

Then I pray to the Mother of Heaven:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection
implored your help
or sought your intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to you do I come, before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

3 GOD WISHES TO ESTABLISH IN THE WORLD DEVOTION TO MY IMMACULATE HEART

To love is to give oneself and to give oneself is the Cross

Slowly, I make my way along the "crosswalk of promises" towards the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity and, at the same time, I reflect about the reasons why I still accept today to make sacrifices.

The Immaculate Heart of the Mother of Heaven makes you to be aware of the most radical dimension of God's love, His mercy. In Mary's Heart echo and resound the words with which God, through the Angel, called her and the words with which Mary said her "yes" to God's project; echo and resound the words with which she believed that it was true; echo and resound the words expressing her trust in God, the words with which she accompanied her Son's cross, and the words with which she witnessed His resurrection.

To take refuge in Mary's Heart and to accept to be taught by him is to discover the secrets of divine mercy. With the Heavenly Mother we learn much better how it is always possible to love Jesus.

4. IF WHAT I SAY TO YOU IS DONE, MANY SOULS WILL BE SAVED AND THERE WILL BE PEACE. THERE WAS A MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND THEN I ASKED: IS THERE ANYTHING MORE THAT YOU WANT OF ME? SHE ANSWERED: NO, I DO NOT WANT ANYTHING MORE OF YOU TODAY.

What I ask the Mother of Heaven and what the Mother of Heaven asks me
In the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity

Contemplating the mosaic, keeping in mind the Image of Our Lady, I reflect and ponder: The Heavenly Mother whispers to each of us that Heaven is our vocation, and that Heaven is made of willingness (as in the Annunciation), is made of charity and love (as in the Visitation); it turns into kindness (as in the birth of Jesus), it becomes surrender (as in care and communion with the Project of the kingdom of Jesus); it becomes proximity (in the identification with his disciples); it becomes presence in suffering (as in the Passion) and it turns into joy (as in the Resurrection and Pentecost).

With a peaceful heart, if I feel called to the sacramental celebration of God's forgiveness, I'll approach to the Chapel of Reconciliation where I can make the experience of feeling welcomed by Jesus and wrapped in God's love.

Then I pray as many times as I want:

O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I make the sign of the cross over myself and walk in peace.

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EVOCATIVE JOURNEY
OF THE THIRD APPARITION OF OUR LADY



Involved
in God's
love
for the world

ROUTE STATIONS:

1. Near the Crib (in the Precinct of Prayer)
2. In the Chapel of the Apparitions
3. Along the "crosswalk of promises"
4. In the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen

In this place of the Cova da Iria, the 13th May 1917, three children 7, 9 and 10 years old received the visit of the Virgin Mary, clothed in the Light of God. As she had promised, Our Lady appeared to them again the following month and then again the 13th July 1917, after the recitation of the rosary with others who were present.

In the third apparition, Our Lady told the little shepherds:

Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Today, I am a pilgrim of Fatima and I'm near the place where Our Lady spoke to the little shepherds. The 13th July 1917, Our Lady spoke to three children but, through them and their simplicity of children, spoke to all mankind. Where will go my heart and my intelligence when I hear the words of Our Lady as addressed to me and to my circumstances?

To help me answering, the Sanctuary puts in my hands this instrument/itinerary, which is an invitation to walk in order to understand that the Heavenly Mother induces me to experience the tenderness of God through all ages and dramas of human history. It is a journey of prayer that you make with your feet and your heart.

1. WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?

- LUCIA ASKED OUR LADY.

With Jesus, I contemplate God's love for humanity
Near the Crib (in the Precinct of Prayer)

Next to the Crib, I think of the many moments of Jesus' life: I begin by the expectation that Jews lived in relation to the coming of the Messiah; I proceed from his birth onwards, contemplating each encounter of Jesus with so many men and women of his time; I identify myself with the human experience of those who met Jesus in the ways of life (anxious, blind, lame, deaf and paralyzed, impatient and possessed, etc.) and I meditate on the overflowing fullness of love that Jesus Christ always conveys. And then I ask the question: "What does God want of me?"

Soon afterwards, walking up to the south colonnade, I am going from place to place and contemplate each image of the Way of the Cross, trying to understand the intensity of love put into every moment. Passing in front of the precinct's altar, I keep going to the northern colonnade and I'll persist in contemplating the way of the cross of Jesus, coming down, afterwards, along the colonnade.

In the meantime, I'll keep in mind and pray within my heart a few verses of Psalm 138.

Psalm 138, 1-18.23-24

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.
You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, o Lord, You know it all.
You have enclosed me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.
Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike to You.

2. CONTINUE TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY

- OUR LADY SAID.

I am prone to enter the "school" of Our Lady and I
accept to be taught
In the Chapel of the Apparitions

I'm in the same place where the little shepherds saw
Our Lady and I recall the text of the *Sister Lucy's*
memoirs concerning the 13th July 1917:

Continue to pray the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only she can help you. [...] "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

[...] "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. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. [...] "When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need."

I gaze fixedly at the image of Our Lady that we worship in the Chapel, I reflect on Sister Lucy's text I've just read, and in silence I appraise carefully my ability to love in a free and gratuitous way.