Why *Lourdes* ?

Did you know?

Before the apparitions of 1858, Lourdes was a small market town nestled at the foot of the Pyrenees in southern France. Today, it is one of the world's great Christian pilgrimage destinations, welcoming millions of people from around the world.

But what draws them there? Pilgrims come carrying illnesses, worries, grief, gratitude, questions, and hope. Some seek physical healing. Others come searching for peace, reconciliation, or a renewed relationship with God.

At the center of Lourdes is the story of 18 apparitions. It's also an invitation to encounter Jesus Christ through prayer, the sacraments, and the loving intercession of His Mother.

More than 165 years after Bernadette first knelt at the Grotto, people continue to discover that Lourdes is far more than a place to visit. It is a place where hearts can change.

Take a Moment to Reflect:

If you could bring one intention to Lourdes today, what would it be?

Prayer:

Our Lady of Lourdes, receive the intentions we carry in our hearts and lead us closer to your Son.

