

# Fatima in Brief

Our world faces an unprecedented political, economic, social, and spiritual crisis. Things are spiraling from bad to worse. We sense there is no human solution.

God loves us and foresaw these times. In 1917, He sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to three children in Fatima, Portugal. She foretold the current crisis and gave us Heaven's solution. We must implement that solution immediately.

#### THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

The three children – Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto – were prepared for the visit of Our Lady by Saint Michael the Archangel. He appeared to them three times in 1916, teaching them to offer prayers and sacrifices for sinners. In his final visit, he carried a Chalice and bleeding Host. Prostrated before both, he adored Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament before he gave It to the children, inviting them to make reparation and console God for sins committed by ungrateful men.

# THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY

May 13, 1917: The children saw standing above a small holm oak tree "a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light." Our Lady told them She came from Heaven and asked them to return on the 13th for the next five months. She urged them to pray the Rosary every day. She then rose up and began moving east until She disappeared.

Our Lady appeared five more times in the same manner. Each time, She urged the children to pray the Rosary daily. The most significant events and words of Our Lady during those apparitions follow.

June 13: Our Lady showed the children HER IMMACULATE HEART, visibly outraged by the sins of men and seeking reparation.

July 13: Our Lady promised to perform a miracle in October so that all might believe. She then revealed the "GREAT SECRET OF FATIMA," which had three parts:

- A horrific vision of hell "where the souls of poor sinners go";
- 2 Heaven's remedy to prevent the eternal loss of souls: "God wills to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart ... 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 persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated"; and
- 3 A final part of the Secret, which became known as the Third Secret of Fatima. Lucia said Our Lady wanted the Third Secret to be revealed by 1960 "because it will be clearer then."

August 13: The children were imprisoned and threatened by the local

administrator, a prominent Freemason. He tried to get them to admit they were lying about seeing Our Lady but was unsuccessful.

August 19: Our Lady appeared to the children and gave details about the miracle She would perform. She begged them to "pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them."

from the firmament and, bloodred, to plunge toward the earth, threatening to crush us with its fiery mass." The crowd cried out in anguish, many begging pardon for their lives of sin and disbelief. At the last moment, the sun resumed its normal place and appearance in the sky. Previously soaked from the rain and dirty from the mud, the crowd found themselves dry and clean.



October 13: 70,000 people were present, despite a cold, driving rain, in anticipation of the pre-announced miracle. Our Lady told the children sadly: "People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended."

Then the MIRACLE OF THE SUN began. The sky abruptly cleared and the crowd was able to look directly at the noonday sun without any discomfort. The sun began to move haphazardly, shaking, trembling and turning "like a fire wheel taking on all the colors of the rainbow." Then, terrifyingly, it "seemed to free itself

While the crowd witnessed the Miracle of the Sun, the children saw visions Our Lady had promised them, including Saint Joseph holding the Child Jesus and Our Lady of Mount Carmel holding the Brown Scapular.

### LATER APPARITIONS

As She promised, Our Lady returned to ask for the First Saturday Devotion and Russia's Consecration.

December 10, 1925 (Pontevedra, Spain): Our Lord and Our Lady appeared to Lucia and requested reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady promised "to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, 2 receive Holy Communion, arecite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with 5 the intention of making Reparation to Me."

June 13, 1929 (Tuy, Spain): During a spectacular apparition involving a vision of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady told Sister Lucia, "The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means."

August 1931 (Rianjo, Spain): Our Lord warned the Pope and bishops about the urgency of consecrating Russia. He appeared to Lucia and told her: "Make it known to My ministers, given that they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My command, they will follow him into misfortune."

In 1689, Our Lord had requested the French kings to publicly consecrate France to His Sacred Heart. They failed to do so. One hundred years later, the King was stripped of his authority and later executed as the French Revolution spread violence and errors.

# **CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA: Heaven requested the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Pope in union with all the Catholic bishops in a solemn public ceremony on a day of worldwide reparation. On at least fourteen occasions since 1942, the Popes have responded incompletely. The Vatican claimed Pope John Paul II fulfilled Our Lady's request in 1984. Some now claim Pope Francis did so in March 2022. On both occasions, the Pope consecrated the whole world, not Russia as the sole object of consecration; did not require the bishops to join him; and did not call for reparation. Our Lady promised that the conversion of Russia and world peace would follow as direct effects of the consecration. Neither has occurred. Heaven still awaits the proper Consecration of Russia.

