

Acts of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Morning Offering

*John Paul II said that The Morning Offering is
“of fundamental importance in the life of each and every one of the faithful.”*

**O Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.
I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart:
the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, the reunion of Christians;
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.
Amen**

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Fatima Prayer

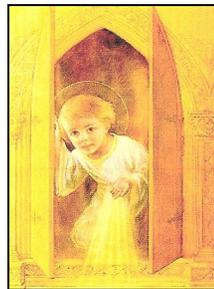
O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended.

By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen

As Our Lady assured Lucia, June 13, 1917:

“I will never abandon you, my child, My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

The Church sees Mary, then, not as the **goal**, but as the **guide**, who always leads souls who honor her with true devotion—to her Son, especially to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When we pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for help in time of need, she in turn points to the Tabernacle, to Him who is **“the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** and has a way of conveying to us what she said to the steward at Cana: **“Do whatever He tells you.”** (Jn.2:5)



“In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

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*The Five First Saturday
Devotions to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary*



Immaculate Heart of Mary,

pray for us.

Specific Devotions



On November 27, 1830 in the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity, 140 rue du Bac, Paris, France, Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure standing on a globe, rays of light streaming from her fingers, enframed in an oval frame inscribed with the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.” **The whole vision “Turned” showing the back of the oval inscribed with the letter “M” entwined with a Cross, and the hearts of Jesus and Mary, the former surrounded with thorns, the latter pierced with a sword. 12 stars circled this oval frame.** Mary told her to strike a medal in this form—a medal now known as the “**Miraculous Medal**” - and that all who wore it properly after having it blessed would receive graces. **The wearing of the Miraculous Medal has become one of the first most common devotions to the Immaculate Heart.**

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart became even more popularized after Mary’s appearing to the three young shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917 (before the Russian Revolution), when she asked that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart to prevent the spread of “the errors of Russia.”

The promise made by Our Lady to Lucia at Fatima on July 13, 1917, that there would be a future manifestation concerning the five First Saturdays, was fulfilled eight years later on December 10, 1925. Lucia was then a postulant in the Dorothean convent at Pontevedra, Spain. This time Our Lady appeared together with the Child Jesus. She addressed Lucia as follows:

“Look, my daughter at my heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful men wound it every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and announce for me that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to me.” The reparations Our Lady requested were for the various ways in which her Immaculate Heart was offended...such as attacks against her Immaculate Conception, virginity and divine maternity, and for those who teach their children contempt of Mary or who insult her by desecrating her [images](#).



The devotion of **First Saturdays**, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, **the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed.**

Shedding Light on the nature of Devotion to her Immaculate Heart

The Feast of Candlemas, which commemorates Mary’s ritual Purification and her Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, sheds special light on the nature of devotion to her Immaculate Heart. The old man, Simeon, foretold that “a sword” shall pierce Mary’s heart, and meditating on the sorrows symbolized by that sword helps us to understand what Our Lord went through for us. We do this not only on Candlemas but on the Feast of the Seven Sorrows, during all of Passiontide, as we make the Stations of the Cross, during August, which is devoted to the Immaculate Heart, during September, which is devoted to the Seven Sorrows, etc.

While, early on, of course, the Church Fathers wrote of Mary’s blessedness, purity, and sorrows, and our Saints...Dominic, Gertrude, Thomas Becket, Bridget, Bernardine of Siena, Louis de Montfort...have always had deep Marian devotions, **it was after the apparitions of Mary experienced by St. Catherine Laboure at Rue Du Bac, Paris in 1830 that devotions specifically to Mary’s Immaculate Heart became formalized.**

Reparation to her Immaculate Heart

To make these **reparations**, Our Lady asked that we do 5 things, all with the intention of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart:

- Recite at least Five Decades of the [Rosary](#) every day
- Wear the Brown [Scapular](#)
- Offer our daily duty to God as an act of sacrifice (i.e., make the [Morning Offering](#) *see back page
- Make **Five First Saturdays** of Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart
- The Pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, must consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Russia would be converted through this means, and a period of peace to be given to the world. If this is not done, Russia will “spread her errors throughout the world.” This consecration must be of Russia—not “the world,” but Russia by name.

The following First Saturday devotions each month for five consecutive months are efficacious in honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- Going to [CONFESSION](#) (may be 8 days before the Saturday as long as one stays in a state of grace)
- Receiving the [EUCCHARIST](#)
- Praying 5 decades of the [ROSARY](#), including the [Fatima Prayer](#) *see back page
- **“keeping her company”** for 15 minutes while meditating on all of the Mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to her. This can be done by reading Scripture or other writings relevant to the Mysteries, meditating on pictures of the Mysteries, or simple meditation.

THE PROMISE GIVEN BY MARY TO THOSE WHO MAKE THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION IS HER ASSISTANCE AT THE HOUR OF THEIR DEATH.