



MESSAGE FROM THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, “QUEEN OF PEACE”MEDJUGORJE, JULY 25, 2014 (Fr. Manuel Hernandez Morales)

“Dear children! You are not aware of the graces that you are living at this time in which the Most High is giving you signs for you to open and convert. Return to God and to prayer, and may prayer begin to reign in your hearts, families and communities, so that the Holy Spirit may lead and inspire you to every day be more open to God’s will and to His plan for each of you. I am with you and with the saints and angels intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

REFLECTION

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 23, 34), we are told that the first words Jesus said in the Cross, were: **“Father forgive them, they know not what they do”!** The word used by the author of the third gospel was “said”, is an imperfect past tense, which is equivalent to say “he repeated again and again, the same phrase: “Father forgive them, forgive them, forgive them, they know not what they do.”! When rereading the words of the Blessed Virgin on the 25th of this month, “you are not aware of the graces” ...I see a parallelism, an analogy with those of her Son in the Cross. At the Cross, Jesus excused us before the Father, for the Father not to take our sins into account, here His Mother, repeats His words, when she tells us that “we are not aware”. As a Mother, she wants to look for a mitigation, a reason, that somehow explain, something that in my opinion does not have explanation. I think that you will agree with me, that if after 33 years, in which the Virgin actively and passively tells us , in a simple and understanding way to anyone, **that it is urgent that we change our behavior, the we leave sin and turn to God, that we are to convert.** And that in all of her messages (that are the same as those in the Gospel), repeat again and again: Christian life is resumed, synthesized in two dimensions: One vertical (God), and the other horizontal (our brothers and sisters) Truthfully, do we have an excuse, is there a justification? Only the love of a mother for her children, and in this case the Mother from heaven, can find arguments in her heart, more than in her thoughts, that if not to justify, but rather soften and diminish our responsibility. If we add the 12 messages of each year, for 33 years, we find that there are nearly 400 messages; and if to these we add the rest of the messages of the 2nd. day of each month, there would be more, the same for the ones given to the visionaries, frankly, we have no excuse.

There is no argument, that the signs from above that God has sent us in these last years, for us to convert, are visible, reachable, extraordinary, and they invite us, once again to holiness, as for this is what God created us for since eternity. But if we do not open the doors of our hearts, it is impossible for God to come in into them, to transform us, to change us to convert us. It is He who makes us holy, but as long we let Him in, opening those doors wide open, without unfounded fears, without

prejudices. Let us remember the well known and repeated phrase, so many times in these reflections: **“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me” (Rev. 3, 20)**. The error of many Christians lies in the fact that want to be holy in their own way and through the roads they choose; thus, it is absurd, because man without the help of God, cannot even say the name of God with merits for the next life. It is the task of each one of us, but with the help of heaven above, that it is always there. We quote again the words of St. Agustin: **“God, who created you, without you, cannot save you without you”**. To which we could add: You have been created by God, without Him counting on you, you cannot be saved without counting on Him.

The impression I receive from this message, is, that it is of course addressed to all of mankind, but in a special way, to us Christians, to those of us who have faith. The Blessed Virgin tells us of “returning to God”, to say, to come back. We have strayed from God as the prodigal son did from his paternal home, and we are invited to backtrack the road, as the prodigal son stated in the Gospel **“I starve”** And recognize that life without God is no life, it has no sense for anybody. The great St. Agustin reminds us again **“You made us Lord, for You, and our heart is restless and insecure until we find you”** The road to get to our Father God, who awaits for us with open arms, is pointed out to us by the Blessed Virgin: Prayer.- That humble and simple dialogue with the son to the Father. Prayer, which St. John Paul II said: **“It is necessary to search and find weekly and daily spaces, ample enough for personal prayer”** And our Blessed Mother adds: Prayer with the heart (prayer with love), in the family. The enemies of the Church have managed to dismantle the family, we have no families. The diabolical propaganda in the media along with state laws that approve of free love, homosexuality, lesbianism, abortion, unjustified birth control, euthanasia and a very long etcetera of many other evils, have broken the family institution of divine origin. Also, it is a must to reinstate prayer in all Communities; to increase and not to decrease the time of contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament, less activism and more space to be with God. There is no alternative, we must recognize our straying from the Paternal Home and with humility say: **“How many of my Father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger” (Lk. 15; 17)**. And just a St. Teresa tells, **“He who has God, lacks nothing, God is enough. How we miss those families, “authentic domestic churches, place of encounter with God, centers of faith irradiation, schools of Christian life”**, that Saint John Paul II repeated so often. Those families open to life, their largest wealth were the children (**“like olive branches around the table”**). Then, the needs that nowadays everyone considers indispensable had not been created; but there was faith in God, and that theological virtue led everyone to the love for the divine, the love between husband and wife, the love between parents and children, the love between brothers and sisters, the love for one family towards the other, between the peoples, between the countries. **“The family that prays together stays together”**. To destroy these families, these remnants of peace and pieces of heaven, is what the enemies of the Church wanted, and they have achieved this with the cooperation (many times) of false Christians, of wolves dressed as sheep, that the devil himself (in whom many people so called Christians, do not believe in), has used to rule amongst the souls, leading at these moments in the command module of the history of mankind.

This message from the Queen of Peace tells us that it is urgent, that we allow the Holy Spirit to act, that we call upon Him along with Mary, like in the cenacle at Jerusalem for the Spirit to transform

us, to strengthen us, to remove our fears as He did with the Apostles; and that we are willing to say and live these words: "It is necessary to obey God, before men". This is how our brothers and sisters do so nowadays in so many countries (where believing in God is a crime), they are persecuted, imprisoned, murdered, burned alive, and their temples are destroyed.

Two more important things that the Mother of God tells us: One, that God has His plan for each one of us, and that plan is our holiness; and the other, that She with the angels and saints pleads for us from heaven. For our peace of mind, she reminds us that as a Mother She is always with us, that we are not alone. That once and for all and in the present situation, we take things seriously, before it is too late. It might be as the Bible tells us about Noah, that while the Ark was being built, as a mandate from God, so as not to perish in the deluge, people laughed at Noah and thought he was crazy. Lets us learn from others, and even if we are considered crazy, let us obey God, before obeying men. And that the Mother in Heaven continue to protect us, in spite of our unfaithfulness.

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