

Three hundred thousand were in Fatima to hear the following official consecration: “The shepherds chosen by thy Son to watch over and feed in His name the sheep He has acquired, at the price of His blood, in this land of holy Mary whose name cannot be pronounced without pronouncing Thine own, came today as the official and consecrated representatives of their flock and, in an act of filial homage, love, and trust to solemnly consecrate the Portuguese nation to thy Immaculate Heart. Take it from our fragile hands into thine own. Defend it, and guard it as Thy own property. May Jesus reign, conquer and grow in it. Outside of Him, there is no salvation.

“...Afflicted, we stretch out our suffering hands toward Thy Son, as we cry out, ‘Save us, Oh, Lord, for we perish.’ Intercede for Portugal, Oh, our Lady, in this grave hour, for from the East flows furious winds bringing cries of death against thy Son, and against the civilization founded on his teachings. Deceiving minds. Perverting hearts. And, lighting the fires of hatred and revolution in the world. Help us Christians. Pray for us.

“Intercede for Portugal, our Lady, which has even lost the notion of sin, exhaust the rehabilitation of the flesh, in the face of the very cross of Thy Son, threatening to choke in this world, though leery of virtue, nourished by the Eucharist blood of Jesus. Virgin most powerful, pray for us. Intercede for Portugal, our Lady, in this hour of passion and doubt, when even the good run the risk of being lost. Unite all the Portuguese people around thy Son in the love of the Church, and also in the civilization of virtue, and respect for order and fraternal charity. Queen of peace, pray for us.

“Remember, finally, Patroness of our country, that Portugal once taught so many lands to proclaim Thee blessed among all women. In remembrance of what it did for Thy glory, Oh, Our Lady of Fatima, save it by giving it Jesus, in Whom it will find truth, life and peace.”