

MY VISIT

with
Jesus



O, Come Let Us Adore Him!

Plenary Indulgence—In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins, usually within 8 days before or after the holy hour;
- received the Holy Eucharist (*it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required*);
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.
(*If you are not able to fulfill one of the areas, you do still receive a partial indulgence.*)

Search: [The Gift of the Indulgence.](#)

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

All Sing:



**O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium,
Bella premut hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.**

**O saving Victim opening wide,
the gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.**

**Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.**

**To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead One in Three,
Oh, grant us endless length of days
in our true native land with Thee.**

Amen.

Amen.



Presider: Come Holy Spirit, Come by means of Thy powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thy well-beloved Spouse! Come Holy Spirit, descend upon all the Families of the World! Come Holy Spirit, descend upon all of the Children of the World!

Presider: Praised Be Jesus Christ.

All: Now and forever. Amen.



Presider: This Holy Hour is offered for:

- The intentions of our Holy Father
- N... , our Bishop
- Priests and Seminarians
- World Peace
- Our Armed Forces and those in harm's way
- Religious Freedom
- An end to Abortion
- Poor Souls in Purgatory
- All the Families of the World
- For our own personal intentions

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



START BY MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

All: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recite the Apostle's Creed:

Presider: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of The Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdome come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

All: Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Presider: For an increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity, (recite three Hail Mary's)

Presider: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Presider: Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

DECADE PRAYER

During the July 13, 1917 apparition, Our Lady asked the 3 shepherd children to say the Decade Prayer at the end of each decade of the Holy Rosary.

**All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell.
Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy!**

DECADE PETITION:

First Mystery: We pray for the families of the great continent of **Africa** and all the families of the world, that they may grow in the virtue of hope.

Second Mystery: We pray for the families of the **Americas** and all the families of the world, that they may grow in their love for God and for one another as a family.

Third Mystery: We pray for the families of **Europe** and all the families of the world, to grow in their love for God and the virtue of purity of mind, body and soul.

Fourth Mystery: We pray for the families of the continent of **Oceania** and all the families of the world, that they may grow in their love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fifth Mystery: We pray for the families of the continent of **Asia** and all the families of the world, that they may grow in Holiness in their own families.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. THE ANNUNCIATION ~ ***HUMILITY**
2. THE VISITATION ~ ***LOVE OF NEIGHBOR/CHARITY**
3. THE NATIVITY OF JESUS ~
***POVERTY OF SPIRIT/
DETACHMENT OF WORLDLY THINGS**
4. THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE ~
***OBEDIENCE**
5. THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE ~
***PIETY/ZEAL FOR GOD**

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST IN THE JORDAN ~
***Openness to the Holy Spirit**
2. THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA ~
***To Jesus through Mary/
Gratitude for the gift of Faith**
3. JESUS' PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD ~
***Repentance and Trust in God/Desire for Holiness**
4. THE TRANSFIGURATION ~ ***Spiritual Courage**
5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST ~
***Deepening a love for the Most Holy Eucharist
especially during Eucharistic Adoration/
Holy Mass**

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN ~
***Sorrow for Sin/Contrition/
Conformity to the Will of God**
2. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR ~
***Purity/Mortification**
3. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS ~
***MORAL COURAGE**
4. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS ~ ***PATIENCE**
5. THE CRUCIFIXION ~
***PERSEVERANCE/SELF-DENIAL/SALVATION**

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ~ ***Faith**
2. THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD ~
***Hope/Desire for Heaven**
3. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE
APOSTLES AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~
***Wisdom/Love of God**
4. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~
***Grace of a Holy Death/Devotion to Mary**
5. THE CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~
***Eternal Happiness/Trust in Mary's Intercession**

HAIL HOLY QUEEN



All: Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley 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.

Presider: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Presider:
Our Father.
Hail Mary.
Glory Be.



Prayer taught by the Angel of Peace to the three children during his first apparition in 1916. With the Blessed Sacrament suspended in the air, the Angel of Peace prostrated himself and recited the prayer during his third apparition to the children in 1916.

FATIMA PRAYERS

PARDON PRAYER & ANGEL'S PRAYER (*RECITED 3 TIMES TOGETHER)

PARDON PRAYER

All: *My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee.