2 THE THIRD SECRET: The Vatican did not release the Third Secret of Fatima by 1960. Instead, it issued a press release stating that "it is most likely that the letter will never be opened, in which Sr. Lucia wrote down the words which Our Lady confided as a secret to the three little shepherds."

In June 2000, the Vatican published what it said was the entire Third Secret. In the text, Lucia describes a mysterious vision in which the Holy Father, "half trembling with a halting step" and "afflicted with pain and sorrow," passes "through a big city half in ruins," praying "for the souls of the corpses" he meets on the way. As he kneels at the foot of a large wooden cross, he is killed by soldiers, as are faithful of every rank. The text contains no words spoken by Our Lady.

Abundant evidence suggests there is more to the Third Secret. Lucia wrote down the Secret in two documents, only one of which has been released by the Vatican. The other document is a one-page letter, which Fatima scholars believe contains the words of Our Lady and likely refers to the crisis of faith that has engulfed the Church since the Second Vatican Council and material and spiritual chastisements yet to come. We await the release of the entire Third Secret.

## WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

- The Message of Fatima was authenticated by the Miracle of the Sun a public miracle without precedent. The date and place of the miracle were foretold months in advance and it was witnessed by tens of thousands believers and unbelievers alike.
- Fatima is no mere private revelation. In 1982, Pope John Paul II said: "The Message of Fatima imposes an obligation on the whole Church."
- The Church has formally approved the authenticity of the Fatima apparitions. In 1930, after an extensive investigation, the Bishop of Leiria, in which Fatima is located, declared that the visions of the children "are worthy of belief."
- All the Popes since 1917 have endorsed the authenticity of the apparitions and the Fatima Message. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said: "He deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded."

#### WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

The Fatima Message is Heaven's solution – and the only solution – for the crisis besetting us. It is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.

When devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is established by the practice of the First Saturday devotion and the Consecration of Russia, Russia will convert to the Catholic Faith and peace will reign. Until then, the crisis will worsen, leading to the annihilation of nations and the loss of many souls.

To obtain the graces necessary for the proper Consecration of Russia and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart, we must do what Our Lady of Fatima requested:

- **GOD** and stay in the state of grace;
- [2] Pray the ROSARY daily;
- [3] Practice the FIRST SAT-URDAY devotion monthly;
- [4] Be enrolled in and wear the **BROWN SCAPULAR**;
- **[5] OFFER PRAYERS** and **SACRIFICES**, especially our daily duty well performed, in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners;
- **[6] CONSECRATE** ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and
- [7] Pray and sacrifice for the Pope and bishops to consecrate Russia as requested by Heaven.

Time is short; we must act now!

# **The Seven Fatima Prayers**

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee.

- St. Michael the Archangel (Spring 1916)

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 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 of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

- St. Michael the Archangel (Fall 1916)

O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee; My God, My God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

- Our Lady to the Children at Fatima (May 13, 1917)

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need.

- Our Lady to the Children at Fatima (July 13, 1917)

O My Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer this sacrifice to Thee.

- Our Lady to the Children at Fatima (July 13, 1917)

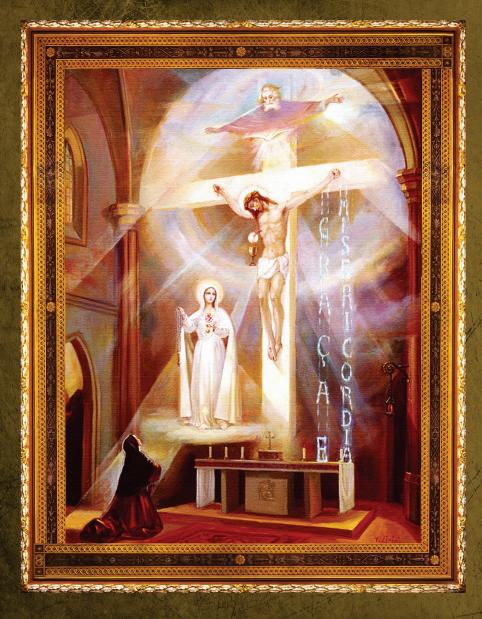
Sweet Heart of Mary, be the salvation of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe, and the whole world.

- Our Lord to Sister Lucia at Rianjo, Spain (August 1931)

By Thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe, and the whole world."

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