

# Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

With a novena to prepare ourselves



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Jesus wants establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.

I promise salvation to those who embrace it.

Our Lady of Fatima

It is our wish, consequently, that wherever the opportunity suggests itself, this consecration be made in the various dioceses as well as in each of the parishes and families. And We are confident that abundant blessings and favours from Heaven will surge forth from this private and public consecration.

Pius XII, *Auspicia quaedam*,  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1948

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## FOREWORD

“God gives us His graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and people should ask for them through this Heart. The Heart of Jesus wishes the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated together with His Divine Heart.” (St. Jacinta of Fatima)

Our Lady of Fatima said to Lucia, one of the three shepherd children, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1917:

“Jesus wishes to use you in order to make me known and loved. He wishes to establish devotion to My Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it; and these souls will be beloved of God, like flowers arranged by me to adorn His throne.”

In an increasingly godless world, where it is becoming more and more difficult to preserve the faith and save one’s soul, let us take refuge in the Immaculate Heart of our Mother, which, according to the Revelation of Fatima, is the last means of salvation for our times alongside the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

Mary went on to say on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1917, **“My Immaculate Heart shall be your refuge and the road that shall lead you to God.”**

These words also apply themselves to us when we surrender and entrust ourselves to her Immaculate Heart through the consecration. Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 1942, 80 years ago, and wished 6 years later that everyone would consecrate themselves to her Heart:

“And even as our predecessor of immortal memory, Leo XIII, at the dawn of the twentieth century saw fit to consecrate the whole human race to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, so We have likewise, in the guise of representative of the whole human family which He redeemed, desired to dedicate it in turn to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary. It is our wish, consequently, that wherever the opportunity suggests itself, this consecration be made in the various dioceses as well as in each of the parishes and families. And We are confident that abundant blessings and favours from Heaven will surge forth from this private and public consecration.”

(Pius XII in *Auspicia quaedam*, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1948).

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the most ardent desire of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Himself. These two Hearts are totally one. When we honour the Immaculate Heart and consecrate ourselves to it, we honour Jesus Christ Himself and He will abundantly bestow upon us His graces through His Mother.

“It is My most ardent desire that the veneration and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be propagated, because this Heart is the magnet which draws souls to Me, the furnace of fire which radiates on the earth the rays of My light and of My love, and the inexhaustible well which causes the outpouring of the living waters of My Mercy to flow down upon the earth.”

(Letter from Sr. Lucia of Fatima that reports to us the confidence of Our Lord Himself)

The aim of this novena is to prepare for the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by better understanding the following three points:

- What is the meaning of the Immaculate Heart of Mary?
- What did Mary reveal about her Immaculate Heart?
- What is the meaning of the consecration?

In addition to a short daily reading, the most important thing is the veneration of the Immaculate Heart through prayers. For our Heavenly Mother Mary will give far deeper insight to those who venerate her and ask her through prayers, than to those who only read about her.

May this booklet help as many parishes, families and souls as possible to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of our Heavenly Mother, in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the world being consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, thus hastening her victory over the evil she foretold in Fatima:

**“In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph... and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”**

(Our Lady of Fatima, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1917)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, be our salvation!**

Warsaw, on the Feast of the Annunciation,  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

*Father Karl Stehlin*

# THE NOVENA

## DAY 1



## THE REVELATION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1917** Our Lady of Fatima appears for the second time to the three shepherd children Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia in Fatima, Portugal.

**Mary:** “Jesus wishes to use you in order to make me known and loved. He wishes to establish the devotion to My Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it; and these souls will be the beloved of God, like flowers arranged by me to adorn His throne”.

**Lucia:** “While Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands and for the second time she conveyed to us the rays of this infinite light. We saw ourselves in the light, immersed in God, so to speak... **In front of**

**the right palm of Our Lady appeared a heart surrounded by thorns that pierced it.** We understood that it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offended by the sins of humanity and demanding reparation.”

This **13<sup>th</sup> of June 1917** must be understood as a **great day in world history** when Almighty God allowed Our Lady to reveal to the world her greatest and innermost mystery. This is the infinite treasure she received from the Most Holy Trinity, the innermost value of her personality and the source of her whole being: her Immaculate Heart!

We can dare to make the following summary: **Fatima is the revelation of the Immaculate Heart to the world!** Likewise, the entire heavenly explanation of the meaning, purpose, and necessity of the Immaculate Heart for everyone. It is, after all, Mary’s admonition to all of us, as she desires our response to this revelation. In short: Fatima shows who Mary really is to us and how we should respond to the clear will of God, and the key words that reveal His will to us are “Immaculate Heart of Mary.”



