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*Then 'twas a 12 October, first arrived he on this earth,  
 Now 'twill be ninety-two years since that blessed birth.  
 Not in years alone has he been a great and oft repeater,  
 Even more in his love and jokes, this priest called Peter.*

*Happy 92nd Birthday, Father Peter M. Rookey*

Born: October 12, 1916  
 We send you our love and prayers!





## IN THE MAIL BOX

### *Successful Back Surgery*

Dear Father Rookey,,

I want to thank you for your prayers. I had back surgery from my neck down. The doctor put in two rods. It was a great success due to prayer. I do not have pain, which was intense before surgery. I am so grateful.

OREGON  
 January 2008

### *Suspicious Spots Benign*

Dear Father Rookey,

Thank you for your prayers and your advice. Last week I talked with you and asked you to pray for my daughter. The mammogram she had recently had showed several suspicious spots and she needed a biopsy.

You prayed for her, and told me to pray to Saint Anne and Saint Patrick for her. You also told me I would be writing you a letter letting you know she is fine. This is the letter. She received the biopsy results this morning and the spots are benign.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being available for prayers and advice.

NORTH CAROLINA  
 February 2008

### *Clean Bill of Health*

Dear Father Rookey,

Thank you for all your prayers for our daughter. She was given a clean bill of health early in December. The Dr. said that he was giving her a special Christmas gift. We are all so thankful.

Massachusetts  
 January 2008

### *Deliverance from Fears*

Dear Fr. Rookey,

This is the letter of thanksgiving that I had promised to write to the International Prayer Ministry about 3 or 4 years ago.

After Fr. Rookey prayed for me my head slowly stopped hurting and the irrational fearful thinking subsided also. Praise God and thanks to God and Fr. Rookey and staff for prayers. May God bless you.

TEXAS  
 January 2008

### *Awakened by Strong Scent of Roses*

Dear Father Rookey,

Father... told me to call you and request your healing prayers for my daughter who has been in pain since Jan. 25, 2006 when she slipped on black ice and broke her ankle. She had other complications which add to her suffering. She is struggling with Alcoholism, and Nicotine addictions. She has [persistent hunger pains] an hiatal hernia, and liver problems.

She was awakened at 2:AM by a strong scent of roses, which lasted for approximately two minutes. When she woke this morning, she found that her persistent hunger pain was not there.

Thanks again for your intercession to St. Therese on our behalf and we will be praying that our Blessed Lord will keep you in His Hands

ILLINOIS  
January 2008

### ***Hearing Came Back***

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Thank you so much for your prayers over the phone. My hearing is back and is much better. May God bless you.

MINNESOTA  
February 2008

### ***Returned to Wife***

Dear Father Rookey,

Thanks to you and your ministry and all your prayers, my son went back to his wife and son. This happened the same week I called for prayers. They are both seeing a counselor and things are looking good. Thank God, Blessed Mother, Holy Spirit and everyone who has been praying for them.

OHIO  
December 2007

### ***Recovered from Dreadful Infection***

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Thank you for praying for my daughter who went into the hospital for a routine gall stone operation and ended up with a dreadful infection and further complications. I phoned you Father and you prayed for her. She has fully recovered and I know that Jesus worked through you prayers, Father and healed her.

SCOTLAND  
January 2008

### ***Swallowing Improved Greatly***

Dear Father Rookey,

In December you prayed with my daughter on the phone because she was having a problem with her throat and swallowing some foods was difficult for her. She is 22 and has a form of Muscular

Dystrophy and uses a power wheelchair. You prayed to God and St. Blasé for her. I had to write to tell you that she has made a total recovery and on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being her normal swallow, she is a 9. Thank you Father Rookey for being there for us.

ILLINOIS  
February 2008

### ***Spots Disappear on Lung***

Dear Fr. Rookey,

I wanted to share the good news my sister shared with me today concerning the cancer spots on her lung. Some of the spots have disappeared and the larger one has shrunk down in size.

