

CHILDREN'S PRAYER LEAFLET : OUR LADY OF FATIMA
APPARITIONS IN PORTUGAL IN 1917
May 2024

God loves us

Through the misery we see in the world, we ask ourselves whether God loves us. During Lent and Holy Week, we made the Way of the Cross, which reminds us of the sufferings of Jesus, the Son of God. But he rose again on Easter Day. God loves us too, in spite of our difficulties.

In his love, he wanted to entrust us to the Virgin Mary. At the Cross, Jesus said to Saint John: "Son, here is your mother". Jesus entrusts us to his mother and entrusts us to his mother. So we have to pray to the Virgin Mary, we have to pray the Rosary. As a child, do I know how to pray the rosary? Do I pray it often? The month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Let's pray it regularly, at least one Hail Mary a day. Why not pray the rosary from time to time?

THE LITTLE STORY

Our Lady of Fatima

Apparitions in Portugal in 1-10



Once upon a time, a pope called Benedict XV (fifteen) organised a crusade of prayers to Mary as the mediator of all graces, to save the world then devastated by the First World War. A week later, his anguished prayer was answered by the Virgin Mary. One Sunday, 13 May 1917, three children were tending their sheep in the hills of Fatima, Portugal. Lucia, aged 10, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta, aged 9 and 7 respectively, were the lucky ones chosen by the Virgin.

Hearing midday sound at a distance, they knelt down and said the rosary. Their prayer was interrupted by the sight of a flash of lightning, then a second flash brighter than the first. But the sky was cloudless. O marvellous ! they saw a beautiful Lady more sparkling than the sun. Terrified, the three children wanted to run away, but the mysterious apparition reassured them with a gesture of maternal kindness and said : « Don't be afraid, I won't hurt you.

After a few minutes of silence, Lucia dared to ask : « Who are you ? – I am from heaven, » replied the heavenly vision, « I have come down to ask you to come here, six months in a row, on the 13th of each month. » The Virgin recommended that they pray the rosary often.

"You will add this prayer after the Gloria Patri: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, preserve us from the fire of hell, and lead to heaven all souls, especially those most in need of Thy mercy". Then She fell silent and gently departed. Every 13th of the following five months, the children had the distinct joy of seeing the beautiful Lady again. News of the apparitions spread rapidly through the region. On 13 July, the crowd of onlookers reached five thousand, and by August it had risen to almost twenty thousand. Finally, on 13 October, around seventy thousand people turned out despite the rain.

Suddenly, the sky lightened, the sun shook and began to turn on itself at dizzying speed. The three children saw the Blessed Virgin accompanied this time by Jesus and St Joseph. This miracle took place exactly on the day, at the time and in the place announced, to encourage people to believe in the reality of the apparitions and to obey the message that the Blessed Virgin was bringing from Heaven. At Fatima, as at Lourdes, Our Lady recommended penance and the recitation of the rosary. "If you respond to my request to do penance and pray, Russia will be converted and you will have peace," promised the Virgin Mary. "If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, bringing war and persecution to the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer , many nations will be devastated." But let's not forget that Our Lady of Fatima added: "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph."

DAILY READINGS AND EXERCICES OF THE WORD TO BE LIVED FOR CHILDREN (May 2024)

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| 1. Wednesday : Jn 15, 1-8 : | Saint Joseph the Worker. Pray for the Pope's intention: That religious women and men and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through a human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Offer your work or service to God. |
| 2. Thursday : Jn 15, 9-15 : | Laugh a lot with your brother, your mother or your parents. For Jesus' sake. |
| 3. Friday : Jn 14, 6-14 : | Ask Jesus for something. |
| 4. Saturday : Acts 16, 1-10 : | Sing a song to the Holy Spirit. Attend Mass and evangelise someone |
| 5. Sunday : Jn 15, 9-17 : | Carry out an act of love |
| 6. Monday : Acts 16, 11-15 : | Pray for your mother, your sister or all religious women. |
| 7. Tuesday : Jn 16, 5-11 : | Do your work well |
| 8. Wednesday : Jn 16, 12-15 : | Sing a hymn to the Holy Spirit again. |
| 9. Thursday : Mk 16, 15-20 : | Ascension of the Lord. Attend Mass and evangelise someone. |
| 10. Friday : Acts 18, 9-18 : | Do no harm to anyone. |
| 11. Saturday : Jn 16, 23b-28 : | Clean your room properly. |
| 12. Sunday : Jn 17, 11-19 : | Help a family member. |
| 13. Monday : Jn 16, 29-33 : | Do everything possible in order to pray well today. |
| 14. Tuesday : Acts 1, 15-17.20-26 : | Pray for all those who build the kingdom of God. |
| 15. Wednesday : Acts 20, 28-38 : | Encourage a friend to love Jesus |
| 16. Thursday : Jn 17, 20-26 : | Pray for unity in your family |
| 17. Friday : Acts 25, 13-21 : | Pray for prisoners. |
| 18. Saturday : Jn 21, 20-25 : | Read the Bible a little more than usual. |
| 19. Sunday : Jn 15, 26-27 :16.12-15 : | Pentecost. Be joyful and trust God. |
| 20. Monday : Gn3, 9-15.20 : | Do not sin and flee from sin. Pray for peace in your country. |
| 21. Tuesday : Mk 9, 30-37 : | Do not be proud and speak to a child or do good to a child. Read CCC No 1124. |
| 22. Wednesday : James 4, 13-17 : | Offer your plans to God. Read CCC No 1125 |
| 23. Thursday : James 5, 1-6 : | Be honest and help someone in need. Read CCC No 1126 |
| 24. Friday : James 5, 9-12 : | Avoid complaining about others and do your work or service well. Read CCC No 1127. |
| 25. Saturday : James 5, 13-20 : | World Children's Day. Pray for children. Read CCC No 1128. |
| 26. Sunday : Mt 28, 16-20 : | Holy Trinity. Do something that pleases Jesus. Bring joy to your mother/nurse/spiritual elder or godmother. |
| 27. Monday : Mk 10, 17-27 : | Present your spiritual difficulties to God. |
| 28. Tuesday : 1P1, 10-16 : | Pray to be holy |
| 29. Wednesday : Mk 10, 32-45 : | Help someone to do a task . |
| 30. Thursday : 1P2, 2-5,9-12 : | Read a psalm from the Bible. |
| 31. Friday : Lk 1, 39-56 : | Visitation of the Virgin Mary. Pray a Hail Mary or a rosary. |

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THEME: « « Save me, Lord » (Mt 14,30b)

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