# FATIMA and the ROSARY



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A Brief History of The Wonders of Fatima, Portugal By Rev. Joseph Cacella

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA

UR APOSTOLATE: To Spread the Saving News of Fatima. The Message of Fatima: Penance, Daily Rosary, and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This brochure contains but a syncpsis and brief history of the wondrous events of Fatima -- the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children at Fatima, in 1917. It is a condensation of Father Cacella's original book, entitled Our Lady of Fatima, now enlarged, with up-to-date revelations of Fatima. The second edition of this book is now available from St. Anthony's Press; also the brochure.

Realizing the importance and the urgency of the widespread and rapid diffusion of the MESSAGE OF FATIMA, Father Cacella has made this brochure procurable in many languages, including English, Portuguese, Spanish, German, French, Italian and Polish. We ask your co-operation in making a more determined and viacrous effort to hasten the triumph of the Inmaculate Heart of Mary, bringing about the salvation of souls, the conversion of Russia and peace to this weary world.

#### FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

The devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is especially pleasing to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. So pleased is Our Lady of Fatima with this devotion that on December 10, 1925, she revealed to Sister Lucy the fact that she will help, at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who will practice the devotion of the FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS. This is known as the GREAT PROMISE.

Try to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary by practicing her specially selected devotion of the Five First Saturdays and gain the fruits of her GREAT PROMISE, the graces necessary for eternal salvation

## POPE PIUS XII IMPARTS HIS SPECIAL APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION TO PROMO-TERS OF THE CAUSE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Vatican City, May 30, 1947

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Dear Father Cacella;

It is my pleasing duty to acknowledge the receipt of the two copies of the book "Our Lady of

Fatima" and of the February number of "St. Anthony's Visitor" which you so kindly forwarded recently for the Holy Father's Acceptance.

His Holiness deeply appreciates the sentiments of loyal filial attachment to His August Person which prompted you to place these interesting volumes at His disposal, and He would have me assure you of His paternal gratitude for your thoughtful filial gesture.

Praying that Almighty God may continue to bless the zealous efforts you are making to spread devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, the Sovereign Pontiff lovingly imparts to you and to your collaborators at St. Anthony's Welfare Center His special Apostolic Benediction.

Gladly availing myself of this occasion to assure you of my high esteem and regard, l

remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ, J. B. MONTINI, Subst.

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## HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII SPEAKS ON FATIMA

#### IMPARTS APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION TO PROMOTERS

On reverse side you will read the letter from Christ's Vicar on earth. The Vicar of Christ speaks for Christ. Hence his words to us carry the message of Christ.

The message of the Sovereign Pontiff carries with it the divine approval of the work in which we are engaged. We know that we are doing

something holy and salutary.

"His Holiness imparts to all of you - priests. religious, and laity - his Special Apostolic Benediction, if you are engaged in the work of promoting the cause of Our Lady of Fatima."

Hence, all who are promoting the spread of the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, through their association with Saint Anthony's Welfare Center, receive this "Special Apostolic Benediction" which is the seal of approval from the Holy See that our work is pleasing not only to Christ's Vicar but to Christ Himself.

In view of all this, won't you redouble your elforts as a Promoter for the cause of Christ's Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, who, we may rest assured, was the means of obtaining this unreserved assurance from her divine Son's Vicar that our work is most pleasing, not only to Christ's Vicar, but to Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

Promoters are needed urgently for the Sodality of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for Fatima Clubs, whose work has been endorsed by Our Holy Father.

Do not hesitate to write for literature on Our Lady of Fatima. The enemies of Christ waste not a second. Become a Promoter today!



Sister MARY LUCY OF THE DOLORS

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# Falima and the Rosary

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WONDERS OF FATIMA, PORTUGAL

### By Reverend JOSEPH CACELLA

N THE third year of the War of 1914-1918, Pope Benedict XV issued an earnest appeal, on the fifth of May, for a world crusade of prayer to Our Lady Mediatrix of Graces for the purpose of ending the havor which threatened to destroy modern civilization. Heaven heard and answered these prayers in a truly wonderful way. Eight days later, on the thirteenth of May, the Blessed Virgin appeared to three little shepherds at Fátima, a Portuguese village sixty miles north of Lisbon.

Jacinta, aged 7, Francisco, aged 9, and Lucia, aged 10, were peacefully pasturing their sheep on a plateau outside the village at Cova da Iria when suddenly in the wake of a flash of light they beheld a Lady of incomparable beauty and freshness standing on a bright cloud over a small oak tree. Her vesture was pure white, and a mantle edged with gold covered her head and flowed round her body. A golden cord ending in a tassel hung around her neck. Her hands were piously joined before her breast, and from her right hand hung a white Rosary of pearly beads.

With a smile of maternal tenderness, but somewhat sad, she gently beckoned the children to approach, saying: "Have no fear. I will do you no harm. I come from heaven. I want you children to come here on the thirteenth of each month. until October. Then I will tell you who I am."

"You come from heaven! Shall I go there" asked ducy.

