



Our Lady of Fatima - Portugal

Our Lady of Fatima began appearing to three children in Portugal in May of 1917. She asked Lucia de Santos, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto to pray and to offer sacrifices for deceased souls. She explained to them that many souls were perishing in hell because there was no one to pray for them. She also promised that a miracle would happen on October 13 so that everyone would believe her message. The rumors of the pending miracle spread throughout Portugal, and between 30,000 and 100,000 people came on October 13, 1917, to see what would happen. It was raining heavily, and then the sun suddenly appeared as an opaque disc, spinning in the sky. It began shining multicolor lights all over the countryside. As pilgrims looked around, they realized their clothes were miraculously dry. Our Lady of Fatima reminds us that as we offer prayers and make sacrifices for those who have died, we participate in the Jesus's sacrifice and the salvation He won for us on the Cross.