ANGEL'S PRAYER

***O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.**



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All: O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, My God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917



SACRIFICE PRAYER

All: O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

MY ENTRUSTMENT TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



All: O Virgin Mary, My Mother, I give to thy Immaculate Heart, my body and my soul, my thoughts and my actions. I want to be just what thou wants me to be and do just what thou wants me to do. I am not afraid because thine is always with me. Help me to love thy Son Jesus, with all my heart and above all things. Take my hand into thine, so I can always be with thee. Amen.



VOCATION PRAYER

All: O Lord, help me know Thy will for me. Let Thy light shine in the depths of my heart that I may know what Thou wants me to do with my life. Help me believe that Thou has a special plan for me. Lord, I know I pass through this life only once; help me decide how Thou wants me to make a difference. Like our Blessed Virgin Mary, give me Thy wisdom to hear Thy voice and the courage to answer Thy call. Above all give me peace of mind and heart. I offer this prayer in Thy name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF ST. FRANCISCO AND ST. JACINTA MARTO



All: Our Lady of Fatima, thou chose Francisco and Jacinta, two poor simple Shepherd Children to announce to the world the desires of thy Immaculate Heart. Help us to welcome thy message of conversion; so that free from sin, we might live a new life. St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, ye who were capable of such an intense prayer, make the moments of our daily prayer become the heart of our day. Ye, even though only children, were able to offer big sacrifices as a gift to the Virgin Mary for the salvation of sinners, help us not to waste our small everyday crosses, but make them precious offerings that are pleasing to God for the salvation of the world. Our Lady of Fatima, for the intercession of the Shepherd Children Francisco and Jacinta, keep vigil over all the children of the world, especially those who are poorest and abandoned. Help them to find, in thy Immaculate and maternal Heart, refuge and protection. St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, Shepherd Children of Fatima, pray for us!

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SERVANT OF GOD, SISTER LUCIA

All: Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly and I thank Thee for the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, that revealed to the world the riches of her Immaculate Heart. By the infinite merits of Thy Sacred Heart of Jesus and through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I implore Thee, if it should be for Thy greater glory and the good of our souls, to glorify Sr. Lucia, one of the Shepherds of Fatima, by granting us the grace which we implore through her intercession. Amen.

All: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



(Optional: Priest offers words to the children.)

BENEDICTION AND SILENT ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



**ALL SING:
TANTUM ERGO**

	<p>1. Tan - tum er - go Sa - cra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur cé - nu - i: 2. Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que Laus et ju - bi - lá - ti - o,</p>
	<p>1. Down in A - do - ra - tion fall - ing, Lo! the Sa - cred Host we hail, 2. To the ev - ver - last - ing Fa - ther, And the Son Who reigns on high</p>
	<p>Et an - tí - quum do - cu - mén - tum No - vo cé - dat rí - tu - i: Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que Sit et be - ne - dí - cti - o:</p>
	<p>Lo! o'er an - cient forms de - part - ing, New - er rites of grace pre - vail; With the Ho - ly Spirit pro - ceed - ing Forth from each e - ter - na - ly,</p>
	<p>Prae - stet fi - des sup - ple - mén - tum Sén - su - um de - fé - ctu - i. Pro - ce - dén - ti ab u - tró - que Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o. Amen.</p>
	<p>Faith for all de - fects sup - ply - ing, Where the fee - ble sen - ses fail. Be sal - va - tion, hon - or, bless - ing, Might and end - less ma - jes - ty. Amen.</p>