"Yes," replied the Lady, "but you must say the

Rosary, and say it properly.

The news spread about Fátima, but the children were not believed by the villagers; in fact, they were severely reprimanded. Nevertheless some 60 or 70 people accompanied the little shepherds to the plateau on the thirteenth of June. Again the beautiful Lady from heaven appeared and recommended the frequent recitation of the Rosary to the children, teaching them an ejaculation to be said after the Gloria of each decade:

O my Jesus, forgive us our trespusses, preserve us from the fire of Hell, and bring all souls to Heaven, especially those which most need your help.

100 Days Indulgence each time. - Bishop of Leiria.

The Lady also urged upon the children the practice of mortification, saying:

O MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, SAVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL, AND BRING ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH MOST NEED NEED YOUR HELP.

When the Lady came again on the thirteenth of July, she urged the recitation of the Rosary for the ending of the war, since SHE ALONE COULD BRING IT ABOUT. Some 5,000 people were present on this occasion, and they were informed by the children of a great miracle to be worked at the site of the apparitions in October, the month of the Rosary. During this apparition, Our Lady showed to the children the fires of hell, and then spoke these prophetic words:

"You have seen the inferno where the souls of sinners end. To save souls, the Lord desires that devotion to my Immaculate Heart be established in the world. If what I tell you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war will end: but if inen do not cease to offend the Lord, not much time will elapse before another and more terrible one will commence, it will occur precisely during the next Pontificate. When a night illuminated by an unknown light is seen, know that it is the signal which God gives you that the castigation of the world for its many trangressions is at hand, through war, famine and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this I ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and Communion in Reparation on the first Saturday of each month.

If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. Otherwise, great errors will be spread throughout the world, giving rise to wars and persecutions of the Church; the good will suffer martyrdom, and the Holy Father will have to suffer much; different nations will be destroyed, but, in the end, my Immacuate Heart will triumph.

"The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me It will be converted, and an era of peace will be conceded to humanity."

The Bishop of Leiria, in his Pastoral Letter on the apparitions, states that thousands of people whose truthfulness he could not doubt saw a light cloud filling the air as it were with an iridescent dust which sorrounded the tree and the children at the time of this prophecy.

The Portuguese press, dominated by a revolutionary government which had dethroned the King in 1910 and was seeking to dethrone God from the hearts of the people, caused a violent persecution of the children and a campaign of slander and

contempt against the apparitions. The little shepherds were beginning their sorrowful journey to Calvary.

Devout Portuguese Catholics were not docile, however, to the lash of anti-clericalism. The thirteenth of August found more than 15,000 people at the Cova da Iria. What was their wrath and disappointment upon discovering that the saintly children had been kidnaped and imprisoned by the anti-clerical mayor of Vila Nova de Ourem, Fátima! Nevertheless, the beautiful Lady came to her three little champions a few days later, and manifested her desire for the erection of a new church in her honor.

More than 30,000 people gathered at the Cova da Iria on the 13th of September, partly, perhaps, as a protest against the unfairness and partisanship of the local government. Once more the Blessed Virgin came from heaven and bade the children say the Rosary for the ending of the war. A luminous globe coming from east to west in the clear sky was seen by many witnesses, and what appeared to be flakes of snow or rose petals fell in great quantity, disappearing before they touched the barren soil. This extraordinary phenomenon was actually photographed by a chance visitor to Fátima, Senhor Antonio Rebelo Martins, Vice-Consul to the United States.

On the thirteenth of October, despite incessant rain, an enormous crowd of more than 70,000 assembled from all corners of Portugal and even from distant countries of Europe. It was the great day appointed by the Queen of Heaven and fore-told by her youthful prophets. The beautiful Lady appeared to the children for the last time, more radiant than ever. "Her face was brighter than the sun," said Francisco who was dazzled but unable to withdraw his gaze.

Lucia asked the usual question at the suggestion of the authorities: "Who are you and what do you want?"

I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY, replied the heavenly visitor, AND I HAVE COME TO WARN THE FAITHFUL TO AMEND THEIR LIVES AND ASK PARDON FOR THEIR SINS. THEY MUST NOT CONTINUE TO OFFEND OUR LORD WHO HAS BEEN SO DEEPLY OFFENDED. THEY MUST SAY THE ROSARY.

She also declared that she wished a church to be built in the Cova da Iria in honor of the Lady of the Rosary, and that if people amended their lives the war would end soon.

The children were favored on this occasion with three remarkable visions: Our Lady and St. Joseph with the Infant Jesus in his arms; Our Lord, clothed in red, blessing the people, and Our Lady as the Mother of Sorrows; and finally Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Suddenly an extraordinary event took place. The heavy rain ceased and the sun, resembling an eclipse, emerged from the dark sky and revolved three times within ten minutes casting off great shafts of colored light which flashed and fell upon sky and earth.

In the formal Decree of 1930 drawn up by the Ecclesiastical Commission, the Bishop of Leiria wrote these words among others:

"This phenomenon, which was not registered in any astronomical observatory — a fact which shows that it was not natural — was seen by persons of every class and grade of society, by believers and sceptics, by journalists representing the principal Portuguese newspapers and even by persons miles away.

