

Mary appeared five times to Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco in Fatima:

May 13, June 13, July 13, Aug 13 (no appearance), Sept. 13, and October 13, 1917

From Lucia's Memoirs we read:

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor 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. Continue to come here every month. In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want. And I will perform a miracle so that everyone may see and believe. 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."

1st part of the secret

As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands once more, as she had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw, as it were, a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. Terrified and as if to plead for help, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and sadly:

2nd part of the secret

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. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father.

To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.

3rd part of the secret

At the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance,

Penance, Penance! And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in White 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

June 13, 1929 the Consecration of Russia is requested

January 25-26, 1938, the lights predicted at Fatima on July 13, 1917, were seen in the United States and Europe....

May 13, 1981 Pope John Paul II was seriously wounded by an assassin's bullets.

May 13, 1982 Pope John Paul II went to Fatima to thank Mary for saving his life.
"One hand fired, and another guided the bullet."

March 25, 1984, Feast of the Annunciation, Pope John Paul II was joined by a moral totality of all Catholic bishops throughout the world in consecrating the world and therefore Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

November 8 1989, Sister Lucia stated that the Consecration of Russia requested by Our Lady "has been accomplished" and "God will keep His word."

November 9, 1989 the Berlin Wall falls

December 1, 1989 Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev met with John Paul II.

December 1, 1990, Mikhail Gorbachev went to the Vatican for the 2nd time.

May 13, 1991 JP II publicly gave thanks to Mary for the liberation of east central Europe from Communism...the fruits of the Consecration to Mary on March 25, 1984.

August 19, 1991 The Soviet hardliners attempt a coup to reestablish power.

August 22, 1991, Feast of the Queenship of Mary. The Coup fails!

December 8, 1991 Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. The formation of the commonwealth of former Soviet republics began, each one to be independent, indicating the imminent collapse of the Soviet Union.

December 25, 1991 The Soviet red flag with the hammer and sickle was lowered for the last time, and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced his resignation and the end of the Soviet Union.

What should we do to answer the call of Our Lady?

1. Commit oneself to a deeper conversion
 - a. Identify our habitual sins
 - b. Receive the sacrament of reconciliation at least once a month
 - c. Make a daily concerted effort to practice the virtues

2. Make a commitment to deeper prayer
 - a. Pray the Rosary every day
 - b. Read and Reflect on the Bible
 - c. Go to daily Mass whenever possible
 - d. Eucharistic adoration

3. Consecrate oneself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 - a. Live devotion to Mary

4. Penance and Reparation
 - a. Offer acts of love to Jesus and Mary to make up for the times we have offended them through personal sin and the sins of the whole world by accepting sacrifices and sufferings for the love of God and for the conversion of others.

Act of Entrustment to Mary written by Bl. John Paul II

Behold, as we stand before you, Mother of Christ, before your Immaculate Heart, we desire, together with the whole Church, to unite ourselves with the consecration which, for love of us, your Son made of himself to the Father: 'For their sake', he said, 'I consecrate myself that they also may be consecrated in the truth' (Jn 17:19). We wish to unite ourselves with our Redeemer in this his consecration for the world and for the human race, which, in his divine Heart, has the power to obtain pardon and to secure reparation.

The power of this consecration lasts for all time and embraces all individuals, peoples and nations. It overcomes every evil that the spirit of darkness is able to awaken, and has in fact awakened in our times, in the heart of man and in his history. How deeply we feel the need for the consecration of humanity and the world—our modern world—in union with Christ himself! For the redeeming work of Christ must be shared in by the world through the Church.

Above all creatures, may you be blessed, you, the Handmaid of the Lord, who in the fullest way obeyed the divine call! Hail to you, who are wholly united to the redeeming consecration of your Son! Mother of the Church! Enlighten the People of God along the paths of faith, hope, and love! Help us to live in the truth of the consecration of Christ for the entire human family of the modern world. In entrusting to you, O Mother, the world, all individuals and

peoples, we also entrust to you this very consecration of the world, placing it in your motherly Heart.

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 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 the loss of awareness of good and evil, *deliver us.*

From sins against the Holy Spirit, *deliver us, deliver us.*

Accept, O 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', sin 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!"