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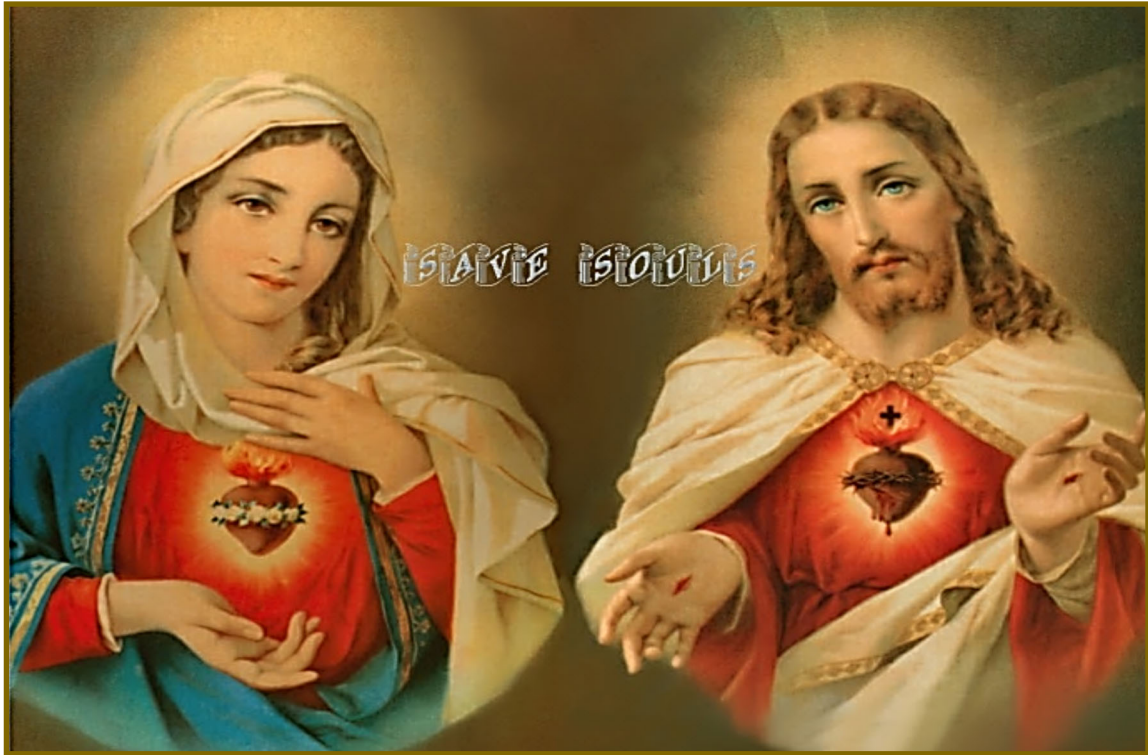
Presider: Thou has given them bread from Heaven.

All: Having all sweetness within it.

Presider: O God, who in this wonderful sacrament have left us a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Thy redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES



(Recited together)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

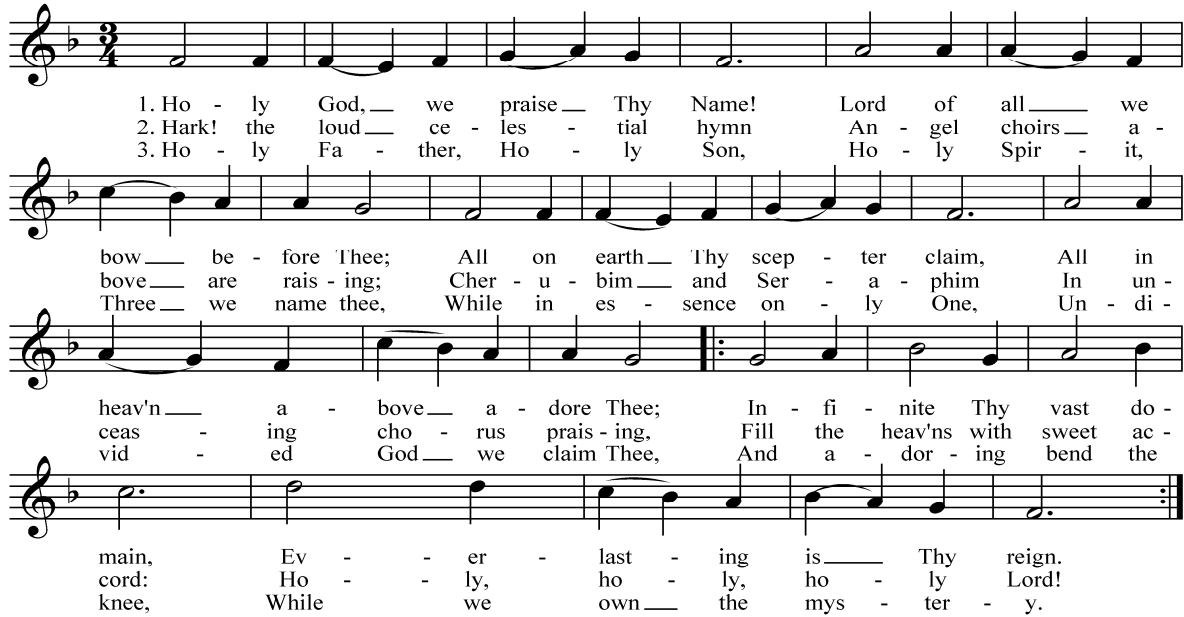
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin, and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME



1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy Name! Lord of all we
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore Thee; All on earth Thy scep - ter claim, All in
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim In un -
 Three we name thee, While in es - sence on - ly One, Un - di -

heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee; In - fi - nite Thy vast do -
 ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
 vid - ed God we claim Thee, And a - dor - ing bend the

main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

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Closing Remarks



“After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Rosary is the Most Powerful Weapon in Heaven’s Arsenal!”

