

## My Morning Offering

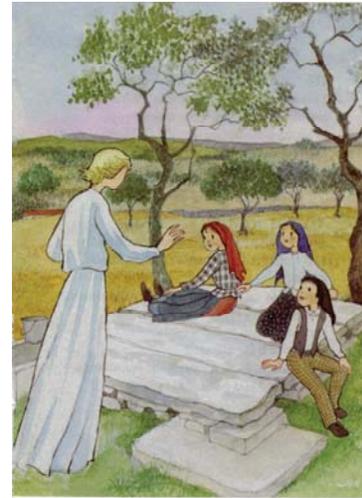
Every morning, become accustomed to offering this powerful gift to Our Lady, and she will offer it to God on your behalf. Each time you say your Morning Offering and make a sacrifice, mark it down on your Treasure Sheet, and then go on the website and add it to the Spiritual Bouquet as your gift that will be offered to Our Lady.

Boys and Girls,

Our Lady sent an Angel to the three Shepherd children because she needed help. She needed prayers and sacrifices to present to God so He would be able to shower many graces on those who prayed and made the sacrifices but also to those in the world that do not know or love Him.

When the Angel appeared the second time he found the three children playing by the well. He said,

“What are you doing? Pray, pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you”. Lucia, the oldest of the three children said, “How are we to make sacrifices?” The Angel of Peace answered her in this way: “Make everything you can a sacrifice, and offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”



*Lucia later wrote in her memoirs: These words were forever impressed upon our minds. The words were like a light, which made us understand who God is, how He loves us and desires to be loved. These words made us understand the value of sacrifice, how pleasing it is to Him and how, on account of it, He grants the grace of conversion to sinners.*

*It was for this reason that we began, from then on, to offer the Lord all that mortified us, without, however, seeking out other forms of mortification and penance.*

It was later, when Our Lady herself appeared to the children that she told them, “whenever you make some sacrifice, pray: ‘O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.’”

When you pray the Morning Offering, just like the Saints of God did, everything you do during the day – your joys, your sorrows, your sacrifices, like counting to 10 instead of saying something rude about someone, this is a big sacrifice, or responding immediately

to your parents' requests, making sure your homework is well done, all for God – Boys and Girls, offering these things has the power to change you, your family and bring peace to the world.

You maybe saying to yourself, 'How can I make a small sacrifice and save others?' It is because of the generosity and mercy of God.

So you see boys and girls how important sacrifices are!

It would be very difficult to make a note of your prayers and sacrifices throughout the day, so in the morning you need to only pray ONE MORNING OFFERING, then you are offering everything to the Heart of Mary and she offers them to the Heart of Jesus. When you make a very special sacrifice you can pray: "O My Jesus it is for the love of You, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."