



MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY THE "QUEEN OF PEACE"

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"My dear children! Pray, pray, pray so that the glow of your prayers influences the people that it finds. Place the Sacred Scriptures visible in your household, and read them so as to have those words of peace flow into your hearts. I pray with you and for you, my dear children, so that day by day you become more open to the will of God. Thank You for having responded to my call."

REFLECTION

The Blessed Virgin, as always, begins her message with the words "My dear children" why does the Mother of God and our Mother, always greets us with the same words? Very simple, is that the love of the Blessed Virgin, unlike human love, is a permanent and unaltered love.

The love of humans is variable, some days we say yes, another day the opposite. Instead, the love of Mary, as an example of the love of God, is permanent and eternal. She remembers and lives the entrusting that Her Son made to her in the Cross. "woman, behold your son", (care and love him as you have done with Me).

That is the explanation to the different Marian manifestations, to warn us her sons and daughters, that we are risking or playing with our eternal salvation, "because God that created us without us, cannot save us, without us".

What a joy, to hear each month, that the Blessed Virgin loves me, that the Blessed Virgin is my Mother, that she comes from heaven to help us to be with her in heaven with her!

Again, as in some other occasion, the Blessed Virgin triplicates her invitation to prayer. This makes me remember Jesus when He said: "Amen, amen I tell you..." etc. The fact that she repeats the same word three times, shows the need and importance of prayer; and it is that prayer is of vital importance in Christian life; Jesus said and lived it in His earthly life, since for 30 years He spent praying to the Father in the little house of Nazareth, and in the three years of his public life, He devoted a great deal of time to His conversation with the Heavenly Father. But in this instance of this message, the Blessed Virgin gives us a reason for the urgency of that prayer; and it is that She adds: "So that the glow of your prayers influences the people that it finds" what does this mean? It means that our dealing with God

be so intense and extensive, that whoever comes near us, or we come near them, feel illuminated, radiated, enveloped , by the action of God in his or her soul. In other words: That whoever approaches us or we approach them, always find some or a lot of Him.

In some other occasion, our Mother in Heaven has told us that the Holy Bible, is like a tabernacle through which God, His Son and the Holy Spirit talk to each one of us. That is why She recommends that in every home there is to be a small altar with a white tablecloth, some flowers and even a lamp, adorning the divine presence. But not just like an object as the many that are in the house, but with the clear conscience and the firm faith that God speaks to us through that means, and that the word has to become life in us, as "He has words of eternal life". That word, softly knocks on our heart each day and tells us: "I am knocking at your door, if you open I shall come in and dine with you".

How surprising it is, that the Blessed Virgin holds the highest place in Heaven after Christ, and at the same time the one closer to us, affirms strongly that She prays with us, as She did in the cenacle at Jerusalem with the apostles, She keeps doing that with us; and more surprising yet, is that She states, that She prays for us and the reason She gives is "so that our heart is every day more open to the will of God. A will that is no other than our realization of persons as images of God, as called to the heavenly dwelling.

After 32 long years in which the Gospa, our Mother in heaven has been asking us for conversion, yet our hearts remain hardened, loving the earthly things and forgetting the heavenly ones. The Blessed Virgin want us to widely open our hearts, to tear down the altars in which we render cult to the earthly gods; She wants our heart to be that altar in which we only render cult solely and exclusively to the True God. We cannot go on as up to now, loving the earthly creatures, when those creatures take us away from God. In the expression of St. Ignatius of Loyola: "we are to make use of the earthly creatures, insofar as they bring us nearer to God, and we are to separate from them, when those creatures, distance us from the God of our Fathers".

In all of her apparitions the Blessed Virgin shows her gratitude to those that, listening to her messages not only we say yes, but like Her, we are coherent and agreeing with that word we have given. She said yes to God, willing to do His will throughout her whole life.

That the plan that God has for each one of us, will never be darkened or not followed because of the abuse of our freedom; that we, like Mary, can attest: "The Mighty One has done great things for me, for He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness". That as Saul of Tarsus, we say each day: "Lord, what do You want me to do?" or like Samuel: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening".

That the Virgin gives us her maternal blessing.

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