Sweet Heart of Mary! Be My Salvation!

St. Padre Pio

Adoration ~ Marian Hymns



O Sanctissima

O sanctissima, O piissima, Dulcis Virgo Maria!
Mater amata, Intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis!

Tota pulchra es, O Maria, Et macula non est in te
Mater amata intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis!

Sicut lilium inter spinas, Sic Maria inter filias
Mater amata intemerata,
Ora ora pro nobis!

In miseria, in angustia, Ora Virgo pro nobis
Pro nobis ora in mortis hora,
Ora, ora pro nobis!

Tu solatium et refugium, Virgo Mater Maria
Quidquid optamus per te speramus,
Ora, ora pro nobis!

O Sacrament Most Holy

O Jesus, we adore Thee,
Who, in Thy love divine
Conceal Thy mighty
Godhead, In forms of
bread and wine.

Refrain:

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine
All praise and all thanksgiving; Be ev'ry moment
Thine!

O Jesus, we adore Thee, Our victim and our priest
Whose precious blood and body; Become our sa-
cred feast. *(Refrain)*

O Jesus, we adore Thee, Our Savior and our King,
And with the saints and angels; A humble homage
bring. *(Refrain)*

O Jesus, we adore Thee; Come, live in us we pray
That all our thoughts and actions; Be Thine alone
today. *(Refrain)*

O come, all thee who labor, In sorrow and in pain;
Come, eat this bread from heaven; Thy peace and
strength regain. *(Refrain)*

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?

Refrain:

Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
With which to love Thee, dearest King,
Oh, with whatever fervent praise,
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing! *(Refrain)*

Thy Body, Soul and Godhead, all!
O mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have,
For all Thou hast and art is mine! *(Refrain)*

Sound, then, His praises higher still,
And come, ye angels, to our aid;
For this is God, the very God
Who hath both men and angels made! *(Refrain)*

O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

O Lord, I am not worthy, That Thou should'st come to me,
But speak Thy words of comfort, My spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I receive Thee, the bridegroom of my soul,
No more my sin to grieve Thee, nor fly Thy sweet control.

O Eternal Holy Spirit, Unworthy tho' I be,
Prepare me to receive Him, And trust Thy Word to me.

Increase my faith, dear Jesus, in Thy Real Presence here;
and make me feel most deeply, that Thou to me art near.

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving, Be ev'ry moment Thine!





In Fatima's Cove

In Fatima's cove on the thirteenth of May,
The Virgin Maria appeared at mid-day.

Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

The world was then suffering from war, plague,
and strife, and Portugal mourned for her great loss
of life.

(Refrain)

The Virgin Maria surrounded by light, God's
Mother is ours, and She gives us this sight.

(Refrain)

To three shepherd children the Virgin then spoke,
a message so hopeful, with peace for all folk.

(Refrain)

With sweet Mother's pleading, She asked us to
pray, do penance, be modest, the Rosary each day.

(Refrain)

All Portugal heard what God's Mother did say,
converted she sings of her Queen to this day.

(Refrain)

We all must remember Our Lady's bequests, do
all that She asks for, obey Her requests.

(Refrain)

She warned of behavior from which we must turn,
of thoughts, words, and actions which Christians
must spurn.

(Refrain)

She told us that Jesus is so much offended, and
asked that our living be firmly amended.

(Refrain)

To Her sad, sweet pleading our promise is made,
that God's Law in all things be strongly obeyed.

(Refrain)

From nation to nation Her fair name is praised, as
souls from sin's bondage are contritely raised.

(Refrain)

Our thanks to the Godhead, Whose ways are so
sure, for giving us Mary, our Mother Most Pure.

(Refrain)

Our hearts, overflowing with kindness and love,
thank Her for God's graces bestowed from above.

(Refrain)

Hail, Refuge of sinners! Hail, Star of the Sea!
Hail, Queen of Creation! Our hope is in Thee!

