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The Mysteries of the Rosary

What I wanted to confide to you today is how I say the rosary.

The rosary is interposed by so-called mysteries, which are biblical events, generally proposed to us for meditation and for this reason, I think, that also our non-Catholic brothers and sisters will love the rosary, if they do not already love it. Spiritual teachers say that you can say the Hail Mary almost mechanically, and in the meantime think of that mystery mentioned at the beginning of the decade.

I have tried to do this and I've seen that in thinking of these mysteries, I revise the whole Ideal. So I thought: «This is what is needed, that every morning I know all my duties.»

Let's begin with the joyful mysteries, those that bring joy.

What do we meditate in the first mystery? *The angel goes to Mary*, so we meditate the Incarnation. What do I think of? I immediately think of the Incarnation, the Word of God made flesh in the womb of Mary. Then I remember that a word was also said to me one day – when I met the Ideal, and that that word must become flesh in me every day. ... So when I say the first joyful mystery I think of the Word of Life and that that Word must become incarnate in me.

Then the second arrives: *Mary's visit to Saint Elizabeth*. Here love is highlighted and the importance of it. We have discovered that in loving there is everything! So the soul immediately adheres and says: «I will love all the neighbours I meet; we will try to love one another, we will try to be perfect in love.»

Then the third mystery: *the birth of Baby Jesus*.

Oh yes, ... I must keep Jesus in the midst. I must bring Jesus in the midst everywhere. This is Christianity lived out. Christ is in our midst - glorious and risen - we must give life to Him and generate Him in our midst.

Then the fourth mystery: *Jesus is brought to the Temple* and it is said that Jesus is a sign of contradiction. This is «going against the current»; we must go against the current. ... Then, this is what I do: since I have the impression that during my life I have not loved my guardian angel enough, I give all my going against the current, all of the mortifications of my ego to my guardian angel to make him happy, so that he can bring them to Jesus, and I have the impression that I am paying a debt.

Then the fifth mystery, *Mary loses the Child Jesus*. So, «to know how to let go», to let go of everything; to lose all that is not God, that is not God's will. The great wisdom of letting go.

Then the first sorrowful mystery. *Jesus in the Garden of Olives*, exactly when He said, "Not my will but your will be done" (cf. *Mt 26:39*). Oh, the will of God! Then I remember all the beautiful things about God's will Mary Magdalene of Pazzi used to go into ecstasy when she heard the words: the will of God. Thus «I will do God's will.» I will «immerse» myself in God's will; I will «surrender» to God's will.

Then: *the scourging of Jesus*. Yes, physical sufferings will arrive, even being tired now and so I immediately offer them, united to the passion of Jesus - in this way they have great value.

Then there is the third: *the crowning of thorns*. And here I thought: since there are also spiritual sufferings, I offer them all in this mystery.

Then comes the fourth. In the fourth *Jesus is condemned to death*. Here I always pause for a moment of meditation. The day will come when I will be condemned to death, a day that there will be no sunset on this earth. What must I do? Accept it at once, immediately. And so I say to Jesus: «When I will be condemned to death, like you, I want to accept death. And how do I accept it? When you want, where you want, how you want: even beneath a car, with an illness, even with leprosy, even right away or in ten years time. I accept it, I want it.»

Then comes the fifth: *The death of Jesus Forsaken*. Here I find myself before my Spouse and so I say to Him: «I choose you once again, I consecrate myself to you. I want to love you always, at once and with joy.»

Then there are the glorious mysteries and there is *the resurrection*. The resurrection is wonderful! I will confide something to you: just recently I said: «How beautiful life is, doing God's will, it's too beautiful, Jesus. In these days I don't have anything to offer you except holocausts of joy instead of suffering. How stupendous life is, how beautiful! It's beautiful because I love you, but – I added – one day will end.»

Then one day while saying the rosary, meditating on the resurrection, it seemed that Jesus said to me, "But no, Chiara, you're wrong, it won't end. The life you love is the supernatural life, it's the life of love for God, the life of doing God's will. But in Heaven everyone does God's will. Why are you complaining that it will end, no, life changes, it doesn't end."

«Oh - I answered - it's true! The life I love will continue, it will never end!»

Do you understand, Gen? How wonderful!

And then there is *the Ascension* and in this mystery I say: «Today better than yesterday, tomorrow even better than today.» Because we must ascend, like Jesus.

Then there is *the descent of the Holy Spirit*. I turn to the Holy Spirit with whom I am a little in debt, because I have loved Jesus very much, I have also loved the Father very much, but the Holy Spirit not as much as I would like. So I tell Him that I would like to remediate and that I really want to love Him; I know that He is the protector of our Movement, and so I offer Him something of my day: my prayers and meditation, «going in depth», the Holy Mass and so on, in other words, all that is the soul of the Movement.

Then there is the fourth mystery: *Mary is assumed into heaven*. Here I find myself before Mary, another mystery of our life. I tell her: «I am all yours, if I become a saint, it will be a small gift that I give to you. Give me a hand, I have a mother - it is you.»

Then there is the last glorious mystery where we contemplate *Mary, Queen of heaven and earth and all the saints*. Here I begin to speak with Mary, with the saints that have arrived. I ask them to help me, to help all the Gen, to help the entire Movement, to bring us forward, to bring about many, many saints among us and so my rosary ends. Don't you think it is beautiful, Gen?

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