About two weeks ago you prayed with me over the phone for my sister. She was diagnosed with a tumor on her lung in January. She had her first chemo on Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th. After the second treatment and your prayers, she received this good news. Praise the Lord!!

KENTUCKY  
March 2008

### ***Baby in Full Health***

Father Rookey,

With grateful hearts we would like to thank you for all your prayers during and after . . . [our baby's] . . . surgery. He had surgery 4 weeks ago and had some complications . . . seizure, damaged vocal cords, and breathing. You prayed for him and asked that we report the good news. Baby . . . is in full health. He is eating now and has recovered his vocal cords.

ILLINOIS  
March 2008

### ***No Heart Damage after Blessing***

Dear Father Rookey,

On Oct 06, my mother was rushed to the hospital with chest pains. I called you from the hospital. You prayed for her and told me that Blessed Mother had her eyes on her. As I hung the phone my sisters and I smelled the scent of roses. It gave us joy and hope for her recovery and that she did. She was released from the hospital with no damage and blockage to her heart. Praise the Lord.

ILLINOIS  
April 2008

**AVE MARIA!**  
**September/October 2008**

*"Dear children! Also today I call you to personal conversion. You be those who will convert and, with your life, will witness, love, forgive and bring the joy of the Risen One into this world, where my son died and where people do not feel a need to seek Him and to discover Him in their lives. You adore Him, and may your hope be hope to those hearts who do not have Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call." . . . . Our Lady Queen of Peace, Medjugorje, August 25, 2008.*

You adore Him. }  
You hope in Him. } Thus bringing joy to the Risen One.

You convert. }  
You witness. } Thus inspiring hope in hearts that don't have Jesus.  
You forgive. }

Thank you dear Mother. Please inspire us to take time to adore Jesus in His real presence in the Eucharist.

Rome's Holy See has recently urged world Bishops to establish perpetual adoration in their parishes. Here in Chicago our Cardinal Francis George has made our dear friend Fr. David Simonetti, Director of this work.

Pope Benedict XVI's general prayer intention for September is: "That those who, because of wars or oppressive regimes, are forced to leave their homes and country may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights."

What Do You Think??? Scripture warns that for enemies of the cross, "their glory is in their shame." The recently scheduled New Orleans Gay Pride parade was foiled by a hurricane. Just Coincidence???

**Awakening...Guest Article by Bill Mea, volunteer**

On September 3rd of this year an elderly lady, very seriously ill with cancer throughout her body, came to us to receive God's blessing through Fr. Rookey. Her adult son came with her. After our praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the blessing they witnessed the miracle of the sun.

It was soon discovered that this lady was a cradle Catholic but had rarely attended Mass. So that there could be no misunderstanding we lovingly advised her that the way back to Jesus was to make a complete confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Penance. We spoke with this lady for some time reminding her of the graces that are available through our Sacraments. Because of her illness we also advised her to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This lady listened intently and promised that she would go to confession and receive the anointing from her parish priest. Her son, who was here with her, was wide eyed as he quietly listened and watched her transformation.

Even though she ignored God for all these many years, He did not ignore her. Miracles of the heart, spiritual healings, are the greatest of miracles. We pray that not one but two hearts, mother and son, were touched by God's merciful hand.

May we always remember that this life is a journey, a path leading us back home to Heaven. Lord grant us the grace to be open to the whisper of Heaven's guidance.

**For your information:**

Father Rookey is available to bless people Monday thru Friday. The best time to call is between the hours of 9:30am until 3:40 p.m, Central Time. If there is no answer we may be at Mass (12:30pm-1:30pm) or praying the Chaplet of Divine. (3:00pm) Although Father is not here on weekends he continues to keep us all in his prayers.

**The following is a list of holidays when our office is closed:** New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Day.

**SMILES**

† World War II hero General Bradley: "We have grasped the mystery of the atom, and rejected Jesus' Sermon on the Mount." (Mt.5)

† Kindness is difficult to give away . . . It keeps coming back.

† It's not our business to remember what God's love has chosen to forget.

We love you,

*Peter Mary Rookey O.S.M.*

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