"This destroys any explanation based on collective illusion."

The communistic revolution which was launched in Russia in that same month, October of 1917, soon made its impact felt in far-away Portugal Furious opposition was demonstrated by the anti-God forces both publicly and in secret session against the apparitions at Fátima. They even placed five bombs in the modest chapel built on the site of the apparitions, destroying the last remnants of the little oak upon which Our Lady had stood. The dynamite outrage occurred on the sixth of

The dynamite outrage occurred on the sixth of March, 1922. Instead of doing real harm, it only served to popularize the cause. Religion thrives

on persecution.

Immense pilgrimages of protest and reparation began to find their way to Fátima, and today a basilica, containing fifteen Rosary chapels and surrounded by charitable institutions, marks the hallowed spot. It was not until October, 1930, however, that the apparitions were declared by ecclesiastical authority as worthy of belief, and devotion to Our Lady of Fátima was authorized. The full title is Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima. During the thirteen-year interval, millions of pilgrims had visited the site and in one five-year period 215 miraculous cures were claimed. Fátima is fast becoming a world center of Mary's wonders of mercy and intercession. The soul-stirring hymns of the hundreds of thousands of Fátima pilgrims, broadcast from Portugal on the thirteenth of October, inspire devout Catholics in all nations.

#### THE THREE LITTLE CHILDREN

When Lucia asked the beautiful Lady on the thirteenth of May, 1917, to be taken to heaven. Many replied: "I shall soon take Jacinta and Francisco, but you must remain here for some time.

Jesus wants you to be the means of making me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

True to her word, Our Lady soon came to take the two younger shepherds to their eternal reward. Francisco, who had been warned to say many Rosaries for a happy death, died holily on the fourth of April, 1919, after a short life of apostolic activity.

During the two years after the apparitions he had recited the Rosary several times daily with great confidence in Our Lady.

His sister, little Jacinta, received the news of his death bravely. Her courage had almost failed her for an instant when the anti-clericals threatened to torture her in the dungeon two years previously, yet she had stoutly refused to reveal to them the secrets entrusted to her by the beautiful Lady. Now she had attained a high degree of union with God. Suffering no longer frightened her; it only quenched her thirst for self-sacrifice and enkindled in her innocent heart the desire to save sinners.

Three years after the apparitions she was taken to the hospital where she underwent an operation and where Our Lady appeared several times to console her. One day upon seeing several visitors and nurses dressed in a fashion offensive to modesty, she uttered these remarkable words: "What is the good of it all? If people only knew what eternity means! The Blessed Virgin has said to me that sins of the flesh bring many souls to hell; that luxurious living must be avoided, and that people must do penance and repent of their sins." The Blessed Virgin may have manifested signs of grief when she spoke to her, for Jacinta added: "On! I am so sorry for Our Lady! I am so sorry."

Jacinta was not quite ten years of age when she died in the odor of sanctity on the twentieth of February, 1920, three years after the apparitions.

She was buried in the cemetery of Fátima beside her brother Francisco. Many conversions and graces have been obtained through the intercession of this little apostle of the Rosarv and the Immaculate Heart, and her cause for canonization is now under investigation.

## FATIMA AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

"Shall I remain here alone?" Lucia inquired sadly when the Blessed Virgin apprised her of

the early death of her two young cousins.
"No, my child," answered Mary, "I will never abandon you. MY IMMACULATE HEART shall be your refuge and the WAY THAT WILL LEAD YOU TO GOD."

Lucia entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Dorothy some years after the death of her childhood companions. She was received in their novitiate at Tuy, Spain, where she made her religious profession on the third of October, 1928. Those who see her affirm that she lives a retired and saintly life and that her eyes have a luminous and spiritual depth in them that is seldom seen in this world. She is now Sister Lucy of the Immaculate Heart, a member of the Carmelite Order, in Coimbra, Portugal.

The first phase of the life of Lucia resembles that of Bernadette of Lourdes, and is intimately connected with the apostolate of the Holy Rosary, while the second phase suggests a modern renewal of the role of St. Margaret Mary, apostle of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On one occasion, Lucia, now Sister Mary Lucy of the Dolors, beheld in vision Our Lady with a brilliant light shining from her Immaculate Heart, and the Infant Jesus upon a small white cloud. pointing to the thorn-pierced Heart of His Mother, and asking Lucia to offer consolation and reparation. The most important vision, however, seems to be that in which the Blessed Virgin assigned to her the great mission of inaugurating the devotion of the First Saturdays, making a promise that will undoubtedly elicit joy and devotion in the Catholic World.

