

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, PRAY FOR US

Centennial Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal

WHAT'S AN INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.

A SPECIAL INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions throughout the centennial year, from November 2016 to November 26, 2017.

WHAT IS NECESSARY?

There are three ways to obtain the special plenary indulgence:

1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine

The faithful may make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration of prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The faithful may visit any image of Our Lady of Fatima exposed for public veneration during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, May–October 2017, and devoutly participate in some form of prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. The faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. The elderly and infirm

The faithful who are unable to get around may pray in front of an image of Our Lady of Fatima and unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the 13th of each month, May–October 2017. They must also "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their lives."

WHAT ELSE IS NEEDED?

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions:

1. Sacramental Confession

within 20 days before or after the day indulgence is sought.

2. Receive Holy Communion

also within 20 days before or after

3. Pray for the intentions of the Pope

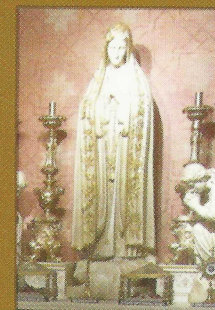
say the Creed and Our Father

In order to be capable of gaining indulgences one must be baptized and in the state of grace at least at the completion of the prescribed works. To gain an indulgence, one must have at least the general intention of doing so.

The faithful can obtain indulgences for themselves, or apply them to the dead.

"If men knew what eternity is, they would do everything to change their lives."

Our Lady of Fatima – May 13, 1917



In 1917, Our Lady appeared in Portugal to three young shepherd children: Lucia (10), Francisco (8) and Jacinta (7). She appeared to them on the 13th of each month – May through October – a total of six times.