

no one to make sacrifices and pray for them.”

Souls only go to hell because of their own unrepented sins, but Our Lady makes it clear that if we pray and sacrifice for them, they will receive powerful graces, which would move them towards conversion and salvation.

Let us choose a sacrifice or act of charity that we will commit to performing regularly (daily, weekly, etc.) and consciously offer it for our loved ones. Write down the act and its frequency to strengthen your commitment (e.g., avoid deserts, give up meat on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, fast one day a week, make Spiritual Communions, offer a holy hour, pray the Stations of the Cross).

6 Offer Masses, preferably in the traditional form, for our loved ones.

On Calvary, Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart was united with Our Lord’s Sacred Heart in the Perfect Sacrifice offered to God the Father. The Mass is the unbloody Sacrifice of Our Lord on Calvary. There is no better way to gain graces for the soul of your loved ones than to offer Masses for their salvation. We strongly encourage Mass in the traditional form as it makes more graces available.

7 Have our loved ones wear the Brown Scapular or place Green Scapulars in their homes.

Many graces can be had by devoutly wearing the Brown Scapular, especially when enrolled by a priest in the Confraternity. It would be wonderful if our wayward loved ones are willing to wear the Brown Scapular; even better if they undergo enrollment.

If our loved one refuses to wear a Brown Scapular, then we should obtain a Green Scapular, have it blessed by a priest, place it somewhere in our loved one’s home and pray daily as follows: “*Immaculate Heart of*

Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.” The Green Scapular is a powerful sacramental by which many have been converted or returned to the Catholic Faith.

NEVER GIVE UP!

No matter how long our loved ones have been away from the Faith or what sinful lives they lead, we should *never* give up on them. By our power, we cannot convert anyone. But *nothing* is impossible for God. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is particularly efficacious for our time. At Fatima, Our Lady made it clear that we can help save many souls from hell by our sacrifices and prayers.

Yet it is not enough to simply ‘hope’ our loved ones will return to the state of grace. We must formulate concrete resolutions and carry them out faithfully, for the rest of our lives if necessary. Let us use the plan outlined here and be confident that Our Lord will grant what we devoutly seek through the Heart of His Immaculate Mother.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE SALVATION OF LOVED ONES:

- 1 Offer our daily Rosary for them.**
- 2 Offer Five First Saturdays for them.**
- 3 Offer short prayers throughout the day.**
- 4 Consecrate them to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**
- 5 Perform sacrifices or acts of charity regularly.**
- 6 Offer Masses, preferably in the traditional form.**
- 7 Give them a Brown Scapular (or place a Green Scapular in their home).**

CONSECRATION OF LOVED ONES TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Most Sorrowful and Immaculate Virgin Mary – the holiest, purest, noblest, greatest and inexhaustible fountain of goodness, sweetness, mercy and love and model of every virtue – O Queen of Heaven and Earth, Refuge of sinners, Mother of our Savior and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to Thee.

I tender Thee the most profound homage of which I am capable and offer Thee my humble thanks for all the gifts I have received from Thy goodness.

Prostrate before Thee, I, an unworthy sinner, consecrate to Thy Most Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, now and for eternity, the soul of my [state relationship], [Name]. I place **N.** entirely in Thy unfailing maternal care. I beg Thee to come to *his [her]* aid, lest *he [she]* be lost, for Thou art our only hope. I ask this of Thee, dear Mother, with firm trust and confidence, for, as Thou knowest better than anyone, “nothing is impossible with God.” I unite this consecration with the infinite merits obtained by Thy Divine Son on Calvary, which are renewed in the Holy Masses offered for this intention.

O Holy Mary, may the Most Precious Blood of Thy Son, Jesus, come down upon **N.** to save *him [her]*. Do Thou deliver from every evil, fill with every virtue, preserve in grace until death, and grant to *him [her]* eternal life. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, in the name of Thy Most Holy Mother Mary, I consecrate **N.** to Thy Most Sacred Heart. I surrender *him [her]* to Thy sweet yoke and place *him [her]* at the foot of Thy Cross. O Infalible Word of God and Sweet Redeemer of men, I beg Thee to have mercy on and to save **N.** Amen.

THE FATIMA CENTER

In U.S.A: P.O. Box 1470, Buffalo, New York 14240
In Canada: P.O. Box 602, Fort Erie, ON L2A 5X3
Call toll-free: 1-800-263-8160 | 1-905-871-7607
www.fatima.org | Email: info@fatima.org

The Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Salvation of Wayward Loved Ones



We all have family or friends who are either not Catholic or have fallen away from the Church. We worry about their ultimate fate and wonder what we can do to help win the battle for their souls.

