

The Story of the Pearl Bracelets for Peace

It is with great delight that we share the story of these Prayer Fresh Water Pearl Bracelets for Peace with you.

A prayerful woman, our mother "Rosie", age 92, was praying for peace and asking God, what could she do. She was concerned about the condition of the world for her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and for all the children of the world. She felt the answer came to her when her caregiver

brought a whole bag of pearls and said to her "We could pray for peace while we make bracelets with these pearls." And so the Pearl Bracelets for Peace came to be.

Soon after, sisters, Lalei, Ginny, and Lavinia, each received a box of these beautifully handmade bracelets that our mother and her caregivers made, and each enclosed in small bags with prayers. In speaking with our mother shortly after, she stated: "Making these Prayer Bracelets for Peace give me a purpose. My caregivers and I enjoy making them. While making them we pray for peace. It is blessed and for everyone, because when you thumb these pearl beads,

especially when you are nervous or afraid, somehow, you begin to feel peace. All my life I have had a devotion to Mother Mary. And throughout the years I have seen and experienced so much in my life. I have even survived a war. Mother Mary has been making apparitions in many different places in the world, and Her request has always been to ask people to pray for



peace." She further explained "When I do that, no matter what is going on in the world, I feel peace in my heart. With these Bracelets for Peace, and for anyone who wears them, we will all be connected together in praying for peace as a whole human family. So together with my caregivers we make these Prayer Bracelets for Peace. And it is a great thing for me to do...even at my age. When we all together focus on Peace, there will be Peace in this world."

"So we make them...these bracelets, and what we get from them helps my small foundation, the JM Valero Foundation, which helps many of the poor get an education. We fund young seminarians getting their high school or college education. We support a community of families, no one is left alone. We also have an egg ministry, which provides cooked eggs, so the poor families have the much needed protein in their diets."

The Fresh Water pearls used in the Bracelets for Peace come from oysters <http://www.livescience.com/32289-how-do-oysters-make-pearls.html> -- Pearls provide a wonderful metaphor for how in life -- when we make pearls out of the irritations and challenges to our life and relationships -- eventually there comes this iridescent gem of Peace.



We hope you enjoy your Prayer Pearl Bracelet of Peace and that it continuously reminds you to pray and meditate on Peace in our world. Together we can collectively vibrate Peace.

In Peace,

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