

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Have you ever heard of Lourdes?

Each year, many people visit this special town.

It is in France.

Lourdes is one of the world's most famous shrines.



On the 11th February, 1858, a poor fourteen-year-old girl, called Bernadette, saw a small woman dressed in white, with golden rosary beads, a blue belt and two golden roses on her feet.

Bernadette had been out collecting firewood with her sister and another friend when she heard two gusts of wind and became frightened.

Bernadette soon realised that the lady who appeared to her was the Virgin Mary.



Mary appeared to Bernadette many times afterwards and asked that a chapel be built.

Mary told Bernadette that people should pray and stop being sinful.

She also told her to dig the ground in front of the grotto and drink the water that came from the spring that she would find.

Now many people drink from this same spring water. They hope for a miracle and to be cured of illnesses which they are suffering with.



In the beginning, many people laughed at Bernadette and would not believe her story.

However, on 3rd July, 1876, Pope Pius IX believed Bernadette.

To this day, the image of Our Lady of Lourdes is widely seen and is often displayed in churches, homes and other shrines around the world.



Nowadays, people still go to Lourdes in search of prayer, peace and miracle cures for their sicknesses or troubles.



Listen to the prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlsDq5s4ESc&autoplay=1&list=PL58g24NgWPIy4HUWplqHmXz0GCEcFy5Vw>

Listen to the hymn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5Q2uledEtY>



Write your own prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Think about the sick people who are currently ill. Do you know anybody who is sick? Could you write a prayer for them?