(Refrain)

All hail Virgin Mary! This Star guides our way,
our Country's Protectress, America's Way!

(Refrain)



On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

On this day, O beautiful Mother,
On this day we give thee our love.
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

On this day we ask to share,
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;
Aid us, ere our feet astray
Wander from thy guiding way.

Refrain:

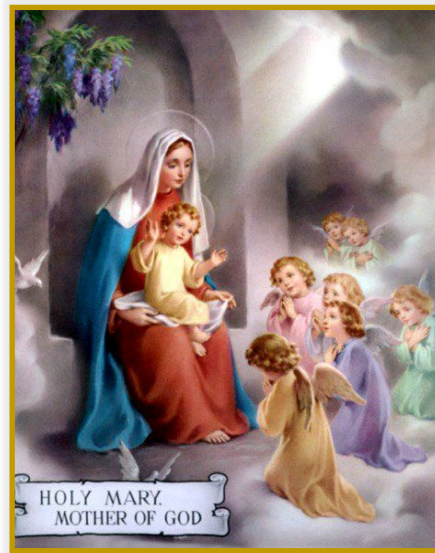
On this day, O beautiful Mother,
On this day we give thee our love.
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

Queen of Angels, deign to hear
Lisp'ing children's humble pray'r;
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,
Sweetly to thyself allure. *(Refrain)*

Rose of Sharon, lovely flow'r.
Beauteous bud of Eden's bow'r;
Cherished lily of the vale,
Virgin Mother, Queen we hail. *(Refrain)*

In vain the flow'rs of love we bring,
In vain sweet music's note we sing,
If contrite heart and lovely prayer,
Guide not our gifts to thy bright sphere. *(Refrain)*

Fast our days of life we run,
Soon the night of death will come;
Tower of strength in that dread hour,
Come with all thy gentle power. *(Refrain)*



Mother, At Your Feet Is Kneeling

Mother at your feet is kneeling,
One who loves you 'tis your child
Who has sought so oft to see you.
Bless me Mother, bless your child.
Mother, when my Jesus calls me
From this world so dark and drear;
From the wily snares of Satan,
Shield me Mother, Mother dear.

Refrain:

Dearest Mother, tell my Jesus,
How I love Him fond and true;
And oh Mary, dearest Mother,
Tell Him I belong to you.

Plead for me when Jesus judges,
Answer for me when He asks;
How I spent so many moments
How I perform so many tasks.
Mary, oh my dearest Mother
May it e'er to me be giv'n;
As on earth I fondly love Thee
So, to love Thee still in Heav'n. *(Refrain)*



O Immaculate Heart Of Mary

O Immaculate heart of Mary
 O Immaculate heart of Mary
 Be my light and be my guide
 Be my light and be my guide
 Be my light and be my guide
 'til the end of time:
 (Repeat: Be my light and be my guide...)

When my last hour nears Dearest Mother,
 When my last hour nears Dearest Mother,
 Come in haste do not delay
 Come in haste do not delay
 Come in haste do not delay
 Take me home that day:
 (Repeat: Come in haste do not delay...)



Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
 Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

Refrain:
 Triumph all ye cherubim!
 Sing with us ye seraphim!
 Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
 Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
 Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
 (Refrain)

To thee do we cry, poor sons of Eve, O Maria!
 To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Maria!
 (Refrain)

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, O Maria!
 Towards us thine eyes compassionate, O Maria!
 (Refrain)

When this our exile is complete, O Maria!
 Show us thy Son, our Jesus sweet, O Maria!
 (Refrain)

O clement, gracious Mother sweet, O Maria!
 O virgin Mary we entreat, O Maria!
 (Refrain)



Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blest is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death; Amen.

Refrain:

Gentle woman, quiet light, Morning Star,
So strong and bright;
Gentle Mother, Peaceful Dove,
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen - by the Father;
You were chosen for the son,
You were chosen from all women
And for woman, shining one. *(Refrain)*

Blessed are thou among women,
Blest in turn all women, too,
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,
Blessed they with gentle hearts. *(Refrain)*

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.

