

Entrusting ourselves to Jesus... thru Mary....

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The **Miracle of the Sun** Fatima, Portugal: 10/13/1917 - 10/13/2017



The **Miracle of the Sun** is a miraculous event witnessed by as many as 100,000 people on **13 October 1917** in the Cova da Iria fields near **Fátima, Portugal**. Those in attendance had assembled to observe what the Portuguese secular newspapers had been ridiculing for months as the absurd claim of three shepherd children that a miracle was going to occur at high-noon in the Cova da Iria on 13 October 1917. According to many witness statements, after a downfall of rain, the dark clouds broke and **the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky**. It was said to be significantly less bright than normal, and cast multicolored lights across the landscape, the shadows on the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun was then reported to have careened towards the earth in a zigzag pattern, frightening some of those present who thought it meant the end of the world. Some witnesses reported that their previously wet clothes became *"suddenly and completely dry."*

"Mary in heaven enjoys the vision of God; and therefore she sees our wants far more clearly than when she was on earth; hence, as her pity for us is increased, so also is her desire to assist us more ardently." ~ St Alphonsus Ligouri



"Mary, Mother of Jesus, give us your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility, that we may be able to **receive Jesus** in the Bread of life, **love Him** as you love Him, and **serve Him** in the distressing disguise of the poor."

St Teresa of Calcutta

Here is the translation of the prayer of consecration prayed
by Pope Francis in consecrating the world
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 10/13/2013.

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Holy Mary Virgin of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence we join our voice to that of all the generations who call you blessed. We celebrate in you the works of God, who never tires of looking down with mercy upon humanity, afflicted with the wound of sin, to heal it and save it. Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we perform today with confidence, before this image of you that is so dear to us. We are certain that each of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing of all that lives in our hearts is unknown to you. We let ourselves be touched by your most sweet regard and we welcome the consoling caress of your smile. Hold our life in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for good; revive and nourish faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide all of us along the path of holiness. Teach us your own preferential love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the downhearted: bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus. Amen.

[Translation by Joseph Trabbic]