



**JUNE 25, 2014, MEDJUGORJE. MESSAGE FROM “OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE”  
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"Dear children! The Most High is giving me the grace that I can still be with you and to lead you in prayer towards the way of peace. Your heart and soul thirst for peace and love, for God and His joy. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray and in prayer you will discover the wisdom of living. I bless you all and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**R E F L E C T I O N**

During 33 years, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month Our Mother in heaven, publicly tells us, **“that she loves us, that she keeps us in her heart.”** If math does not fail, there are 396 times in which She repeats to us the same phrase, and it is because the Queen of Heaven is the Mother par excellence, and in the likeness of her Son, her love for each one of us does not waiver. And it is not because we correspond to her love, but rather because of her love does not depend on whether we are good or bad; her love is born from that, **she is the creature that occupies within the Church the highest place after Christ, and at the same time, the closest one to us”**. The love of the Virgin does not stay in mere cold and theoretical words, as her Son said that He is always with us, and if She always imitates her Son, that love leads her to live in us, with us and for us. She recognizes and thanks her Son for that grace, and adds the reason of that attitude from Jesus: **“guide us in prayer toward the road of peace”**. She is mother, and as such, she has the mission to educate and form her children. At Calvary she heard the voice of the divine patient: **“Woman! Behold your son”**.

Pope Paul VI in his encyclical letter Marian Cult, calls Mary: **“The praying woman”**. In the Laurentian litany, we call her Queen of the Apostles, Queen of Martyrs, Queen of Confessors, Queen of Virgins, Queen of the families, etc. She is the mother of the Prince of Peace. Let us remember the words of the angels in Bethlehem on the night of Christmas: **“Glory to God in the heavens, and peace on earth to men who love the Lord”**.

Since the second day of the apparitions (June 25, 1981) the Virgin identifies herself as **“The Queen of Peace”**. On the other hand, we clearly see that the way to achieve peace, is, just as the Blessed Virgin tells us, is the dialogue with the Lord. Peace is a gift, a present from heaven, and the means to obtain such wonderful present, is none other than prayer. Let us remember, that among the means that the Gospa points out from the beginning of her visits to Medjugorje as a weapon to defeat Satan is that of prayer. But for that prayer to deserve the name of conversation with God, it is necessary to pray with the heart, and to pray with the heart is: **“Pray with love”**.

Mary is well aware of the situation of Humanity, and that is why she has been for 33 years without failing a single day, to tell us through the visionaries, that we have to convert, and that conversion is the most important message of all. We are thirsty, hungry for peace, we do not love each other because we do not love God, nor are we sure that God loves us. That explains why we live sad, bitter and even desperate. We think we are alone and look for in the creatures the love that they cannot give us, because no one can give from what she or he does not have. The ones around us are the same or worse than us: hungry and thirsty. We live in a world, that it is easier to find a flower in the desert, than a person smiling. Everywhere it seems that people are in mourning, dark clouds, tears, lamentations, complaints, no one draws a smile in their lips. When God is not taken into account, and we cannot live without God, we turn creatures into gods; those creatures cannot quench our spiritual thirst nor satiate our spiritual hunger. Saint Agustin was so right when he said: **“You made us Lord for you, and our heart will be restless and insecure until we find You”**.

At times, we have the impression that we still live in the Old Testament era, that we are still waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the liberation of the slavery from sin, the redemption, we are, just as the Jewish people at the wailing wall, asking for the coming of the hypothetical Messiah. We dream of a God made to our image and likeness (so few people have heard Saint Teresa when she says: **“Nothing to disturb you, nothing to frighten you, all things are passing, God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Nothing is wanting to him/her who possesses God. God alone suffices”**). It is very meaningful that the persons who abound with happiness are the poorest ones, the most suffering, the ones with less material resources, the ones with heavier crosses, in a word: Those who live the Beatitudes. The word of God never fails: **“Blessed are the poor, blessed are the ones who weep, blessed are the persecuted, etc, etc”**.

Thirty three years of the Mother of Heaven apparitions (the longest period in the history of mankind), pose a challenge to the whole world. It is true that many people ignore the events of Medjugorje, but it is also a reality, that after so many years that the sacred footsteps of Mary have set on this privileged place of Europe, a large majority of those who do know the messages of the Blessed Virgin, pay no attention to them. We can affirm without the risk of being wrong, and even more, that those who visit this land blessed by the Virgin, have not made this a reality in their lives, that process of conversion asked and wanted by Mary.

It worries, and a lot, that there are many times, in which we are asked in triplicate for prayer. It is the Mother that begs her sons and daughters in an imminent way to make her wish a reality: **“Pray, pray, pray.”** Only this way, this world that lives with its back to God, can discover that other world of supernatural realities that gives us the reason to live, savoring, tasting, enjoying the infinite love of a God, who loves us in such a way, that He became man so we can live like gods. As a prize and gratification to our corresponding, our Mother in Heaven brings us two presents: Her maternal blessing and the promise to intercede for each one of us before her Son Jesus, the same one that in Canaan of Galilee advanced the hour of showing His divinity to the world by making the miracle of the conversion of water into wine.

Regards and blessings to all,

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