

Sayings of Saint Jacinta Marto

*Born 11 March 1910, aged 7 at the apparitions in 1917
9 years, 11 months and 1 week old at her death on 20 February 1920*

In his homily at the Beatification on 13th May 2000, John Paul II said that Jacinta “could well exclaim with St Paul: ‘I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, the Church’” (Col 1: 24).

- We must never be afraid of anything. The Lady will always help us. She is such a good friend of ours.

- Tell the crickets and frogs to keep quiet, I have such a terrible headache – Don’t you want to suffer this for sinners ? – Yes, I do. Let them sing !

- I love Our Lord so much. At times I seem to have a fire in my heart, but it does not burn me ... I never get tired of telling Our Lord and Our Lady that I love them.

- I’m not going to dance anymore, because I want to offer this sacrifice to Our Lord.

After seeing the vision of hell on 13th July 1917:

- We must pray very much, to save souls from hell. So many go there. Why doesn’t Our Lady show hell to sinners ? If they saw it, they would not sin ...

When in prison in August 1917

- All you have to do is to tell the Administrator the secret – Never, Jacinta replied vigorously, I’d rather die

Her vision of the Holy Father at the Loca da Cabeco

- Can’t you see all those highways and roads and fields full of people who are crying with hunger and have nothing to eat ? And the Holy Father in a church praying before the Immaculate Heart of Mary ? And so many people praying with him ?

When Our Lady came to visit her at home

- She told us she would come to take Francisco to heaven very soon, and she asked me if I still wanted to convert more sinners. I said I did. She told me I would be going to a hospital where I would suffer a great deal; and that I am to suffer for the conversion of sinners, in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for love of Jesus. She said my mother would take me and I would have to stay there all alone.

Just before Francisco went to heaven

- Give all my love to Our Lord and to Our Lady, and tell them that I’ll suffer as much as they want, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Foreseeing she would die alone in Lisbon

- O my Jesus, now you can convert many sinners, because this is a really big sacrifice.

To Lucia, before going to the hospital in Lisbon

It will not be long now before I go to heaven. You will remain here to make known that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When you are to say this, don’t go and hide! Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at his side. Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God has entrusted it to her.

If only I could put into the hearts of all, the fire that is burning within my own heart, and that makes me love the Hearts of Jesus and Mary so very much.