Refrain:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,
In harmony blending,
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn
Dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee
How truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary
Life's journey would be. *(Refrain)*

O Virgin most tender,
Our homage we render,
Thy love and protection,
Sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us,
In sorrow befriend us,
And shield our hearts
From contagion and sin. *(Refrain)*

Of Mothers the dearest,
Oh, wilt thou be nearest,
When life with temptation
Is darkly replete?
Forsake us, O never!
Our hearts be they ever
As Pure as the lilies
We lay at thy feet. *(Refrain)*

The Story of Fatima



The Fatima Message

It was in the tiny village of Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, that three young Portuguese shepherd children encountered the ‘Lady in White’ who has become known as Our Lady of Fatima.

The town bears an Arabic name meaning “high place” after a Moorish maid who, having fallen in love with the brave Knight Templar, Goncalo Henriques, was converted to Christianity and baptized with the Christian name of “Oureana”. This name “Oureana” replaced the name “Fatima” that she had received at birth, in honor of the daughter of Mohammed.

The town and the Virgin Mary hold a special place in the minds and hearts of persons of many faiths. The story of how this tiny village grew into a destination for millions of pilgrims is impressive. At the time of the apparitions, Portugal was a socialist country that had placed severe restrictions on the Catholic Church and, indeed, had banned it over a period of time. It was in the middle of this highly charged atmosphere that the three simple shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, age 9, Francisco Marto, age 8, and Jacinta Marto, age 6, were first visited by the Angel of Peace in 1916 to prepare them for the apparitions of the Queen of Heaven, Our Lady of Fatima, and receive Her Messages of hope and peace for the world.



Angel of Peace

Apparitions of the Angel

First Apparition of the Angel

In the spring of 1916, Lucia dos Santos, Jacinta Marto, and her brother Francisco Marto were tending their family's flock of sheep near their home at a place called 'Loca do Cabeco.' After having lunch and saying their prayers, the three little children saw a figure coming toward them from above the olive trees, a young man about 14 or 15 years old, whiter than snow, transparent as crystal when the sun shines through it, and of great beauty. The figure identified himself as the Angel of Peace and told the children *"Do not be afraid...Pray with me."* Kneeling down, he bowed down until his forehead touched the ground and made them repeat three times: *"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon of Thee for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee!"*

Then rising, he said, *"Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."* His words engrained themselves deeply in the minds of the children, and they spent long periods of time prostrate like the Angel, repeating the prayer he taught.

Second Apparition of the Angel

The second apparition of the Angel took place at the height of summer. The three little Shepherds were spending the siesta hours in the shade of the trees when, suddenly, the same Angel appeared again with the message that prayer and sacrifice would bring peace to their country: *"What are you doing?"* he asked. *"Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High."* Lucia asked, *"How are we to make sacrifices?"* The Angel said, *"Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you."*

These words impressed deeply the three children. They were like a light that made them understand who God is, His love, the value of sacrifice and the grace of conversion of sinners. From then on, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco began to offer to the Lord all of their daily sacrifices as mortifications.

Third Apparition of the Angel

The third apparition of the Angel occurred near the end of September or in October. The three little Shepherds were praying the Rosary when the Angel appeared, holding a chalice in his hands with a Host above it from which some drops of Blood were falling into the sacred vessel. Leaving the Chalice and the Host suspended in the air, the Angel prostrated himself on the ground and repeated three times the following prayer: *“O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of Thy Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.”* Then, rising, he once more took the chalice and the Host in his hands. He gave the Host to Lucia, and to Jacinta and Francisco he gave the chalice to drink, saying as he did so: *“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Repair their crimes and console your God.”* Once again, he prostrated himself on the ground and repeated with the little Shepherds three times more, the same prayer, *“Most Holy Trinity...”* Then the Angel disappeared.



Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

1st Apparition ~ May 13, 1917

The three children were tending their sheep in a place called ‘Cova da Iria’ when a flash of lightning drew their attention to a Lady standing on the top of a small holm oak tree. She was all dressed in white and more brilliant than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water when the rays of the sun shine through it. The Lady told them that she was from heaven and that she would appear there on six successive months, on the 13th day of each month at the same hour. Lucia asked our Lady if they would go to heaven and the Lady replied that all three of them would go to heaven, but that Francisco had to say many Rosaries. Then, Our Lady asked the children: *“Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners?”* When the three little Shepherds responded that they were willing to follow her request, she said: *“Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.”* The Lady’s message for the children on that day was to pray the Rosary every day during the war. Then she began to rise serenely, going towards the east until she disappeared.

