

# SYNOPSIS



## Prayer on a Chain - The Rosary Makes a Comeback

### Gebet an der Kette - Der Rosenkranz kehrt zurück

Monotonous babble or a method of contemplation? Can one really have a spiritual experience by reciting this prayer to Mary? This documentary attempts to look into these and other questions, while also examining the history of the rosary and developments throughout the Middle Ages and early Modern period that led to its current form. In the beginning the rosary may simply have been an amulet or a piece of jewellery but it quickly developed into a status symbol and was even used as a weapon in the wars against the Turks. Reformers and church politicians even used its symbolism in later times to make spirituality comprehensible, just like prayer beads in other religions such as Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism.

**Year:** 2008

**Run-Time:** 1 x 44 min.

**Directed by** Katja Sindemann

**PS Film for ORF**

**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL)

**Format:** 16:9

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