the Holy Spirit,	Pray for us.
Mother of Divine Grace,	Pray for us.
Mother of Precious Life,	Pray for us.
Mother of Lost Children,	Pray for us.
Mother of Exiles,	Pray for us.
Mother of Sweet Mercy,	Pray for us.
Mother of Sorrow,	Pray for us.
Mother of our Soul and Mind,	Pray for us.
Mother of the Aging,	Pray for us.
Mother of the Dying,	Pray for us.
Virgin most chaste,	Pray for us.
Virgin most humble,	Pray for us.
Virgin most persevering,	Pray for us.
Rose of the Heavenly Garden,	Pray for us.
Fragrance of the Morning Sun,	Pray for us.
Altar of Peace Offerings,	Pray for us.
Crystal of Light,	Pray for us.
Pearl of the Sea,	Pray for us.
Shield of Courage,	Pray for us.
Gate of the Enclosed Yard,	Pray for us.
Glass of Time,	Pray for us.
Flame of Clinging Love,	Pray for us.
Wind of Gentleness,	Pray for us.
Fountain of Divine Grace,	Pray for us.
Blessed Vessel of Love,	Pray for us.
Blessed Mother of Christ,	Pray for us.
Lake of Inner Joy,	Pray for us.
Mountain of Steadfastness,	Pray for us.
Thunder of Resolution,	Pray for us.
Depth of Commitment,	Pray for us.
Guidepost of Eternity,	Pray for us.
Queen of Angels,	Pray for us.
Queen of Flowers,	Pray for us.
Queen of Arts,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Holy Church,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Holy Eucharist,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Immaculate Heart,	Pray for us.
Queen of the Word,	Pray for us.