



Ahead of the General Audience, Pope Leo greeted people gathered in the Paul VI Hall (@Vatican Media)

Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, and announces a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.

Catholics across the globe will unite to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands, especially during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV made the announcement at the Wednesday General Audience. He said the faithful in Rome will gather in St. Peter's Square on October, 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM. "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community," he said. The Pope also invited Vatican employees to pray the Rosary daily in St. Peter's Basilica at 7:00 PM throughout October. In his greetings to Portuguese pilgrims, Pope Leo lamented the "ruins wrought by murderous hatred." He invited Christians to share with others "the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts up humanity." The Rosary for Peace will be held during the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, which takes place on October 11-12. Our Lady of Fatima to travel to Rome for the Jubilee in October. That day also marks the 63rd anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which Pope St. John XXIII opened on October 11, 1962. The original image of Our Lady of Fatima will be in St. Peter's Square for the Rosary prayer and the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.