## DAY 2

# THE GREAT PROMISE FOR ETERNITY

The promises of Our Lady of Fatima concern first of all our future and eternity: **“To anyone who willingly accepts this devotion, I promise eternal salvation.”**

Only He who can grant us salvation, only God can promise eternal salvation. Nevertheless, Our Lady clearly emphasizes here: **“I promise eternal salvation.”** In fact, the mystery of the Immaculate Heart is the mystery of God Himself, who chooses it from amongst all of His creatures as His dwelling and the place of His presence: it is so full of God and His grace that through it, whatever it says and does, God speaks and works. In other words, when she says “I promise eternal salvation,” she is just an echo or a herald of God who promises us the greatest of all graces.

Furthermore, the content of the promise is explained in more detail with three requirements, each of which must be understood as a complement to the others.

First of all, “redemption” is the reason for the Saviour’s coming. Eternal salvation is the “one and all” for every human life: either salvation or hell, either eternal bliss or eternal damnation. This promise is so infinitely valuable because the whole world has fallen into sin and consequently everyone is in grave danger of losing their soul forever.

Our Heavenly Mother knows that it will be very difficult for her children to be saved in these current times. That’s why she comes and “**promises salvation.**” To understand these words, one must understand the mystery of God: it is the overwhelming reality of the absolute and lasting victory over Satan, evil and hell; it is the eternal triumph of God’s love, of light, of joy, of mercy, of the abundance of graces and riches of the good in us.

The second word that Our Lady uses — “**beloved**” — is amazing: “These souls will be the beloved of God.” Basically, when we think about salvation, we have in mind the effects it has on ourselves, the ultimate cleansing from our sins, and the eternal reward in Heaven. But there is something even higher to consider: The final triumph of God in our souls touches His Heart, so that He pours himself out over our insignificance and we become “**precious to God.**”

What is it actually that is “so dear to God” that it moves Him to shower our souls with His gifts? It is our devotion and filial love for the Immaculate Heart. Our Lord appreciates it so much when His Mother is revered and when we obey and follow her.

In this statement we also find another reference to the relationship of the Most Holy Trinity and the Immaculata. If devotion to her is so dear to God that it moves His Heart to bestow abundant graces on even the weakest sinner, how dear must she herself be to Him?

The most awesome part of the promise, however, is the third and final part.

Our Lady uses the image of flowers here: flowers bring light, beauty and joy into the house. Flowers are meant to “decorate”, to show the meaning and extraordinary value of what surrounds them.

When we contemplate this promise, we naturally think of the flowers at the altar that are so close to the tabernacle and the greatest sacrifice. They are privileged to almost touch the Body and Blood of our Lord and to express the highest virtues and the love of creatures for their Creator and Redeemer. When the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church and the Doctors of the Church write about the bliss in Heaven, the eter-

nal happiness and the joy of the saints, they must use comparisons and images (feasts, weddings, unity of spouses, ...) to express what can never be expressed in our poor human language.

So what does the image that Our Lady uses mean when she says that the souls consecrated to her Immaculate Heart will be “**like flowers arranged by me to adorn His throne**”? Our faith teaches us that there will be different levels in Heaven: the closer a saint will be to God, the more he will share in His infinite holiness and savour His infinite love. Consequently, Our Lady in Heaven is closest to the Most Holy Trinity, followed by the greatest saints. This means that the veneration of the Immaculate Heart not only promises us salvation and makes us pleasant to God, but also promises us outstanding holiness, transforms our souls to become like “flowers before God” that bloom ever in His life-giving presence. This devotion will lead to a deeper intimacy with God, to a more perfect access to His “majestic throne.”

How pleased must God be in this devotion since He makes promises such as He has scarcely ever given before in all of history?



## DAY 3

# THE PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT

The promises mentioned above are certainly the most important, as they concern “the hour of our death” and eternity: “What good is it for man to gain the whole world if he loses his soul in the process...?” But the second important moment of our lives is the “now”, because only the present moment is in my hands.

Now I can please God or sin; now we are in the middle of war; now we are being attacked by the devil; now we are on a pilgrimage to the eternal summits. Our Lady knows this; she knows that our lives are a long suffering.

