

MY STORY

ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES



Hi, I'm Saint Bernadette of Lourdes and I'm a living Saint! I was born in a small town called Lourdes in France in 1858. I am the eldest of nine children in my family, and my family grew up very poor. Life when I was a child was difficult, we all lived in a tiny one room house and I didn't have the opportunity to go to school as a child. Due to my families poor living conditions I also suffered from asthma throughout my life. Despite these many challengers, I feel very blessed, because God gave me such a great gift!

One day while I was fetching some firewood for my family, I felt a gust of wind but the trees around me did not move. All of a sudden there was a light in a grotto nearby and the light had a shape of a young girl. At first, I was afraid so I took out my rosary, but the Lady of light made the sign of the cross with me. I knew then that I didn't have to be afraid. I didn't realise this, but later I learned that the Lady of light was Mother Mary.

Over the course of five months I continued to return to the grotto to see Mother Mary and she told me many good things about God. I told the town about the apparitions I had of Mother Mary. Some were afraid, others didn't believe me, but some did believe and would come with me to the grotto to pray. Many people were healed miraculously at the grotto and I knew that God had touched their hearts through Mother Mary.

After these apparitions, I decided to join the convent with the Sisters of Charity at Lourdes where I spent my days learning what it meant to pray and be close to Jesus. I lived a life of prayer and thanksgiving for the gifts God had given me and I know despite the challenges in my life, God has great things stored up for me in heaven.