

A key

There might be people who, at the hour of death, would close the gates of their hearts to God for fear, for fear to be punished. Our Lady could use The Promise of Fatima as a Key to open those gates.

This following little tale briefly explains this personal thought:

A long time ago a boy was born. Time passed and he began to go to school. One day, he made the First Communion, and the catechist spoke about Our Lady. He said that She was sad for all the sins committed in the world and that She invited us to make the Promise of the Five First Saturdays in order to console Her Immaculate Heart. Besides, She promised to all who made it, to assist them at the hour of death with the graces needed for salvation. You just think if you want to make it or not, said the catechist. This caught the attention of the boy, but he thought: I will not be able to make it because on Saturdays I usually play with my friends.

Some days passed and the boy forgot about it, but one day the catechist remembered them of a circular she had delivered. They would have to fulfill this circular indicating whether they would sign up for some activities, such as a school trip, and some others. They would also have to decide if they signed up for The Promise.

When the boy went home, he started to look for the circular, which he had already lost. He could not find it and he began to get nervous because he wanted to sign up for the school trip. He finally found it inside a drawer, next to a picture of Our Lady with tears in Her eyes. When he saw it, he felt sad and thought of the Promise. The next day he handed the circular to the catechist, having signed up for the school trip and also for the Promise.

Time passed and the boy grew older, that typical innocence that children have was getting distant. They were hard times and the atmosphere did not precisely take you to God.

How many times the Lord called him! How many times He showed the boy His hand asking him for a "glass of water" through the others. How much did God cry for him!

What happened with this person? What made him be like this? Maybe he lived a tough life, maybe the pleasures of it, maybe the money or power...

Time passed and this man was already old and began to suffer from an illness. He felt very sick. The hour of death had come. The great mystery, where time seems to halt, letting the person watch in an instant all the acts of their life.

And this man is scared, is afraid of being punished, and hides from God. He does not want to open his heart to God and feels desperate. But in the distance, he can see a shiny dot, and he moves towards it. There he can see that when he was a little child, he consoled the Mother of God and he could also see that we would receive from Her the graces needed for salvation. Then he immediately holds on to Her with all his strength. He then opens his heart so that She could enter, and She, who is willing to enter in the Heart of every person, comes in.

Do not be afraid, my son. My Son Jesus has given his life for you, you trust Him. As She hugs him, She wraps him with love and takes him in Her arms, just like when he was born. He could see the moment when Jesus said: "Woman, behold your son". And he could also see all those moments when the Lord called him. How many times He asked him for a "glass of water" through the others! How much did God cry for him and suffered till He gave His life!

And this man broke into tears like a kid, as he discovered how much Jesus had suffered for him. He cried so much that he "removed" the thorn Our Lady had in Her Heart because of him!

His mother took him by the hand and handed him to God.

When he saw God he said to Him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the Father hugged him in an instant with tears in His eyes and kissed him, saying: 'This is my son, who was lost and is found'.