# THE DEVOTION OF THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

The purpose of this devotion and the magnificent promise connected therewith were revealed by the Blessed Virgin on December 10, 1925, in these remarkable words recorded by Lucy:

MY CHILD, BEHOLD MY HEART SUR-ROUNDED WITH THE THORNS WHICH UNGRATEFUL MEN PLACE THEREIN AT EVERY MOMENT, BY THEIR BLASPHEMIES AND INGRATITUDE. YOU AT LEAST, TRY TO CONSOLE ME AND TELL THEM THAT I PROMISE TO HELP AT THE HOUR OF DEATH WITH THE GRACES NEEDED FOR SALVATION, WHOEVER, ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF 5. CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, SHALL CONFESS AND RECEIVE HOLY COM-MUNION, RECITE FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY AND KEEP ME COMPANY FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES WHILE MEDITATING ON THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY. WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING REP-ARATION TO ME.

The confession asked by Our Lady in the five Saturdays devotion may be made eight days PRECEDING or FOLLOWING the feast provided that Holy Communion is received in the state of grace. The First Friday confession, for example, or that of the preceding Sunday, would suffice. What the Blessed Virgin insisted on at Fátma was that people "change their lives."

The meditation and Rosary are SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS and need not be united. They may be offered to Mary at any convenient hour of the First Saturday. A sermon preached for the occasion will satisfy for the meditation and such is actually the practice in some churches. Some parishes in the United States simply repeat the First Friday evening devotions with changes appropriate to the First Saturday requirements.

Keeping Mary company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary may be accomplished in any convenient manner, such as pausing to reflect devoutly for about three minutes immediately before or after reciting a decade of the beads, or simply taking twice as long to recite the mysteries with leisurely and affectionate meditation.

All the exercises, however, should be performed with the INTENTION OF CONSOLING THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, grieved by the coldness and ingratitude of men, in a spirit of humility, atonement, and love. Our Lady revealed to Lucy that souls who practice this devotion would be dear to God and would resemble "flowers placed by me before the throne of God."

Not only First Saturdays, but all Saturdays of the year, have been dedicated to Mary by Catholic practice from time immemorial. Since Jesus and Mary were associated in the divine work of Redemption, it seems fitting that Friday, dedicated to the Passion of Our Saviour, should be followed by a day dedicated to the co-redemptress of mankind. Confession, Communion, devout recitation of the Rosary, fasting, and other pious practices have always characterized the spirituality of Mary's faithful imitators.

Our Lady requested of Lucy and the faithful not only Communions of reparation and Rosaries on the First Saturdays, but likewise the homage of a consecration to her Immaculate Heart. Monsignor Pacelli was consecrated a bishop as the Angelus was ringing at noon on the 13th of May, 1917, the very day and hour of Our Lady's first apparition at Fátima. It was the same bishop, now Pope Pius XII, who consecrated the world and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. The practice of consecration to the Immaculate Heart is rapidly spreading among Catholic individuals and nations, for it was associated by Mary herself with WORLD PEACE IN OUR DAY AND THE CONVERSION OF RUSSIA.

Our Lady has given to Sister Lucy a specific method for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. She desires that the Holy Father, together with all the Bishops of the world, shall consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart on a specific day.

Devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima has been indulgenced and approved by papal authority. The growth of the Rosary and Immaculate Heart Crusade, now sweeping the United States, will hasten the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart and sanctify our country.

# DAYS ON WHICH THE MYSTERIES ARE RECITED

Monday	The	Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday	The	Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday		
Thursday	The	Joyful Mysteries
Friday		
Saturday	The	Glorious Mysteries
Sunday		

(Sundays in Advent, the Joyful Mysteries; in Lent, the Sorrowful Mysteries)

Meditation on the Mysteries

Meditation on the mysteries is the most important part of the Rosary. Put yourself in the place of Jesus or Mary and live the mysteries with them.

# Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary

### THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The First Mystery - The Annunciation
THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted Our Blessed Lady with the title Full of Grace, and declared unto her the Incarnation of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Then say, Our Father, once, Hail Mary, ten times. Glory be to the Father, and ejaculation after each decade.

O MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, PRESERVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL. AND BRING ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH MOST NEED YOUR HELP.

# The Second Mystery - The Visitation THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

# The Third Mystery - The Nativity THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth Our Redeemer Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for Him in the inn at Bethlehem.

# The Fourth Mystery - The Presentation THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the most Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the Child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received Him into his arms.

# The Fifth Mystery - The Finding in the Temple THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, having lost her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought Him for the space of three days, and at length found Him the third day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being then but twelve years old.

#### THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The First Mystery - The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of Our Blessed Saviour in the Garden THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemani, that His body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Then say, Our Father, once, Hail Mary, ten times. Glory be to the Father, and ejaculation after each decade.

O MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, PRESERVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL, AND BRING ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH MOST NEED YOUR HELP.

The Second Mystery - The Scourging
of Jesus at the Pillar
THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave Him being above five thousand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget.

The Third Mystery - The Crowning of Jesus
with Thorns
THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery how those cruel ministers of Satan plaited a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the most sacred head of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Fourth Mystery - Jesus Carrying the Cross
THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ (being sentenced to death) bore

with great patience the Cross which was laid upon Him for His greater torment and ignominy.

