



Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions - May 13th

During 1916 in Fatima, Portugal an angel appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, aged 10, Francisco, aged 9, and Jacinta, aged 7. The Angel of Portugal visited twice and taught the children how to pray. He also encouraged them to offer their suffering to Jesus.

First Apparition: Our Lady appeared to the children on May 13, 1917. The children stated, "A lady dressed in white shining brighter than the sun with clear, intense light rays radiating from her," told them she would see them on the 13th of each month for six months. She said they needed to sacrifice and suffer to go to heaven. She asked them to pray the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and to dedicate themselves to her Immaculate Heart.

Second Apparition: On June 13th Mary requested that the Fatima Prayer be added to the end of the Rosary. The children asked Mary to take them to heaven and she promised to take Jacinta and Francisco, soon.

Third Apparition: July 13th, Mary revealed three secrets: a vision of Hell and that she called "a horrible place." She predicted WWII and the persecution of Christians in Russia and the world over.

Fourth Apparition: On August 13th, the children were kidnapped and imprisoned by the police because it was believed that they were lying about the apparitions. They wanted the children to admit it was a hoax, but the children refused and six days later Mary appeared and asked them to pray for sinners.

Fifth Apparition: On the 13th of September, people gathered to see if Mary would appear. White rose petals fell from the sky but as people touched them, they disappeared. Lucia asked Mary to cure the sick, but Mary responded, "God cannot heal those who were not in a state of grace."

Sixth Apparition: It was a rainy day on 13th of October when over 50,000 people came to witness "The Sign." They wanted proof that the apparitions were authentic before taking Mary's message to heart. When Mary appeared at noon, she called herself "The Lady of the Rosary" and asked the people to mend their ways, obtain pardon for their sins, and not offend Jesus anymore. She added, "He is too greatly offended." By now 100,00 people had gathered. Then, the sky opened, the sun staggered across the sky and turned silver with rays of light shooting multicolor lights. This repeated three times before the sun rushed towards the crowd who thought the end of the world was upon them. The brilliant ball of fire was blinding, and the people finally believed the children!

Mary had asked us to pray the Rosary daily and do penance but because we did not communism rose in Russia and there was a second world war. We paid a heavy price for our failure. Whenever Mary appears she has a mission for us: to say the Rosary daily to bring peace, to pray for the conversion for Russia, to repent, and to have a devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

If we do not heed her requests Russia will continue to persecute the Church, Christians will be martyred, and there will be another global war. With prayer, penance, devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Russia will be converted and we will have PEACE.

In numerous additional messages, and in his encyclicals, Pius XII encouraged the veneration of the Virgin in Fátima. Pope Francis [consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) on 25 March 2022, stating: "Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine".

*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.