And again, she gives us an amazing promise:

**“Don’t lose heart. I will not leave you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that leads you to God. I will not leave you.”**

We must understand the great value of this statement. We see a poor sinner who is too weak to rise from the spiritual mud: “I will not leave you; as long as you live, I will stand by your side and offer you my immaculate hands and ask you to give me yours.”

We see another poor sinner who fights, but almost every time loses the fight and falls into the pit of sin: “I will not leave you; Don’t give up! Whenever you fall, give me your hand and get up again. Don’t stop trying over and over again!”

We see a deeply religious soul who does not seem to be making any progress in religious life, going through trials, tribulations, dark nights, temptations and discouragement: “I will not leave you; I carry all your sufferings in my Heart, and at every moment I send you a special grace from my Heart.”

There are two essential movements in our spiritual life: the negative one, which concerns our attitude towards evil, temptation, sin, attacks by the devil, *etc.*, and the positive one, which concerns our spiritual advance and disposition toward God. The first is marked by struggle, hardship and danger, the second by virtue, godliness and active charity.

In each of them we encounter many difficulties: in the first we face dangerous enemies, constantly fighting almost alone against millions. From a human point of view, we are lost: everything around us wants to make us give up, inwardly we are sluggish, weak, fearful and corrupt. And the moment the enemy sets out to beat us for good, this great promise comes: **“My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge.”**

The small huts in the high mountains are called *Refugio* because they are the only prospect of getting to safety in a storm. In war, soldiers choose a hiding place they call “Refuge”, a place where they are safe and cannot be discovered by the enemy. This is exactly what the Immaculate Heart will be for us in the fog of our spiritual struggle. “When you are tired of fighting, when you are wounded to death, when you are discouraged and getting weaker and weaker, when the darkness frightens you and you are pushed everywhere to sin, “Come to my heart and find protection and new strength. Here’s the only place where no one can harm you!”

And in the second movement of our lives — towards God — there is a great danger of losing the right path, of hesitating about which direction to take, of making mistakes in important decisions, of making great efforts

for nothing because we are far from the right path, or building our house on sand.

“My Immaculate Heart will be the way that leads you to God! With me there are no mistakes as far as the direction is concerned! With me there is never exhaustion and all efforts are rewarded. There is always light in my Heart and you will never lose your way. And the more you are in my Heart, the easier and faster you will find God! Not only at the end of the long road, but already here and now, because my name is: ‘*Dominus tecum* — The Lord is with you!’ and my Heart is the sanctuary of the Holy Ghost.”



## DAY 4

# THE ESSENCE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

Up to this point, Our Lady has spoken about the mystery of her Immaculate Heart. Now she goes one step further: **“While Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands and for the second time she conveyed to us the rays of this infinite light. We saw ourselves in the light, immersed in God, so to speak. [...] A heart appeared in front of the right palm of Our Lady’s hand.”**

The divine light is given to us through the Immaculate Heart. This mysterious, infinite light, in which the children are bathed, as it were, is a profound expression of the nature of God, who is the light. The ultimate goal of this vision is the light of God, the source and channel of this light is their hearts.

We all know the symbol of the heart; it is the depth of our being, the seat of all that is precious in us; but

above all, it is the origin of our love. We only open our hearts to our closest friends and only to our loved ones do we say, “You are in my heart! My heart beats for you! I give you my heart *etc.*”

In this vision, Our Lady shows us her Heart and allows us to take a look into the deepest mystery of her being. In addition, it leads us into her own Heart, which is supposed to be our home, our refuge and our way. Consequently, she treats us like her most beloved, who are worthy of receiving such immeasurable love. If we think just a little about who we are — miserable sinners, bad children, and unworthy nothings — we cannot think through to the end without being amazed at such condescension.



## DAY 5



# THIS VENERATION IS HER SON'S MOST ARDENT WISH

The greatness, grandeur and importance of her Heart, which is shown to us poor children of Eve, are explained by our Lord Himself by Him saying to Sister Lucia:

**“It is my most fervent desire that devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be spread, because this Heart is the magnet that draws souls to me, the furnace of fire that sends out the rays of my light and love throughout the earth, and the inexhaustible well that brings down the living waters of my mercy to the earth.”**

Perhaps these words are the deepest and greatest of all that has ever been said about Our Lady, and we should look at them very often. First of all, the immeasurable desire of our Lord Himself to reveal to the whole world who it really is, to the immeasurable, to the depth of its innermost essence. These words make us realize God's incredible love for us, as He wants to go to the extreme limits to save us poor sinners. But if the Lord has such a desire,

how can we be so sluggish, indifferent and unmoved that there are so many people who have no idea of the mystery of the Heart of Immaculata?!