# The Fifth Mystery - The Crucifixion THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery how Our Lord Jesus Christ having come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of His clothing, and His hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the Cross, in the presence of His most afflicted Mother.

### THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

# The First Mystery - The Resurrection THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery how Our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Then say, Our Father, once, Hail Mary, ten times. Glory be to the Father, and ejaculation after each decade.

O MY JESUS. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. PRESERVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL AND BRING ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN. ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH MOST NEED YOUR HELP.

# The Second Mystery - The Ascension THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after His resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in sight of His most Holy Mother and his Apostles and Disciples, to the great admiration of all.

# The Third Mystery - The Descent of the Holy Ghost

#### THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated at the right hand of God sent (as He had promised) the Holy Ghost upon His Apostles who, after He ascended, retuning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the Blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the fulfillment of His promise.

# The Fourth Mystery - The Assumption THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto Him, and was by Him assumed into heaven accompanied by the holy angels.

# The Fifth Mystery - The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin

#### THE MEDITATION

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary, was with great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of heaven, and the particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory — Queen of Heaven.

#### Salve Regina

Hail! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope; to thee do we say, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vailer

of tears; turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the pronu-

ises of Christ

## Rosary Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

The Promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan

- 1. To all those who shall recite my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces
- 2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some signal grace.
- 3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell: it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.
- 4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies, it will substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, and elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal good. Would that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
- 5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
- 6. Those who shall recite my Rosary piously considering its mysteries, will not be overwhelmed by misfortune, nor die a bad death. The sinner will be converted: the just will grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
- 7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary will not die without the consolation of the Church, or without grace.

8. Those who shall recite my Rosary will find during their life and at their death the light of God, the fulness of His grace, and will share in the merits of the blessed.

9. I will deliver very promptly from purgatory

the souls devoted to my Rosary.

10. The true children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.

11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you

shall obtain.

12. Those who propagate my Rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities.

through me aid in all their necessities.

13. I have obtained from my Son that all the confréres of the Rosary shall have for their brethren in life and death the saints of heaven.

14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters

of Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

From the writings of Blessed Alan de la Roche, O.P.

# Indulgenced Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial picty, a sweet refreshment, and encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the duty of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I ac-

quire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and supplication or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through St. Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

# Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima

Immaculate Virgin, who through the Holy Rosary destroyed the nefarious heresy of the Albigenses, liberated Christendom from the peril of the Mohammedan, and strengthened the piety of the faithful, deliver us from the evils which endanger our faith by inspiring us with greater devotion to thee and to the Holy Rosary. Preserve us from the spiritual and material dangers which threaten the purity of our lives. Increase in our hearts the spirit of piety so that we may be more truly Christian, more deeply religious, and ever devoted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Show unto us O loving Mother the same tender affection of which you gave such striking proof in your apparitions to the devoted people of Fátima. Look down with pity upon us your children that we may rejoice ever more in the strong protection of your loving and maternal Heart. Bless our country, Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, and convert the hearts of sinners by opening to them the riches of your love; reveal unto them the tender mysteries of your Immaculate Heart. Make of us the chosen instruments of your maternal love that we may praise you with filial affection in this life and share your glory forever in heaven. Amen.

# Immaculate Heart Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

How to Make the Five First Saturdays

#### MARY'S GREAT PROMISE AT FATIMA

B EHOLD my Heart surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least try to console me, and tell them that I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

- 1. Confess and receive Holy Communion,
- 2. Recite five decades of the Rosary,
- And keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary,
- 4. With the intention of making reparation to me.

NOTE: The confession may be made in the eight days before or after Communion. The Rosary may be recited at any convenient time of the day, and the fifteen-minute meditation may be made at any time of the day, either on all the mysteries as a whole or on one special mystery. The Rosary and meditation may be combined by thinking on each mystery a few minutes before or after reciting the decade. A sermon for the occasion may be substituted for the meditation.

## Act of Consecration

# Of the Human Race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### By Pope Pius XII

The Holy Father urges all Catholics to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to recite frequently this Act of Consecration, to which he has attached rich Indulgences.

UEEN of the Most Holy Rosary, Refuge of the human race, Victress in all God's battles, we humbly prostrate ourselves before thy throne, confident that we shall receive mercy, grace and bountiful assistance and protection in the present calamity, not through our own inadequate merits, but solely through the great goodness of thy Maternal Heart.

To thee, to thy Immaculate Heart, in this, humanity's tragic hour, we consign and consecrate ourselves, in union not only with the Mystical Body of thy Son, Holy Mother Church, now in such suffering and agony in so many places and sorely tried in so many ways but also with the entire world, torn by fierce strife, consumed in a fire of hate, victim of its own wickedness.

May the sight of the widespread material and moral destruction, of the sorrows and anguish of countless fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and innocent children, of the great number of lives cut off in the flower of youth, of the bodies mangled in horrible slaughter, and of the tortured and agonized souls in danger of being

lost esetrnally, move thee to compassion!

