



FIRST DAY OF THE NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA ON THE CENTENARY OF HER APPARITIONS

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We say three times like the Angel taught the shepherd children:
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 first apparition you immersed the children in the light that comes from God. The shepherds remained immersed or penetrated by a light emanating from your virginal hands, which Lucia described as:

"Our Lady opened her arms for the first time, communicating a very intense light, like a reflection coming from her hands, penetrating deep into our chest and our souls, allowing us to see ourselves in God, who was that light, more clearly than seeing ourselves in the best of mirrors." That light that penetrated in the depths of the souls of the children seemed to have been like a flash of the light of God that allowed them to experience a taste of heavenly joy. That light dissipated all of the darkness of the heart to open them to listen to the voice of the Mother in Heaven, to obey Her desires and to dispose

themselves with enthusiasm and courage to fulfill everything that She asked of them.

We pray, Blessed Mother, that from your maternal hands and through the intercession of the shepherd children, we may be like them, imbued with the light of God, so that any darkness that comes from sin, vice, obstinacy, indifference, laziness or disbelief, or from diabolical forces that hit our world, may be dissipated from our life, our heart, mind, sentiments and actions. Filled with the light of God, we may dispose ourselves to be Apostles of your Immaculate Heart so that with our prayers, sacrifices, rosaries, penances, consecration and propagation of devotion to your Immaculate Heart, we may cooperate daily so that soon we may see the full realization of the much yearned triumph of your Immaculate Heart.

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.