2nd Apparition ~ June 13, 1917

The children were present at the Cova da Iria with a number of other people and had finished praying the Rosary when the Lady, once again, appeared. She told Lucia that she should learn to read in order to fulfill her mission from Jesus. When Lucia asked her if she would take them to heaven, Our Lady replied: *“I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon. But you are to stay here some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.”* She consoled Lucia with the thought that she would be forsaken and that the Lady’s Immaculate Heart would always be there for her. Then she opened Her hands and communicated to the little children some rays of light. The children saw themselves in this light, as it were, immersed in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which rose towards heaven and Lucia in that which was poured out on the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady’s right hand was a heart encircled by thorns which pierced it. It was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by sins of humanity, and seeking reparation.

3rd Apparition ~ July 13, 1917

Word of the apparitions had spread and about 4000 people were present during the July apparition. The Lady promised to make known her identity and to perform a miracle for all to see in the future. She told the children: *“Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”* Then, she opened her hands and showed the children a vision of hell which awaited unrepentant sinners. The three little shepherds saw a sea of fire and plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified the children and made them tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. That vision was captured, much later, by the celebrated artist Salvatore Dali in his famous painting “Vision of Hell.” The Lady told the children: *“You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out.”*

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She also said: *“To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”* Our Lady finished her speech with the following request: *“When you pray the Rosary say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.”* Then she disappeared.

4th Apparition ~ August 19, 1917

The news of the apparitions had reached the civil authorities and the children were placed under arrest by the regional administrator. This was in the context of the banishment of the Catholic Church by the civil authorities and followed an intensive effort by the Church authorities to suppress the children’s story. At one point the civil authorities threatened to boil the children in oil if they did not recant. They refused and offered to suffer the proffered punishment. The children were released after August 13th, and on August 19th, they once again saw the Lady at a place called ‘Valinhos.’ Our Lady promised to make a miracle in the last month, so that all may believe. She told the children to use the money being left in the ‘Cova da Iria’ by the people to build a chapel. They were also instructed to continue praying for the conversion of sinners with the following words: *“Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.”*

5th Apparition ~ September 13, 1917

A crowd of about 30,000 people had gathered. Many people tried to reach the children, throwing themselves on their knees and begging the little shepherds to place their petitions before Our Lady. During the praying of the Rosary, Our Lady appeared and gave the following message: *“Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October, Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Dolours and Our Lady of Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices. He does not want you to sleep with the rope on, but only wear it during the daytime.”* She also promised: *“In October, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”*

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6th Apparition ~ October 13, 1917

An estimated crowd of 70,000 people gathered in a rainstorm for the promised apparition. Among the crowd were many who did not believe and members of the secular press who were there to report on the event. During the praying of the Rosary, Our Lady appeared and made herself known as the Lady of the Rosary. She instructed the children to pray the Rosary every day and to build there a chapel in her honor. She also said: *“Do not offend the Lord, our God, any more, because He is already so much offended.”* Then she opened her hands and made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself. During the miracle of the sun, many present fell in the mud and water, believing that the end of the world was taking place. Many later reported that despite being covered in mud, they were dry and free of mud when they arose. Rose petals fell from the sky only to dissipate upon being touched by those present. After Our Lady had disappeared into the immense firmament, the children beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus appeared to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When this apparition disappeared, the children saw Our Lord and Our Lady of Dolours. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This vision also vanished, making way for a vision of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

The Great Miracle of the Sun

The greatest miracle to occur since the Resurrection is also the only miracle ever precisely predicted as to date, time of day and location. Although it is popularly known as *“The Miracle of the Sun”* and October 13, 1917 has come to be known as *“The Day the Sun Danced,”* a great deal more took place. The solar phenomena included the dancing of the sun, its fluctuations in color, its swirling and its descending toward the earth. There was also the stillness in the leaves of the trees in spite of howling winds, the complete drying of the rain-soaked ground and the restoration of clothes all wet and covered with mud so that, as eye-witness Dominic Reis, put it, *“They looked as though they had just come back from the cleaners.”* Physical cures of the blind and the lame were reported. The countless unreserved public confessions of sin and commitments to conversion of life attest to the authenticity of what they saw. The miracle is reported to have been seen from as far as 15-25 miles away, thus ruling out the possibility of any type of collective hallucination or mass hypnotism. Doubters and skeptics had become believers. Even, Avelino de Almeida, the chief editor of a secular newspaper, O Seculo, now reported affirmatively and stood by his story later on in spite of harsh criticism.

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Servant of God Sr. Lucia...Pray for us!



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