

"Any time there is anything I'm not able to grasp or figure out or I get stressed about, I start praying the Rosary," Kathy explained. "The Rosary has always been my comfort, working through any challenge that came up."

Amazing Events Continue

Cal Fire (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) reported that more than 51,000 acres in the area burned, as scores of homes were destroyed.

Days later, when the Omlins returned home to assess the damage, they found their home virtually untouched. The in-law unit was untouched, too.

In one large area, the fire raced up to their wire deer fencing, and then, for no explicable

reason, the flames just stopped. Ninveh attributed the outcome to "Kenny's mom praying and my mom praying."

Kenny believes their house was saved by the Rosary, too.

Enter St. Joseph. Ninveh recalled that, before leaving the property, "I prayed to St. Joseph, imagining him stopping the fire and drawing a line in the sand that said: 'Do not cross.'"

"On one side of the fence, everything was black," Ninveh said with amazement. "And on the other side, nothing."

She recounted her family's devotion to St. Joseph as well as "always being close to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

The devotion had close connections to her own birth and those of her two siblings.

Her mother sought intensely the intercession of St. Joseph and Our Lady to be able to have children.

Ninveh recounted that in her mother's "dreams she saw the

Virgin Mary speaking to her but couldn't understand her. Shortly after that, she conceived me."

Ninveh and Kenny grew up in faith-filled homes and have made theirs faith-filled, too — the Omlins express their faith on their property by having a large statue of the Blessed Mother on the grounds near their house.

"The statue stands at the fire line," Kenny said.

"She is charred. All the structures are unscathed."

"Our Virgin Mary statue looked like the Black Madonna," Ninveh added. "In front of her, it's still green. There was a tree next to her that was on fire and fell on the roof of the in-law unit, but nothing burned. To see the statue of the Virgin Mary standing there with the ash on her like the Black Madonna gives me goosebumps. It's the power of prayer."

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