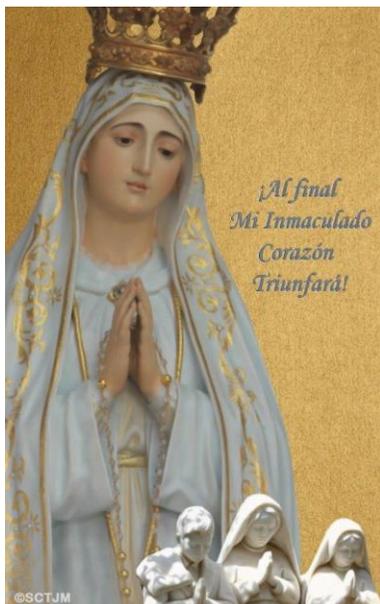


FIFTH DAY OF THE NOVENA OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA DURING THE CENTENARY OF HER APPARITIONS

Written by Mother Adela, scjtm



Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

We say three times like the Angel taught the little shepherds:
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."

Then we pray based on any message or event from the apparitions of Our Lady:

Blessed Mother, in your second apparition when you indicated to Lucia that her cousins would soon go to heaven, but that she would have to remain to propagate devotion to the Immaculate Heart, which is so loved by God, little Lucia experienced a profound sadness upon thinking that she would remain alone in this world. You, loving Mother, responded to her: ***"Don't be discouraged! I will never leave you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the path that will lead you to God."*** What very consoling words... Your love and maternal care always accompany us. We do not have to be afraid of anything since your Heart is our refuge and our sure path to God. What a great teaching you gave to Lucia and to each one of us; your

Heart is the House, Refuge, School and Path to securely take us to the Heart of God.

Day 6

We pray, Blessed Mother, that from your maternal hands and through the intercession of the little shepherds, we, like Lucia, may not be afraid before the difficulties of life, before the daily battles we confront, before the constant struggles due to being faithful to God and His will. May we not be afraid of the instabilities of the world, or of our little world; that we may not be afraid of the tribulations that we experience interiorly or exteriorly, of the problems that many times surface unexpectedly... That we may not be afraid of anything nor become discouraged by anything, because you have promised that "you will never leave us." That we may know that in every personal, familial, community, worldly, and ecclesial storm, your Immaculate Heart is our refuge, a place that you offer us as a protection and as a shelter before the deluges of our contemporary world and the tornados of our lives. We must not be afraid of losing the path if we are inside your heart. You, Mother, have offered us your Heart as a sure path that will take us, lead us to God. With you, in you, through you, the path to the Heart of Christ is so luminous, sure and solid, so straight and perfect, that because of that it is the best path. Thank you, Mother, for offering us your Heart. We want to live inside of it, to walk the itinerary of our life here on earth, and through your Heart be presented before God. To live close to your Heart is to sit in the School of Holiness and in the School where we grow in the authentic and concrete Christian maturity.

Day 7

Day 8

[Let us pray for this intention an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be.](#)

We conclude with a section of the prayer of consecration to the world to the Immaculate Heart that Saint John Paul II made in 1984 in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Behold, as we stand before you, Mother of Christ, before your Immaculate Heart, we desire, to consecrate ourselves to your maternal heart: Oh Immaculate Heart!

Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths towards the future!

From famine and war, deliver us.
From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.
From sins against the life of man from its very beginning, deliver us.
From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.
From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.
From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.
From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.
From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, Oh Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies.
Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world," in all its manifestations.
Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the Redemption: the power of merciful Love! May it put a stop to evil!
May it transform consciences! May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of Hope! Amen.