O Mother of Mercy, obtain peace for us from God, and above all procure for us those graces which prepare, establish and assure peace.

Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world now at war the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the warring nations and to the souls of men, that in the tranquility of order the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Extend thy protection to the infidels and to all those still in the shadow of death; give them peace and grant that on them, too, may shine the sun of truth, that they may unite with us proclaiming before the one and only Saviour of the world, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of good will."

Give peace to the peoples separated by error or by discord, and especially to those who profess such singular devotion to thee and in whose homes an honoured place was ever accorded thy venerated icon (today perhaps often kept hidden to await better days): bring them back to the one fold of Christ under the one true Shepherd.

Obtain peace and complete freedom for the Holy Church of God; stay the spreading flood of modern paganism; enkindle in the faithful the love of purity, the practice of Christian life and an apostolic zeal, so that the servants of God may increase in merit and in number.

Lastly, as the Church and the entire human race were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that in reposing all hope in Him He might become for them the sign and pledge of victory and salvation, so we in like manner consecrate ourselves forever also to thee and to thy Immaculate Heart, our Mother and Queen, that thy love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God and that all nations, at peace with one another and with God, may proclaim thee blessed and with thee may raise their voices to resound from

pole to pole in the chant of the everlasting Magnificat of glory, love and gratitude to the Heart of Jesus, where alone they can find truth and peace.

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## Novena of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

#### FIRST DAY

#### INTENTION

Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus, Our Lady of Fátima, inspire me to grieve sincerely for the sins that weigh heavily upon the souls of men. Sorrowfully I recall the bitter and harsh punishments heaped upon thy Divine Son, when He was cruelly scourged at the pillar, unmercifully crowned with thorns. I recall His sad journey to Calvary, His Crucifixion, and ignominious death on the cross. Yet, they were but the instruments of pain. It was my sins that really caused Ilis Precious Blood to be shed. His excessive love willed that He should suffer for my salvation. Thus, I will give my little love to make amends and atone for a thoughtless and unappreciative world.

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, you who suffered, and shared with Him each pain caused and inflicted by our sins, intercede for us that we may be privileged to unite our hearts with yours in an effort to make reparation for our sins, and the sins of ungrateful mankind. Amen.

Our Lady of Fátima, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

#### SECOND DAY

#### INTENTION

Greater love and appreciation for the Rosary

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary Queen of the most holy Rosary, teach us to love those little beads. In every trial, tribulation and sorrow they have been a source of comfort to all who trust in you. We are happy in the possession of our Rosaries. May your Rosary, O Immaculate Heart of Mary, ever strengthen us in all our weaknesses, be our peace in time of affliction, comfort in all matters of doubt, courage in time of temptation, and a source of consolation throughout all our days on this earth. May it be a strong influence on us in success or in failure. In all things, may we live in peaceful union with thee through the medium of thy Rosary. Amen.

Our Lady of Fátima, Queen of the Rosary, inflame our hearts with the love of reparation.

### THIRD DAY

#### INTENTION

### The True Peace of Christ

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, we pray that the hope and promise made by you at Fátima will soon be realized. Our kith and kin made the supreme sacrifice, and our loved ones languished in the horror and hardships that came upon a world at war. We know it is your ardent wish and desire that there be peace in the world, and it is only through Reparation to your Immaculate Heart that such can be accomplished. You have told us your wish in the

Message of Fátima: Reparation through the Rosary and the practice of the First Saturdays. We beg of you, Oh Mary Immaculate, that, through your pleadings, our prayers and example may show the world the road to the true peace which the world itself cannot give. Bless, we beseech thee, our country, and inspire us and our leaders to receive, understand, and promote that glorious Message delivered by you at Fátima.

Our Lady of Fátima, Queen of Peace, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

## FOURTH DAY

#### INTENTION

Relief for the Souls in Purgatory



Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother most merciful, to thee do we plead the cause of the poor suffering souls in purgatory, especially those most abandoned. In obedience to the request at Fá-

tima, we beg for their relief. Oh Mother most merciful, we ask thee to lessen their toll of expiation. Deign to accept our humble prayers and sacrifice in reparation and payment for the punishment that is due from them. We pray that through the treasures of your Divine Son, your own special merits, and those of the saints, that God may be mindful of our prayers on behalf of the suffering souls in Purgatory, and bring them into His Kingdom to love and serve Him forever. Amen.