Our Lord also makes an important clarification: He desires both “worship” and “devotion.” Devotion is our personal relationship with Mary, our heart in her Heart, so to speak. It is the disposition of a loving child who is always ready to give all honour and praise, all attention and time to such a loving mother. The veneration is the public manifestation and recognition of God’s masterpiece, expressed through public ceremonies of reverence and consecration. Finally, our Lord uses three images to accurately show the role of the Immaculate Heart:

**A magnet** of attraction to Him, **a furnace of fire** from which the whole world receives His light and love, and the inexhaustible **well** of His infinite mercy. This means that if we look at her Heart with devotion, we will be more and more drawn to God. We are permeated by His light to know Him more and more and by His love, to love Him more and more for it, and in Him also to love all creatures; and we will continue to drink from the source of His grace, in order that we, dirty nothings, be transformed into the children of God.



## DAY 6

# A HEART SURROUNDED BY THORNS

The Immaculate Heart reveals itself to us in Fatima not as before with a wreath of roses, but surrounded by the crown of thorns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as a suffering Heart, just as our Lord Himself had previously shown His Most Holy Heart. The same crown of thorns that pierced the holy Head of our Lord during His suffering and His holiest Heart “because of the indifference, carelessness and infidelity of so many souls” also pierce the heart of Our Lady and wound it indescribably.

Lucia writes: **“We understood that it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offended by the sins of humanity and asking for reparation.”**

With these words we receive the most important reason why Mary wanted to show us her Heart: she wanted to inspire us to be touched, seized by such love and also by such suffering for us ungrateful sinners. She “demands

reparation” because she wants to transform our heart of stone into a heart full of loving compassion. When a child loves his mother and sees how she suffers, the child wants to comfort her, wants to make amends for the suffering that he himself and others have inflicted on her.

Contemplating these thorns teaches us what sin really is and what its consequences are. Above all, sin is the worst insult and denial of God’s nature — His generosity, mercy, and love. If possible, sin would destroy His royal dignity. Sin is the most terrible neglect and ingratitude from creatures, perpetrated against their Creator. If we were to receive a most valuable gift from a benefactor, it would be unthinkable that we would be indifferent and ungrateful. But it is even less conceivable that in response to a precious gift, we would insult the benefactor, spit in his face, drive him out of our home, or even kill him. But that’s exactly what we do when we sin: at every moment God gives us everything we are and have, and not only are we often indifferent to His incredible love, but we spit in His face and cast Him out of our souls, which are His property.

May the sight of the thorns piercing the Immaculate Heart lead us to the same determination that inspired the three shepherd children of Fatima: **“We should never commit a sin again.”**



## DAY 7

# THE “SOUL” OF THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

It was on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, that Lucia, the only living seer of Fatima, who had meanwhile entered the convent of the Dorothea Sisters in Pontevedra, had another apparition: The most Holy Virgin appeared to her and at her side was the Child Jesus on a bright cloud. Mary placed her hand on Lucia's shoulder and when she did so, she revealed her Heart surrounded by thorns, which she held in her other hand.

At the same time, the Child Jesus said: **“Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, which is covered with thorns, with which ungrateful people hurt her every moment; and there is no one to perform acts of reparation to remove them.”**

The Most Holy Virgin said, **“Behold, my daughter, my Heart, surrounded by thorns with which ungrate-**

ful people hurt me every moment by their blasphemy and ingratitude. At least, you try to comfort me...”

### **Consolation — Compassion — Reparation**

The key element or “soul” of devotion to the Immaculate Heart is the loving effort to feel sorry for its pains, to comfort it with acts of indemnity and atonement. It is interesting that the three expressions — compassion, consolation and atonement — are summed up as a single inner approach of this devotion in every way. The desire to comfort God is placed herein as a central importance: although we can comfort each other among our peers by sharing each other’s pain and suffering, we cannot, strictly speaking, compare this to our Lord and Our Lady, because their suffering is infinite and we as limited creatures objectively cannot do anything to diminish or facilitate it. Compassionate love is the only thing we have left.

