



## Crown Chaplet of Our Lord – History & Indulgences

### History

This Chaplet, instituted by divine inspiration about the year 1516, by the blessed Michael of Florence, a Camaldolese monk, who used to say it every day until his death, Jan. 11, 1522, is called the Crown Chaplet of our Lord, because it is said in honour of Jesus Christ, and is composed of 33 Pater Nosters, in remembrance and veneration of the thirty-three years which He lived on the earth; to these are added five Ave Marias in honour of His five most holy wounds, three of which are said, one at a time, at the beginning of each of the three sets of ten Pater Nosters, and of the two remaining the first is said previous to saying the three concluding Pater Nosters, and the last after them. The Chaplet finishes with the Credo in honour of the holy Apostles who composed it, and which itself contains an epitome of the Birth, Life, Passion, and Death of our Divine Lord Jesus Christ. Pope Leo X, at the prayer of the above-named blessed Michael, granted by a Bull, dated Feb. 18, 1516, several Indulgences to any one who should keep about him the said Chaplet, or say it. Gregory XIII. did as much by means of a Brief, dated Feb. 3, 1589. These Indulgences were all confirmed anew by Clement X., in a special brief, *De salute Dominici gregis*, dated July 20, 1674, who also added several more Indulgences.

## Indulgences

i. INDULGENCE of 300 YEARS every time, to any one who shall say it, being penitent and having confessed, or who at least shall firmly resolve to confess.

ii. INDULGENCE of 150 YEARS to any one who, having Confessed and Communicated, shall carry about him one of these Chaplets, and say it every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and also on all festivals of obligation.

iii. PLENARY INDULGENCE once a year on any one day, to any one who, having Confessed and Communicated, shall have made a practice of saying it at least four times a week.

iv. PLENARY INDULGENCE once a month to any one who shall have said it every day for a month, and shall then, being penitent, having Confessed and Communicated, pray to God for the Holy Church, &c.

v. PLENARY INDULGENCE to any one who shall die in battle against the infidels, having been previously accustomed to say the said Chaplet three times a week, and having said it on the day of his death, and the day previous to it; provided he be penitent for his sins, and ask pardon of God for them.

vi. PLENARY INDULGENCE, and remission of all sins in the article of death, to any one who, being penitent and having confessed, shall then invoke, at least with his heart if he cannot do so with his lips, the most holy Name of Jesus; provided he has said the

above-named Chaplet once. during his illness with the intention of gaining this Indulgence; in the event of his recovery, he may gain the 200 YEARS' INDULGENCE.

vii. INDULGENCE OF TWENTY DAYS to any one who shall carry about him one of these Chaplets, and invoke the adorable Name of Jesus, after he has made an examination of conscience with contrition for his sins, and said three Pater Nosters and three Ave Marias for the good estate of the Church.

viii. THE INDULGENCE OF TWENTY YEARS to any one who, having examined his conscience and confessed, shall, after his confession, pray to God for the advancement of the Catholic Faith, the extirpation of heresy, and the exaltation of the Holy Church, &c.;

ix. THE INDULGENCE OF TEN YEARS to any one who, having about him the said Chaplet, shall say three Pater Nosters and three Ave Marias, as often as he does any spiritual or temporal good work in honour of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or some saint.

x. Any one who keeps one of the said Chaplets about him, if he be accustomed to do any good work which is done in any religious order, shall participate in all the good works which are done in the order; if he assist at holy Mass by saying five Pater Nosters and five Ave Marias, he shall supply for every defect and distraction which has happened to him through inadvertence in the course of the Mass; moreover, if on days of obligation he has been legitimately hindered from hearing Mass, he shall have the same merit as if he had assisted at it, provided he has said the five Pater Nosters and five Ave Marias, as above.

xi. Any one out of Rome keeping one of these Chaplets about him, shall, on the days of the Stations, gain the 200 YEARS' INDULGENCE on visiting any church he chooses; if hindered from doing so, he shall gain the same Indulgence by saying this Chaplet, the seven Penitential Psalms, with the Litanies and Prayers. The same Indulgence in Rome may be gained by any one who, being legitimately hindered from visiting the Church of the Station, shall say the Chaplet and Psalms as above. Pope Benedict XIII, afterwards, by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, dated April 6, 1727, confirmed all the above Indulgences, and added another—

xii. PLENARY INDULGENCE to any one who, after having Confessed and Communicated, should say this Chaplet on Friday. This Plenary Indulgence can only be gained on the Fridays in March, and that after the works enjoined above have been fulfilled; as was declared by Pope Leo XII., in a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, dated Aug. 11, 1824.

In order to gain the above-named Indulgences, it is necessary that—

1. The Chaplet be blessed by the Reverend Fathers of the Camaldolese order, either hermits or monks, or else by those who have apostolical authority to bless them; once blessed, they cannot be sold, or lent to others for the purpose of communicating to them the Indulgences; in which case they would afterwards be deprived of the Indulgences annexed to them according to the said brief of Pope Clement X.

2. Every one saying the Chaplet must, according to his capacity, meditate on the mysteries of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not, however, necessary either to read or recite the following short reflections, as they are only added for the greater devotion of any one who might wish to make use of them.

\*All information and text is sourced from the 1857 edition of "The Raccolta or Collection of Indulgenced Prayers".