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“This Angelical Salutation is most pleasing to the ever blessed Virgin; for, whenever She hears it, it would seem as if the joy which She experienced when St. Gabriel announced to Her that She was the chosen Mother of God, was renewed in Her; and with this object in view, we should often salute Her with the ‘Hail Mary’”.
... St. Alphonsus de Liguori on the Hail Mary (*Glories of Mary*)

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Octave of Christmas

Dear Friend of Our Lady,

Enclosed with this letter are two leaflets which you have likely seen before: *Heaven Opened by the Practice of the Three Hail Marys* and *True Accounts About Special Graces and Favors Granted Through the Practice of the Three Hail Marys*.

Based on the writings of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, one of the great Doctors of the Church, and other saints as well, Father Gruner and Our Lady’s apostolate have promoted the practice of praying three Hail Marys every morning and evening in honor of Our Lady’s privileges granted Her by the Holy Trinity, especially Her purity.

Many of the great saints have said that one of the greatest means of salvation and one of the surest signs of predestination is devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady of Fatima reinforced this teaching of the saints when She said “God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart ... Only I can help you.”

In these times of confusion, when our precious Catholic Faith is being attacked by enemies both outside and inside the Church, it is our children who may end up most affected.

It is their precious souls which must be protected. Though many Catholic parents try to do all they can to instruct their children and teach them right from wrong, our children have become targets of the enemies of Our Lord and Our Lady.

Now, more than ever, we must rely on supernatural means to protect them and Who better to call upon to protect the souls of our children, as well as our own souls, than the Most Blessed Virgin, for She is our Heavenly Mother given to us by Almighty God.

We have sent these leaflets to our volunteers in the past, promoting this devotion especially with children. Over the years we have heard some present-day miracles of conversion attributed to this practice. Three of these miracles are written about in the leaflet, *True Accounts About Special Graces ... Through the Practice of the Three Hail Marys*.

For children who we are trying to teach devotion to Our Lady, and for adults who we are trying to help convert or help return to the Catholic Faith, praying three Hail Marys every morning and evening - just six Hail Marys daily - is a simple way of encouraging these souls to pray.

If parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles can teach young ones this one simple practice, those children who adopt the practice and remain faithful to it will be Our Lady's for eternity. She will intercede on their behalf and make this so.

An example of this is the second story written in the *True Accounts About Special Graces and Favors Granted Through the Practice of the Three Hail Marys* leaflet, the story of the person who as an eight-year-old child was taught to pray Three Hail Marys for special favors.

For those of us who daily pray the holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we should also practice this devotion of the Three Hail Marys every morning and evening as well. Our Lady gives special graces for this practice, just as She gives special graces and promises for praying the Rosary.

And honoring Our Lady's virtue of purity, which encompasses honoring Her Immaculate Conception, is also a means of making reparation to Her for some of the blasphemies committed against Her Immaculate Heart, the blasphemies committed against Her Immaculate Conception and Her perpetual virginity.

These are two of the five blasphemies which we make reparation for by doing the Five First Saturday Communions of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart.

Over the years, having promoted the practice of the Three Hail Marys, our volunteers began asking for this leaflet in other

languages. We now have the leaflet, *Heaven Opened by the Practice of the Three Hail Marys* available in five languages: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Italian.

The leaflet, *True Accounts About Special Graces and Favors Granted Through the Practice of the Three Hail Marys*, is available in three languages: English, French and Italian.

You may have seen in Issue 88 of *The Fatima Crusader*, which was sent with our last volunteer letter, that there is a wonderful article: *Salvation and the Three Hail Marys*. If you have not read this article, I encourage you to do so.

If you would like to read this article but don't have a copy of Issue 88 of *The Fatima Crusader*, or for more copies of the enclosed two leaflets about the practice of the Three Hail Marys, call us at 1-800-845-3047 or return the enclosed reply form.

Saint Alphonsus also recommends that after praying the three Hail Marys, we add the following short prayer: "O Mary, by Thy pure and Immaculate Conception, make my body pure and my soul holy".

To help increase your enthusiasm for practicing and promoting this devotion here are some other passages written by Saint Alphonsus in the book, *The Glories of Mary*:

Saint Alphonsus wrote that it is "morally impossible for a client of Mary to be lost; but this must be understood on condition that he lives either without sin, or, at least, with the desire to abandon it; for then the Blessed Virgin will help him".

"The second condition is perseverance in devotion to Mary: 'Perseverance alone', says St. Bernard, 'will merit a crown'".

"The divine Mother Herself told St. Matilda that no one could salute Her in a manner more agreeable to Herself than with the 'Hail Mary'".

St. Bonaventure said of Our Lady, "She willingly salutes us with grace, if we willingly salute Her with a Hail Mary".

"Mary Herself promised St. Gertrude as many graces at death as she would have said "Hail Marys".

"Blessed Alan asserts, 'that as all Heaven rejoices when the

'Hail Mary' is said, so also do the devils tremble and take flight'".

If you do not already practice this devotion of praying three Hail Marys every morning and evening in honor of Our Lady's purity and Her other privileges, please begin doing so now. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

And if you are already practicing this devotion, renew your resolve to continue to do so, asking Our Lady for the grace to persevere in this devotion till death.

Please spread to others this gift which you have received from Heaven.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,


Joanna Swords

P.S. Please reach out to young children and teach them about our Heavenly Mother and the practice of the Three Hail Marys. Their precious hearts are very receptive to things of Heaven.