

LOURDES THE DIARY OF GRACE

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An unmissable event in Lourdes:
the Marian Torchlight Procession.

Besides the unexplained physical cures attributed to Our Lady of Lourdes, officially recognised as miraculous by the bishops of the diocese in which the cured reside (69 to date), we receive many testimonies of graces received in Lourdes. We share these stories on the following pages.

Grace can happen on the Web, too

It has now been nine months since the death of my beloved husband, I have felt alone and completely lost, I had lost my taste for life and had no motivation. My days were filled with loneliness with nothing to keep me busy, I didn't feel like doing anything; I was in complete despair. My only refuge was to sleep. I surfed the internet from my tablet in search of information about apparitions, miracles etc... in some attempt to find comfort, when an idea came to me. I typed the words "webcam Lourdes" to see if I might be able to access the Grotto from my home. What a surprise to find the Grotto with the Virgin live on *TV Lourdes* throughout the day and even at night; high resolution images of all the pilgrims, the Rosaries and the

Masses! From that moment on, if I ever found it difficult to sleep, in the silence of the night, I would listen to the spring gently bubbling in the Grotto. What serenity and what happiness to hear the sound of the flowing water ! It was as if I was present. Those vibrant images of the Grotto gave me huge comfort and at the same time the sense of being present at the Grotto. I would leave my tablet on the table, all day I would look at and listen to Lourdes! It is wonderful to see the Grotto, the Virgin and to hear the sounds of the morning birdsong. What a presence! I would just like to say thank you for your website which allows me, from my home, to receive the daily support of receiving the grace of Lourdes. ■ **Juliana (France)**

GRACE, A MYSTERY POWERFUL

[...] The intercession of the saints is invoked in the liturgy of Matrimony as it is in Ordination, in order to remind those who commit themselves for life that the grace of God will not fail them. **Our strength is weak, but the mystery of the grace that is present in the life of Christians is powerful.** May the Lord give all of us the hope of being saints! Because our world needs people who reject all dominion, who aspire to charity and fraternity, to keep hope!

*Pope Francis,
General Audience, 21st June 2017*



From our email box temoignage@lourdes-france.com

We are from the Var region of France. We went to Lourdes on the 10th, 11th and 12th December 2015 to mark the occasion of our 50 years of marriage. We had started our honeymoon with three days in Lourdes. The first time I went to Lourdes was in 1958, the Centennial Year of the Apparitions, I had managed to get a place on the pilgrimage as I was a choirboy. We go to Lourdes every year. What happiness! What joy! **What grace!** Thank you, Holy Mother. Thank you, Lourdes. **Alain and Josy**

My mother had been suffering with a serious illness. Due to her age, the doctors were reluctant to operate and afraid that, following the operation, she would need to undergo multiple chemo sessions, which caused her much concern. Many people prayed for her before the operation; she did not suffer either before, during or after the procedure. Today, my mother is well through the **grace** of God for which we are infinitely thankful. **Georges**

I invoked Our Lady of Lourdes for my father, who was to undergo extensive medical examinations for his heart. Not only did all go well, but my father regained an energy which he had not had for a long time. Thank you, Mary, for this **grace!** **Maria Teresa (Mexico)**

My husband went to Lourdes to visit the Sanctuary and the Grotto. He needed a wheelchair as he has mobility issues, his knees are very painful. At the Grotto, he prayed for his knees to Our Lady who caused the water to flow from the spring. On returning home, he still felt pain, but no longer required his walking sticks. At 80 years of age, he continues to work picking almonds. That is our grace. Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ. **Pilar (Spain)**

A long time ago, at the age of 13, I was seriously ill. I drank the water from Lourdes which had been brought back to me by the members of my family who had made the pilgrimage. I was healed. Ever since then, I have had a great devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. I am always grateful to those who gave me the water and who prayed with me for my healing. I give thanks for the grace received from the Virgin Mary for her intercession and to her son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is my light and my refuge. **Emmanuel (Nigeria)**



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"I knew something was going to happen here."

In August 2016, in the year of her 19th birthday, Marie-Ange, ill, went to Lourdes to be immersed in the Baths of the Sanctuary. There she made a request to the Virgin Mary; to be completely healed or to go to Heaven so as not to suffer any longer on Earth...

To enable her to continue her studies, Marie-Ange, who lives in Montpellier, has had to undergo three prescribed injections to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. The side effects were immediate; awful attacks which would occur twice a day at any given moment, the attacks resembling those of epilepsy (Marie-Ange goes

so far as to lose consciousness for several hours without anyone being able to revive her). After three years of suffering and anguish, her life force diminishing as though her life was in free fall, Marie-Ange succeeded in freeing herself for a few days from the medical world (neurologists, epileptologists, psychologists ...) who constantly surrounded her. At the prospect of having to return once again to hospital to undergo a new battery of medical tests, she refused preferring instead to travel to Lourdes in August 2016 to be immersed in the Baths of the Sanctuary. During this experience, she made a request to the Virgin Mary; to

be completely healed or to go to Heaven so as not to suffer any longer on Earth. Despite feeling nothing had occurred during her time in Lourdes, she returned home confident and at peace. To the amazement of her loved ones, who noticed that she was no longer critically ill, Marie-Ange gradually came to the realisation, day after day, week after week, month after month, that she had been cured. One year later, she has returned to Lourdes, this time to say thank you. It is a pilgrimage for the realisation of a grace received in July, last year. ■

To see her testimony



Back from Lourdes, a surprise awaits him

Having undergone a preliminary heart examination to evaluate the possibility of major surgery, it became apparent that an angiogram would be required for further diagnosis. With the permission of the doctors, I brought my expected departure to Lourdes forward by one week as I had originally intended to serve on the pilgrimage for the Lourdes Cancer Espérance. I bathed in the Baths of the Sanctuary, I made my confession, I recited the Rosary, I followed both the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Torchlight Procession and offered my service to the sick. On returning home, I underwent further medical tests as arranged. I was overcome with humble gratitude to the Blessed Virgin Mary, when I learnt that my coronary arteries were healthy. For the present, I wait to see if there are any further surprises that await me in the next medical examination. ■ **Guillaume (France)**

Andrew and Marie: a couple touched by grace



Andrew and Marie Tallon are the parents of four children. He is American and she is French. They come from the State of New York in the United States. Coming on a family pilgrimage from America to Lourdes in June 2017, the couple offer to us their poignant testimony; not only is this a testimony of his love, but also reveals with certainty the recovery process of Andrew's healing, who was diagnosed in 2015 with incurable brain cancer for which he had already undergone three operations. "Healing is more a way of life than an act at a given moment," summarises Marie, from a clip in their video from the series *Lourdes, le Journal des Grâces* which is creating quite a buzz on Facebook: with already 3,000 shares, 180,000 views and more than 400,000 reactions. ■

YouTube

The testimony of Marie-Ange



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JEAN-MARC There are so many opportunities to thank Our Lady of Lourdes, even for the graces not as important as those received by this young woman. How many know how to say thank you?

JULIE When I went there, all the time I bathed I did not ask for anything, I cried endlessly. The grace of tears?

MIREILLE I am going there next week. I hope that the Virgin Mary will also bring me graces for the problems I wish to entrust to her.

To watch the video of Marie-Ange



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