



**THE NOVENA TO  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

## **THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA**

*Fatima is a call from the Mother of God for a renewed fidelity to penance and prayer, which basically is the message of the Gospel. It brings out the desire of Our Lord that His Mother be better known, loved, and venerated, through devotion to her Immaculate Heart.*

### **INVITATION**

Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima and conclude with the Holy Rosary on page 12.

### **REFERENCE**

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## Day 1: First Secret of Fatima

### Reflection

In July of 1917, Our Lady of Fatima granted the children a frightening vision of hell and said sadly, “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.”

*“As horrible as are the physical chastisements associated with man’s disobedient rebellion before God, infinitely more horrible are the spiritual chastisements for they have to do with the fruit of grievous sin: eternal death. As is clear, only the Faith, which places man in the relationship of unity of heart with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the mediation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, can save man from the spiritual chastisements which rebellion against God necessarily brings upon its perpetrators and upon the whole of both society and the Church.”*

- Cardinal Raymond Burke

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## Day 2: Power of the Rosary

### Reflection

During every apparition, Our Lady of Fatima reminded the children to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war. Our Lady told Lucia that Francisco would have to pray many Rosaries to secure Heaven. This remains a reminder to all Catholics that we must be active and not passive in our devotion to the Holy Rosary.

*“Reflecting upon the pressing need to respond to the grace of a new evangelization, we see how timely the apparitions and message of Our Lady of Fatima remain. At Fatima, the Mother of God, our Mother, provides for us the means to go faithfully to her Divine Son and to seek from Him the wisdom and strength to bring His saving grace to a profoundly troubled world.”*

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## Day 3: Penance for the Faithful

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“How must we sacrifice?” Lucia asked. The Angel of Portugal answered her, “Offer God a sacrifice of anything you can as an act of reparation for the sins with which He is offended and as a supplication for the conversion of sinners.”

*“Many persons, feeling that the word penance implies great austerities, and not feeling that they have the strength for great sacrifices, become discouraged and continue a life of lukewarmness and sin.’ Then she said Our Lord explained to her: ‘The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfillment of his duties in life and the observance of My law. This is the penance that I now seek and require.’”*

-Sr. Lucia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos

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## Day 4: Second Secret of Fatima

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Our Lady of Fatima asked for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart for the conversion of Russia and to avoid another war. The mentality of materialism, atheism, and secularism (which is far more diabolical because of its lack of concern for whether there is a God) was especially pervasive in Russia. Because Russia did not convert, she spread her errors throughout the world, and we must actively battle the effects.

*“Before the grave situation of the world today, we are, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us, like the first disciples who, after hearing Saint Peter’s Pentecost discourse, asked him: ‘What must we do?’ Even as the first disciples faced a pagan world which had not even heard of our Lord Jesus Christ, so, too, we face a culture which is forgetful of God and hostile to His Law written upon every human heart.”*

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## Day 5: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart

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At Fatima, Our Lady promised salvation to whoever embraces the devotion to the Immaculate Heart. She is our defense against the influences of our godless culture. When Lucia asked Our Lady if she would stay on earth alone while Jacinta and Francisco were taken to Heaven, Our Lady lovingly replied: “No, my daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Don’t lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

*“...The recovery of peace will be a gift from Heaven, but it is not, properly speaking, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Her victory is of another order, supernatural, and then temporal by addition. It will first be the victory of the Faith, which will put an end to the time of apostasy, and the great shortcomings of the Church’s pastors.”*

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## Day 6: Communion of Reparation

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The Blessed Mother revealed at Fatima an act of reparation that would remove the thorns which pierce her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men: “On the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me.” This act of reparation is still indisputably relevant for us today.

*"The consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart did not take place, as she requested, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays did not become the practice of the universal Church. There ensued the terrible suffering of the Second World War and its aftermath, the spread of atheistic communism, resulting, in fact, in the persecution of many nations and of the Church in those nations, and the."*

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## Day 7: Third Secret of Fatima

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Sister Lucia did not reveal the Third Secret of Fatima until much later. In her description of the vision, Lucia quotes an Angel with a flaming sword who pointed to the earth and cried aloud: “Penance, Penance, Penance!”. Then, Lucia recounts the martyrdom of the Faithful, of those true to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Two Angels collected the blood of the martyrs in a crystal vessel and sprinkled it on the souls ‘making their way to God’.

*“The third part of the Secret...has to deal with the spiritual chastisement brought about by the rebellion of man who instead of giving his heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary gives over his heart to the corruption of the worldly materialism and relativism of the age.”*

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## Day 8: Pray for Priests

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Our Lady emphasized prayer and sacrifice. If we are willing to pray and make sacrifices for the priesthood, we the Laity can become a powerhouse for the good of the Church. Even the holiest of priests are in great need of our prayers to fortuitously carry on their mission of faithfulness to save souls.

*“...The Third Secret is directed, with particular force, to those who exercise the pastoral office in the Church. Their failure to teach the faith, in fidelity to the Church’s constant teaching and practice, whether through a superficial, confused or even worldly approach, and their silence endangers mortally, in the deepest spiritual sense, the very souls for whom they have been consecrated to care spiritually. The poisonous fruits of the failure of the Church’s pastors is seen in a manner of worship, of teaching and of moral discipline which is not in accord with Divine Law.”*

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## Day 9: Message of Hope

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Overall, Our Lady of Fatima's message is full of hope! Her plan for consecration and conversions leads to holiness in our homes and families. She warns us about the evils in the world so that we may continue to fight the good fight. When the Immaculate Heart of Mary triumphs, we may with confidence join in that victory.

*“While the Secret of Fatima is realistic about the great evils which beset the world and the Church, it is fundamentally a message of hope in the victory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The victory of grace, however, means for us the daily conversion to Christ, purification from sin in our lives through prayer and penance, and reparation for sins committed.”*

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### Holy Rosary

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1	While holding the crucifix make the Sign of the Cross. and then recite the Apostles Creed
2	Recite the Our Father on the first large bead.
3	Recite a Hail Mary for an increase of faith, hope and charity on each of the three small beads.
4	Recite the Glory Be to the Father on the next large bead.
5	Recite the Fatima Prayer "O my Jesus" on the large bead.
6	Recall the first Rosary Mystery and recite the Our Father on the large bead.
7	On each of the adjacent ten small beads (also referred to as a decade) recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the mystery.
8	On the next large bead, recite the Glory Be to the Father, the Fatima prayer.
9	Each succeeding decade is prayed in a similar manner by recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, ten Hail Mary's while reflecting on the mystery, the Glory Be to the Father, and the Fatima prayer.
10	When the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is Customarily concluded with the Hail Holy Queen, Final Prayer, and the Sign of the Cross.

**Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us of our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

### **Hail Holy Queen**

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our hope. To thee we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us, the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

### **Final Prayer**

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

### Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation of the Angel to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary to Saint Elizabeth
3. The Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

### Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

### Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays and Sundays)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
2. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

### Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of Jesus
2. The Wedding of Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the call to conversion
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

