

## The Marian Pilgrimage 7-21 May 2020

### The Daily Devotional Guide DAY SEVEN: OUR LADY of FATIMA:

**Guardian Angel of Portugal:** The feast of "the Angel of Portugal" is celebrated each year on 10 June. The Angel allegedly made three appearances in 1916 to the three children who soon claimed to experience a series of Marian Apparitions during the 1917 Our Lady of Fátima events.



In her *Memoirs*, the Portuguese Carmelite nun Sister Lucia, seer of Our Lady of Fátima, claims that, between April and October, 1916, an angel appeared three times to her and to Francisco and Jacinta Marto, in Fátima, Portugal, inviting them to prayer and penitence. The angel identified himself as "the Angel of Peace" and "your country's ... Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal."

The children said the Angel of Peace taught them two prayers,

## **The Theological Prayer.**

In the spring of 1916, the Angel of Peace taught the three children of Fátima this prayer, making them repeat it three times.

*My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.*

The angel then said, "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

## **and the Trinitarian Prayer**

In August 1916, the Angel taught the children this prayer, again making them repeat it three times.

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You 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 with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.*

## **Rosary Decade Prayer**

Of Fátima prayers this one is the most well-known, often being referred to simply as the "Fatima Prayer"

On that same day (13 June 1917), Our Lady taught the children to say this prayer after each decade of the Rosary. Our Lady encouraged the children to continue to pray the Rosary every day.

*O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need.*

The **Chapel of the Apparitions** is a small chapel located in Cova da Iria that was constructed in the 1920s to mark the exact location where three little shepherd children reported having received the famous apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fátima, Portugal.

The chapel was built in response to the demand of Our Lady of the Rosary (after named as Our Lady of Fátima) to the three little shepherds (Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta): "I want you to make a chapel here in my honour". The chapel was built on the exact spot of the apparitions in Fátima in 1917 as half-remembered by Lúcia.

on which Our Lady had shown herself. The chapel is part of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima and it is visited at least by 6 million pilgrims every year.



## **MARY: THE MOTHER OF GOD**

"When the Blessed Virgin said yes, freely, to the plans revealed to her by the Creator, the Divine Word assumed a human nature - a rational soul and a body - which was formed in the most pure womb of Mary.

The divine nature and the human were united in a single Person: Jesus Christ, true God and, thenceforth, true man; the only begotten and eternal son of the Father and from that moment on, as man, the true son of Mary.

This is why our Lady is the mother of the Incarnate Word, of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who has united our human nature to himself for ever, without any confusion of the two natures. The greatest praise we can give to the Blessed Virgin is to address her loudly and clearly by the name that expresses her very highest dignity: 'Mother of God'."

### **Let us offer to our Mother today:**

*Brief but frequent prayers of love, such as:*

*"Mother of God, your prayers are most powerful. Pray for us*

## **MARY: THE MOST PERFECT CREATURE**

"She who is full of grace, the object of God's pleasure, exalted above all the angels and the saints, lived an ordinary life.

"Mary is as much a creature as we are, with a heart like ours, made for joy and mirth as well as suffering and tears. Before Gabriel communicates to her God's plan, Mary does not know that she has been chosen from all eternity to be the mother of the Messiah. She sees herself as a lowly creature. That is why she can acknowledge, with full humility, that 'he who is mighty has done great things' for her."

Let us offer to our Mother today:

Many glances of affection and many words of love, when we see her image or picture in our home, in the church, or anywhere. Especially as we recall the faith, hope and love of Fatima Pilgrims: *Hail Mary...*

## **MARY AND THE BLESSED TRINITY**

"Through the Incarnation of our Lord in her immaculate womb, Mary, the Daughter of God the Father, is also the Spouse of God the Holy Spirit and the Mother of God the Son."

**Let us offer to our Mother today:** throughout the day, perhaps hourly, Hail Mary for our Personal and family intentions.

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*The Angelus recited punctually at noon and with great affection.*

## **MARY: OUR MODEL IN ORDINARY LIFE**

"We can't forget that Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children, and take care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things - what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God."

Let us offer to our Mother today:

*Affectionate details of service and attention to those closest to us.*

## MARY: MOTHER OF JESUS THE CHRIST

***"Jesus Christus, Deus homo: Jesus Christ, God man.*** This is one of the 'mighty works of God,' which we should reflect upon and thank Him for. He has come to bring 'peace on earth to all people of good will,' to all who want to unite their wills to the holy will of God - not just the rich, not just the poor, but everyone: all the sisters and brothers. We are all brothers and sisters in Jesus, children of God. His mother is our Mother."

Where are we now? The Mass for Our Lady of Fatima is at St Mary's, Inverness at 1100 hrs today Wed 13 May. It is offered for all who make the Pilgrimage with us. Perhaps we will be all be Catholics, hoping to be devout, some be sceptical yet inspired by the faithful and humble prayers of many, some be simply curious onlookers with an attitude of desiring that good will be done. Our virtual visit to Fátima provides a chance to marvel at the power of faith: Two huge churches and millions of pilgrims - all of it started by three young children and "a lady brighter than the sun."

***Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.***

***For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.***

***Has risen as He said. Alleluia.***

***Pray for us to God. Alleluia.***

***V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.***

***R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.***



***Let us pray***

***O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

***Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us.***