If a mother who loves her child above all else has to see him in terrible pain, she would rather take all the pain from her child and carry it herself. Her pain is divided into two parts: first, watching her child be tormented, and second, that she can do nothing to alleviate the torment. But despite all the helplessness of his

mother, the child knows about her incredible love and the desire and her decision to do everything in her power for him. This compassionate love is, in a way, greater than some other forms of love. If someone has an active love for the beloved, he can at least feel the satisfaction that he has done something, and there is a danger of hidden complacency in himself. But when he can't do anything, he feels very hungry, humiliated to the depths of his helplessness.

Well, the more love starves, the more humble it is. It is precisely this form of love, in its own helplessness, in its inability to do anything other than empathize and suffer in one's own heart, that participates in what the beloved suffers physically, corporally and this is the greatest consolation that can be given to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; it is the most effective way of making reparation, for nothing can atone for the sin of pride better than humble love.

In fact, this is an amazing secret: the compassion and helpless contemplation of our mother's painful Heart possesses the tremendous power of reparation. To the extent that I love, I participate in the work of reparation!

Veneration of the Immaculate Heart activates all the potential that God has placed in our hearts, but all too

often we refuse to use these powers. The sight of a heart wrapped in thorns breaks our stony hearts and leads us to perform acts of mercy, regret, comfort and compassion for HER. In this way we achieve the highest quality of love, which unites us completely with the beloved.



## DAY 8

# THE EXTERNAL EXERCISES OF THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

Mary went on to say to Lucia:

“Proclaim in my name that I promise to assist all those in the hour of their death with all the graces necessary for their salvation, who in order to do reparation, for five consecutive first Saturdays of each month, on this day go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the Rosary and to assist me for 15 minutes by contemplating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary.”

As early as 1917, Mary had pointed out in the main apparitions: “**I promise eternal salvation to anyone who accepts this devotion.**” This promise seems all the more valuable to us when we consider that Mary in Fatima also warns us of hell, so that Saint Jacinta said after the vision of hell: “**So many are going there! So many!**” This devotion teaches us to fight fire with fire: the fire of hell

with the fire of love for God and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### **Save souls!**

As children of Mary, we cannot be satisfied with just taking care of ourselves and practising the atonement Saturdays five times. Our Lady of Fatima herself said that with this devotion we can prevent “war, famine, persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father” and she called us to: **“Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners: for many go to hell because no one sacrifices themselves for them and prays for them.”**

In 1929 she declared in Tuy to Sr. Lucia: **“So many souls are being condemned by Divine Justice because of the sins committed against me, that I come to ask for atonement. Sacrifice yourself in this intention and pray.”**

For Sr. Lucia, the atonement Saturdays were of the greatest importance and she practised them every month. She explains: **“The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary love and desire this devotion, because they use it to draw souls to themselves, and this is what their desires are aimed at: to save souls, many souls, all souls!”**

And further: **“The souls who blaspheme the Blessed Virgin are not forgiven by Divine Mercy without atonement.”** Let us therefore imitate Sr. Lucia by appreciating the atonement Saturdays and practising them whenever possible!

## **The Rosary**

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Rosary, urged us to pray the Rosary daily. According to Sr. Lucia, together with the devotion to the Immaculate Heart, as an external expression and concrete exercise of this devotion, it is the last means of salvation for us. The Rosary helps us to keep the faith and connects us day after day with the Immaculate Heart of our Mother.

**“You see, Father, in these last times in which we live, Our Lady has given a new efficacy to the prayer of the Holy Rosary. In this way, there is no problem, be it temporal or especially spiritual, no matter how difficult it may seem to be, which cannot be resolved by praying the Holy Rosary. With the Rosary we will save ourselves, we will sanctify ourselves, we will comfort our Lord and save many souls.”** (Sr. Lucia to Fr. Fuentes)



## DAY 9

# OUR DECISION: THE CONSECRATION — TAKING REFUGE IN THE LAST MEANS OF RESCUE

In 1957, Sr. Lucia of Fatima met with Fr. Augustin Fuentes, a Mexican priest who had been appointed postulator of the beatification of her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the other two seers of Fatima.

She told him, “[Mary told me] that the devil is about to fight a decisive battle against the Virgin Mary. And a decisive battle is the last battle in which one side will win and the other side will suffer a defeat. From now on, we too must choose sides. Either we are for God or we are for the devil. There is no middle ground.”

She continued: “God gives the world two last remedies. These are the Holy Rosary and the veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These are the last two remedies, which means there will be no others.”

