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The Child Jesus spoke these words:
"Have pity on the heart of your Most Holy Mother.
It is covered with thorns,
with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment,
and there is no one to remove them with
an act of reparation."



Our Lady was holding a heart encircled with sharp thorns and then She said to Sister Lucia:

"Behold my heart surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude.

You at least try to console me. Announce in my name that I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

- 1 Confess and receive Holy Communion;
- 2 Recite five decades of the Rosary;
- 3 And keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Our Lady of Fatima, December 10, 1925

Why Five Saturdays?

Christians have always honoured the Blessed Virgin on Saturday because of her constant faith in Jesus on that first Holy Saturday before the Resurrection.

Five first Saturdays of reparation were requested to atone for the five ways in which people offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. attacks upon Mary's Immaculate Conception
2. attacks against her Perpetual Virginity
3. attacks upon her Divine Maternity and the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all mankind
4. for those who try to publicly implant in children's hearts indifference, contempt and even hatred of this Immaculate Mother
5. for those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