Our Lady of Fátima, Mother most merciful, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

# FIFTH DAY INTENTION Salvation of Souls

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Virgin most powerful, we know that the vision of the terrible fires of hell which you showed to the three little shepherd children at Fátima, was really meant for us. We beseech thee, Oh Mother Mary, to spare us the fate of a judgment that ordains such a punishment. Grant unto us a faith so strong that we may ever realize that the evil of sin will be justly repaid with eternal punishment. I believe in the Infinite Justice of the one true God and the Infinite Love of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We pray and beseech thee that through your intercession we may be given the grace to live so worthy a life on earth, as to enjoy the reward of eternal happiness in the kingdom of thy Divine Son. Our Lord Iesus Christ. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Virgin most powerful, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

## SIXTH DAY INTENTION

Purity of Body and Soul

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Virgin most pure, have compassion on those who are prone to the allurements of impurity. Give us, we beseech thee, strength to overcome our weaknesses, and courage in the struggle against sin. We know it is your ardent wish that we renew our pledge of holy purity. Oh, Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consecrate to thee here and now, without reserve, our eyes, ears, tongues, hearts — our whole beings. We promise that, with thy help, we shall be steady

in our purpose to serve thee with undefiled chastity. Give us the courage to resist all temptations, and to avoid all things that may be the occasion of sin.

Our Lady of Fátima, Virgin most pure, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

# SEVENTH DAY

Forgiveness of Sin

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, to whom else will we turn in our sorrow for sin, if not to thee. From whom shall we find confort and consolation, in the shame of our sins, except from thee? Lead us back, dear Mother of Love, to the path of righteousness that leads to

the Sacred Heart of thy Divine Son.

We have sinned often, Oh dear Mother, and the remembrances of the errors of our ways trouble us. It shall be no more. We know that thy protecting care will find peace and hope for us, and the remission of our sins. We know too that as with Mary Magdalene of old, thy Son shall welcome us with a loving smile, because you have always pleaded for us. Amen.

Our Lady of Fátima, Refuge of sinners, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

### EIGHTH DAY INTENTION

Conversion of Russia

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of the human race, you have given unto us the means of destroying the menace of atheism and godless communism. Your Promise of conversion for those unfortunate victims of those false beliefs, has instilled joy and hope into the nations of the earth. We grieve for those war-torn, homeless and persecuted people who are victims of such mundane ideology. Grant, we beseech thee, Oh Mother, that peace may come to those separated from thy Son by error and discord. We fail, if we heed not thy Message of Fátima. We know thy wishes, and therefore we promise to make Reparation to thy Immaculate Heart through the Rosary and the Pive First Saturdays, that Russia again may hear the word of God, and keep it.

Our Lady of Fátima, Refuge of the human race, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

#### NINTH DAY

#### INTENTION

The Spiritual Welfare of our Children

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Infant Babe of Bethlehem, and Our Mother, enkindle in our hearts the spark of youthful innocence. We know of thy great love for little children. It was to innocent children that you deigned to appear, revealing the Message of Fátima, and charging them with its propagation. We know no better way to show our regard for them, dear Mother, than to offer our prayers for all children everywhere.

Therefore, O Mother dear, we ask thee to watch over all children in all parts of the world, to guard and protect their homes, to preserve the schools wherein they learn, and to keep them from being tainted with godless education. Direct them in their play and in all their works, that they may grow in age, wisdom, and the love of God. Grant too,

Blessed Mother, that the prayers of our children may hasten the end of all wars of carnage and devastation and grant unto this world an era of just and lasting peace. We pray that the world may return to Jesus, thy Son, through Reparation to thy Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady of Fairma, we beseech thee to inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

## Sweet Lady of Fatima



MOTHER Mary, Sweet Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Universe, in humble reverence and with contrite soul, I place my sinful life within thy keeping. I beg to rest my sinstained heart. May we all, through the precious graces pouring forth from thine own Immaculate Heart, have sense enough to know what Fatima means to us. Amen.

May the voice of Our Lady go forth into all lands. May her command, issued at Cova da Iria through the little shepherd children,

to renew devotion to Our Heavenly Mother's Rosary, ring out over all the earth. May it save a poor distracted world from the consequences of its own folly; and bring all hearts to the feet of Jesus, through love for Mary, His Immaculate Mother, the Queen and Mother of us all. Amen.

PLEASE REPORT all favors received through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

## Consoling Words

Spoken by Our Lady to the three children at Fatima, in 1917



I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives They must say the Rosary.

You must say the Rosary every day

and say it properly.

It is my Son's wish that the world be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart. He wishes the faithful to receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday, as on the First Friday, of each month, for the triumph of truth and the conversion of Russia.

When my Immaculate Heart triumphs, the world

will have peace.

To save souls, God desires that devotion to my Immaculate Heart be established in the world.

In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph and an era of peace will be conceded to humanity.

Pray, pray much, and make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell because there are none to make sacrifices and to pray for them.

O my Jesus, forgive us our trespasses, preserve us from the fire of Hell, and bring all souls to Heaven, especially those which most need your help.

(Version approved by Sister Lucy). 100 Days Indulgence each time. - Bishop of Leiric, 1 - 1 - 1945.

I promise to help at the hour of death with the graces needed for salvation, whoever, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confessand receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minute while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.

# Invocation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. I honor thee, O most amable Heart of Mary and I entreat thee, most loving Mother, to inflame my lukewarm heart with the fire of thine cwin burning

One Hail Mary. One Glorv be

2. I honor thee, O most pure Heart of Mary in which grows the beautiful lily of virginal purity and I entreat thee, my Immaculate Mother, to purify my heart, infusing into it thine own virtues of purity and chastity.

