

Our Lady of Fatima's PLEA FOR SACRIFICE

Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone. But if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. --John 12:24

"Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell, because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them."

The Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: August 19, 1917

A Time of Grave Crisis

Times are changing. The whole world is facing potential disaster, and short of divine intervention, we can see no hope, either for this country, nor for the other countries of the world.

At the present time humanity is engulfed by evils of every description: the silent apostasy of whole continents of former Christendom due to the loss of the Faith, unjust wars, murder of the unborn, economic injustice causing famine and pestilence, widespread divorce and immorality, malfeasance among some church leaders, and increasing persecution and weakening of the Church.

The most Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917 and told us that she was the only hope for overcoming the evils of our times, and of avoiding the approaching punishments that we, sinful humanity, so justly deserve. We cannot overcome these evils on our own.

How the Battle Will Be Won

The most blessed Mary was the woman predicted in Scripture (Gen. 3:15), who was to crush the serpent's head, who is a murderer and liar from the beginning. She was the woman addressed by Jesus from the cross, left to us as His last will and testament as our mother (John 19:27). And she was the same woman clothed with the sun in the 12th chapter of the Apocalypse, who was also seen at Fatima clothed with the sun.

At Fatima she said that men must cease offending God and do penance. Up to now, the majority has not paid attention to her request, and they persist in their mortal sins. She also solicited prayers and sacrifices for souls, because many go to perdition and eternal condemnation, because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them. With these words she was reminding us of the dogma of the communion of saints, that some members of the church can

help others by their prayers, sacrifices, and reparation. "We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Rom. 12:5) She entreated the three seers of Fatima to offer themselves to suffer, and they responded, offering themselves in expiation. One of them, merely a child, attained heroism in suffering. Through these simple souls she is speaking to all of us, to submit to the will of Her Son, and to offer ourselves in reparation.

Fatima is our one hope, our only hope and our last hope, for peace and salvation. If we do not pay attention to her request for prayer and sacrifices to save souls from hell, there is no hope of victory.

A Plea For Reparation

On June 13, 1917 the light from blessed Mary's hands fell on the children, and when She opened Her hands, the children could see the Immaculate Heart of Mary circled with thorns. They recognized that these thorns represented the sins of men, that they offended Our Lady very much, and Our Lady was looking for reparation to console Her.

In Portugal, in France, in Mexico and in other countries, Christ and His Mother have appeared to souls and requested them to offer themselves in reparation for sin. Through these souls He and His Mother are speaking to us. The only hope for the salvation of the world is to submit to Mary's requests, as manifested at Fatima, Portugal, and elsewhere.

Do you think that God might be asking you to do something extra for him, in order to acknowledge this heavenly request? Please take this possibility into consideration, before making a decision. We are all part of one body, the church, and the salvation of a soul might depend partly upon your own actions. "The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." (1 Cor. 12:21). Mary requested the seers of Fatima to offer themselves in reparation. Do you think she might be making the same request to you?

How can we honor Mary and Her Son, unless we pay attention to what they said, and submit to their desires and petitions?

Sometimes it is difficult to submit to God's will. In order to obey and submit to the Father's will, Christ sweat blood in the garden of Gethsemani. He will give us sufficient grace to do what he requests. "My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Cor. 12:9) He does not want us to be discouraged, even when we have to carry a cross. The result of submitting to God's will and suffering with Christ, will be a magnificent triumph, a victory that Mary herself promised us at Fatima in 1917.

The most blessed Mary promised that Russia would be saved, that the Russian Orthodox Church and all Russians of goodwill, would be brought miraculously and swiftly into complete unity of faith with the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and that Russia would be made a vessel of divine election and of the fruitful spreading and implementation of the Gospel

of Jesus Christ, in her own territory, and throughout the other nations.

At Fatima the Queen of Heaven, the Mother of God, promised a period of peace, justice, prosperity, and the inestimable blessings of faith, hope and charity, for the entire world.

The Queen of Heaven, the Mother of God, promised a converted, Catholic Russia, the end of war; no more innocent blood needlessly spilled; the salvation of many souls that might otherwise be lost in Satan's perpetual battle against Our Lady and Her children. The most blessed Mary promised a new springtime for humanity, and the blossoming of a genuine civilization of love, based on love for herself and Her Son. She promised the re-organization of Russian society on Catholic principles, and other nations following Russia's lead, until the world witnesses the rebirth of Christendom.

The fulfillment of these marvelous promises depends partly upon our cooperation. Therefore we request you to please take these eternal truths into consideration, in case God is calling you to collaborate with him, in offering reparation and atonement. Thereby you will obtain your own salvation, the salvation of the souls you love, spiritual blessings for the entire world, and the fulfillment of the wonderful promises made at Fatima in 1917.

"Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: and let them that hate him flee from before his face.

And let the just feast, and rejoice before God: and be delighted with gladness.

Behold he will give to his voice the voice of power: his magnificence, and his power is in the clouds.

God is wonderful in his saints: the God of Israel is he who will give power and strength to his people." --- Psalm 67

If you wish to see these marvelous words come to pass, please try to do something today.



"Why do you fear to take up the cross, when through it you can win a kingdom? In the cross is salvation, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection from enemies."

Imitation of Christ, Bk. 2, Ch. 12

---- "If you meet Me, you meet the Cross, and when you find the Cross, it is I whom you have found. My Cross is the door of true life, that is why it is illuminated. And the soul that knows how to accept and love it, just as I have

chosen it for her, will enter by it into the glory of life eternal.

Do you now understand how precious the Cross is? Do not shun it. Love it, for it comes from Me, and I shall never leave you without the strength to bear it. I bore it for love of you, will you not bear it for love of Me?"

--- Words of Christ to Josefa Menendez: May 20, 1923. Poitiers, France. *Way of Divine Love*, p. 328

Hereby we perceive the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ----- 1 John 3:16

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Psalm 116 -- Laudate

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and for ever, world without end. Amen.

"Thy testimonies are justice for ever: give me understanding, and I shall live."

"Thy justifications I will never forget: for by them thou hast given me life."

-- Psalm 118:144, 93

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