By sending Our Lady to Fatima, God mercifully revealed the most effective weapon in this spiritual combat: The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

GOD WANTS US TO HONOR THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND SEEK HER AID

In Her July 1917 apparition, Our Lady opened the earth beneath the children and showed them the horrifying end of sinners. “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go,” She said. “In order to save them, God wills to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart.”

In late 1919 as Jacinta lay near death on her sickbed, she reminded Lucia of this key revelation:

“It will not be long now before I go to Heaven. You will remain here to make known that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When you are to say this, don’t go and hide. Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask Her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at His side. Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God has entrusted it to Her. If I could only put into the hearts of all, the fire that is burning within my own heart, and that makes me love the Hearts of Jesus and Mary so very much!”

Our Lord Himself confirmed the importance

of this devotion for our time. When Sister Lucia asked Him why He would not convert Russia without its consecration to the Immaculate Heart, He answered:

“Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that Consecration as a Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that it may extend its veneration and place the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart.”

SAVING OUR LOVED ONES THROUGH THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

We can increase the efficacy of our spiritual efforts to help save the souls of our loved ones by offering them to God *through* the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is a plan of action for doing just that using the devotions Our Blessed Mother so strongly recommended at Fatima:

1 Offer our daily Rosary for the salvation of our loved ones.

At each apparition, Our Lady emphasized the importance of praying at least a five-decade Rosary *every day*. On July 13, 1917, for example, She told the children: “[C]ontinue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary ... because only She can help you.”

We should offer our daily Rosary for the salvation of the souls of our loved ones. Even better, offer a 54-day Rosary Novena for this intention. (Go to www.fatima.org for audio and prayers of this novena.)

2 Complete the Five First Saturdays devotion for our loved ones.

Our Lady explained the great power and importance of the First Saturday acts of reparation – Confession, Communion, a Rosary, and a 15-minute meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary, all done with the intention of making reparation for offenses against the Immaculate

Heart of Mary – in these unforgettable words: “Look, My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, try to console Me.”

How beautiful that this consolation of which She speaks is achieved by our enabling Her to give special graces to errant souls, bringing about their conversion!

After completing the Five First Saturdays devotion for ourself, we can complete it again and offer it for a specific loved one, begging Our Lady to save that soul. Our Lady promised to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, anyone who faithfully fulfills this devotion. While that *guarantee* may not apply if the devotion is offered for another, we can piously entrust such an effort to God’s infinite goodness and mercy. After all, Our Lord and Our Lady desire the salvation of our loved ones *even more* than we do.

3 Pray short prayers throughout the day for the souls of our loved ones.

All day long St. Jacinta loved to repeat short prayers for the conversion of sinners.

Here are three short, adapted prayers we can pray frequently, entrusting our loved ones to Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.

“Immaculate Heart of Mary, I love Thee. Save the soul of [Name] and all souls!”

“Sweet Heart of Mary, be the salvation of N. and all souls!”

“By Thy Pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of N., my family members, and my loved ones!”

Let us memorize these prayers and strive to pray them throughout the day with the fervor, love and confidence of St. Jacinta.

4 Consecrate our loved ones to the Immaculate Heart.

Consecration to Our Lady is a sign of predestination, strongly encouraged by St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe and numerous saints and popes. We can certainly consecrate ourselves and those under our authority (e.g., our children). We are also encouraged to consecrate other loved ones. After all, we know from St. John Vianney’s testimony that Fr. Augustine Mary (Hermann Cohen) consecrated his mother, and Our Lady gave her the necessary graces to convert upon her deathbed.

This consecration carries even more signal graces when intentionally made to the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*. The amazing results of such consecrations of Portugal in 1931 and of the world in 1942 prove it is a most powerful and pleasing means of honoring Our Lady. We know of no better way to seek the graces which we and our loved ones so desperately need.

Use the prayer on the last page of this brochure to formally consecrate the soul of a loved one to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Renew this consecration often, even daily, but especially on a birthday, important anniversary, patron saint day, and Marian feast days.

5 Offer sacrifices or acts of charity regularly on behalf of loved ones.

Our Lady of Fatima emphasized that countless souls need not only our prayers but also our sacrifices: “Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and to bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?”

In Her July 1917 apparition, She exhorted us to “Sacrifice yourself for sinners” and in August She made this stirring appeal: “Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have