One Hail Mary. One Glory be

3. I honor thee, most afflicted Heart of Mary, pierced by the sword of sorrow by reason of the passion and death of thy beloved Son, Jesus, and the offenses committed against His Divine Majesty deign, my sorrowful, grief-stricken Mother, to soften and pierce my stony heart with a deepening sorrow for my sins and with the bitterest lamentations for the outrages and insults which the Heart of my adorable Redeemer receives from ungrateful sinners

One Hail Mary. One Glory be.

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## THE PRAYER OF THE ANGEL

(frequently said by the children of Fatima)

Y GOD I believe in Thee, I adore Thee, I hope in Thee, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, who do not adore, who have no hope, and who do not love Thee. \* (Three Times.)

Most holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I adore and offer to You the very precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Iesus Christ present in all the Tabernacles in the world - in reparation for the outrages by which He is Him-

self offended.

By the Infinite merits of His Sacred Heart and by the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. \*

100 Days Indulgence each time. - Bishop of Leiria, 1 - 1 - 1945.

N. B. - The children said this prayer kneeling with their heads bowed touching the ground. An Angel

taught them this prayer.

KINDLY NOTE: Please report all favors received through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima

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The sick and infirm outside the Medical Pavilion, awaiting examination prior to entering grounds of Fatima



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Holy Mass is celebrated in the open air at the entrance to the Basilica. It was impossible to accommodate such a gathering within

## JACINTA MARTO

Born
March
11. 1910
Visited
by Our
Lady
of Fatima
May to
October
1917



Died in
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on
February
20, 1926.
Pray for
her
beatification

# PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

#### To obtain the Beatification of Jacinta Marto

O Mary, who in thy maternal love hast chosen little Jacinta to be the confidante of thy Immaculate Heart so grieved by the sins of mankind, thou who didst inspire her with a great spirit of penance, an ardent zeal for the conversion of sinners, and an intense desire to atone for the blasphemies against thy immaculate Conception, vouschafe we humbly beseech thee, to obtain from the most merciful Heart of Jesus the grace of elevation to the honor of the Altar, of the saintly little girl, Jacinta, the object of thy predilection, whom thou hast given us as a model of apostolate and reparation. Amen.

# EXCERPTS FROM JACINTA THE FLOWER OF FATIMA

"She said: 'she was Our Lady of the Rosary; that we must repent of our sins, change our life, offend God no more, because He is offended too much; that we must say our Rosary."

Then she promised that if people would change their lives she would listen to their prayers and the war would end quickly.

The Lady told her that luxuries had to be put aside, and that people must not be obstinate in sin as they have been until now; that people must perform great penances.

In everything Jacinta did, she seemed to practice the presence of God to the degree of older persons far advanced in virtue.

"At times Jacinta would say. What a pityl If people stopped offending God, the war would not come and they would not go to hell."

Jacinta loved much; she was a model of atoning love. Sacrifice, persecutions, illness, death.

— everything was borne with love.

One day in August the Blessed Virgin again recommended the practice of mortification saying: "Pray, pray constantly and make sacrifices, for many souls go to hell because there are none to mortify themselves and to pray for them."

Jacinta voluntarily cut the ties of natural sympathy which bound her to creatures; she took the most difficult steps in the life of perfection, and securely made her way to the lofty heights of holiness.

## THE GOLDEN BOOK

WHAT IS THE GOLDEN BOOK?

OME years ago with ecclesiastical approval, a movement was inaugurated in Portugal whereby families were urged to recite the daily Rosary in common with other members of the family and send their names to be inscribed in the book kept at the main altar of Our Lady of Fátima -- better known as the Golden Book.

The Golden Book is kept at the original shrine in Fâtima, and the names of all those who pledge to recite the Rosary at home daily in company with the other members of their family will be inscribed therein.

other members of their family will be inscribed therein.

The head of the family signs the pledge giving the address and forwards it to Father Cacella who will cause it to be lorwarded to Our Lady's Shrine at

Fatima, Portugal.

Name...

This practice has the approval of His Eminence, Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon and all the Bishops of Portugal, France, Belgium and Spain, and is widely propagated in Brazil and all South America.

# FATIMA PROMISE The pledge should read similar to the following:

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## If Married, Check Here

I do solemnly promise to recite the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin as long as God gives me strength and life.

If Single, Check Here

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P. S. - This pledge does not bind under sin.

In her second apparition to the little shepherds at Fátima, June 13 1917, Our Lady repeated her recommendation that they recite the Rosary daily to bring the war to an end and taught them the following ejaculation to be said after each decade of the beads:

(This is the version approved by Sister Lucy)

O my Jesus, forgive us our trespasses, preserve us from the fire of hell, and bring all souls to heaven, especially those which most need your help.

Another version very popular:

My Jesus forgive our sins
Save us from the fire of hell!
Relieve the holy souls in purgatory,
Especially the most abandoned.

Each of these ejaculations is indulgenced 100 Days each time.

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