**“God, in His divine providence, always exhausts all remedies before punishing the world. Now, when he sees that the world is not paying attention to all that He offers us, in order to make it clear to us in our poverty, with a certain trembling, He offers us the very last resort for our salvation: His most holy Mother.”**

By consecrating ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consciously choose to be on the side of God, knowing that there is no middle ground, that we must renounce all lazy compromises, especially attachment to sin and voluntary opportunities for sin. Consecration also means striving to fulfil all that Mary asked for in Fatima and trying to get others to heed her requests.

Through consecration, we surrender to the Immaculate Heart and consciously say to Mary: **“Please be my refuge and my way that leads me to God! I can’t do it alone!”**

This good mother will not be asked twice and will feel all the more obliged to care for us and lead us to Heaven. Let us give her a lifetime of thanks by comforting her and helping her save souls. To live this consecra-

tion means to become an Apostle of Mary, to strive to imitate her virtues and to put in her hands the flowers of the little atonements for the salvation of souls, thus to hasten the day of the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Let us strive to be united to Mary in our everyday life through the following prayers:

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, be our salvation!**



## Daily prayers

# THE ROSARY

**“Pray the Rosary daily!”** (Our Lady of Fatima)

## PRAYERS OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love Thee!  
I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore,  
do not trust and do not love Thee.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I adore Thee profoundly and I offer Thee the Most  
Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world,  
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indiffer-  
ence by which He is offended. By the infinite merit of  
His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.  
Amen.

# THE SACRIFICE PRAYER OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Oh my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## LITANY TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *have mercy on us.*

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *hear us.*

Christ, *graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, favourite Daughter of God the Father, *pray for us.*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of God the Son,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Spouse of the Holy Ghost,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, redeemed in a sublime

*pray for us.*

manner by the merits of thy Son,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother and Model of  
the Church,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, excellent exemplar in  
faith and charity,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, who conceived the Word  
of God in Thy heart before thou didst in thy womb,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, who gave precious  
Blood to the Son of God in His human nature,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, conceived free of  
Original Sin,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, who embraced God's  
saving will with a full heart, impeded by no sin,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose sweet soul a  
sword pierced beneath the Cross,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, given to us as Mother by  
Jesus as He hung dying on the Cross,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, who accepted us as sons  
as thou didst stand beneath the Cross,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, all pure and holy,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, exalted by Divine grace  
above all Angels and men, Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Mediatrice of grace,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the  
world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

**V.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Let us pray:* O Immaculate Heart of Mary, burning with love for all thy children upon earth, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Show to Our Heavenly Father the Wound in the Heart of Thy Son and at the same time offer again the sword that pierced thy Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart as thou didst suffer by compassion with Thy Divine Son for the redemption of the world. By thy intercession, through the merits of Jesus Christ, bring us to salvation. Amen.

*A short prayer in order to remain connected and to take refuge in the Heart of Mary.*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary — be our salvation!**

After doing the nine-day preparation, the following consecration prayer can be said in the most appropriate and solemn way possible, whether as a community, in the family, as a parish or on your own.



## A SOLEMN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

### **Pope Pius XII**

Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfil the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we consecrate ourselves and our families to thy Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to thee, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as thou wishest to accomplish thy designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary even more faithfully.

We come with confidence to Thee, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed thine own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes thy shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with thy rule, triumph in every heart and home.

Amen.



# ADDENDUM

What are the means that can help us to live out the consecration in our everyday life?

## **1. Faithful prayer of the Holy Rosary every day**

This was the strong desire and wish of the Queen of the Holy Rosary in all her apparitions in Fatima.

## **2. Wearing the Brown Scapular from Mount Carmel**

(If a priest is present at the moment of the consecration to Mary, the enrolment in the Brown Scapular can be well combined with it.)

At the last apparition in Fatima, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1917, Our Lady appeared to the three children as Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the Brown Scapular in her hand. When asked why Our Lady held it in her hand, Sr. Lucia replied: “Because she wants everyone to wear the scapular... because it is our sign of being consecrated to her Immaculate Heart.”

Pope Pius XII confirmed this: “Let the Scapular be your sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we strongly recommend in these dangerous times.”

## **3. The Heart of Mary atonement prayer**

The atonement devotion is not only the key for personal salvation, but Our Lady also linked peace in the world to it.

As early as on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1917, she said: “To prevent this [the punishments of God], I will come to demand the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the atonement communion on the first Saturdays. If you listen to my wishes, Russia will be converted and there will be peace...”

Sister Lucia wrote: “Whether there will be war or peace in the world depends on the practice of the devotion on the first Saturdays, combined with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”



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