



Message from the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace, from Medjugorje on May 25, 2015,
and reflexion by Fr. Francisco Verar.

«Dear children! Today I am also with you and with joy I invite you all: pray and believe in the power of prayer. Open up your hearts, dear children, so that God can fill them with His love and you shall be happiness to others. Your testimony will be powerful, and everything that you do, shall be intertwined with the tenderness of God. I am with you, and I pray for you and for your conversion, until you put God in the first place. Thank you for having answered my call!»

The message for this month is a preparation for the Mary Queen of Peace Novena, therefore, to the Feast that celebrates the 34 years since the first apparition. Be reminded that the Novena of our Mother begins on June 16, and on this occasion, 10 days before. Bosnia also enjoys the presence of the Pope in Sarajevo. It is expected that many parishioners from Medjugorje will be with the Holy Father on the Holy Eucharist he will celebrate in Sarajevo.

The Virgin has said: **«Dear children! Today I am also with you»** This expression is very frequent in the messages from Our Lady. Essentially, it means two things: the importance of her visit to Medjugorje, and that the most important message She gives with these apparitions, is her presence; more than words themselves. What will happen when the apparitions of Medjugorje end? We do not know, maybe not even the visionaries know, but now we know that Mary is with us, as it never occurred in the history of mankind since her Assumption into the Heavens. And it behooves us to take advantage of the <her coming>, a coming of love, of peace, of hope. And it also is our duty to help her, putting into practice what She says, and in the same fashion read this Sign of the Times that God gives us.

Then, the Mother says: **«with joy I invite you all: pray, and believe in the power of prayer.»** When She says: **«I invite you all»** it means that She does not make any exceptions. We are all equally invited: priests, religious, lay people... absolutely everyone, to respond to the invitation to **pray and believe in the power of prayer.** But let us see that the Mother has not presented in the message a special intention for which we are to pray: as She has said in other occasions. She only has said to pray and believe in the power of prayer, leaving the intention(s) free to choose by each one of us. However, on last May 11, She herself requested an special intention. She said: **«Dear children, today I again want to invite you to pray at this time for my intentions: for my plans that I want to carry out with my coming here. Pray! My dear children, and persevere in prayer!»** Then we can also consider that in her message of May 25, She is asking us, that at the moment of praying with faith, we include her intentions, because it is known that God has placed in her hands a project to be carried out.

Then the Virgin has said: **«Open up your hearts, dear children, so that God can fill them with His love and you shall be happiness to others.»** Also, on the last messages the Virgin has been insisting particularly about **opening the heart.** Perhaps that as a Mother she knows that many of Her children, even though they pray and attend Church, have their hearts closed to God. Now then, to open the heart one must pray, because prayer itself opens the heart. Thus, the more you pray, the more you open your



heart to God, and when we pray less the less we open our hearts to God. So, it all depends on prayer. People who are in the habit of praying, would not have a problem opening their hearts to God. Rather the problem is posed by those who do not pray as they should. To catch the things that today's world offers us, it is not necessary to open the heart, yet to capture the things of God we must open our hearts. And the difference lies in that God is love, and the human heart is the seat of that love. So then, if you do not open your heart you cannot experience God, because God is love. God is not a feeling, yet the feeling of love in the heart is a sign of His presence.

Much is said – and erroneously so --, that emotion is not to be sought when you pray, but then....what sense would the expression <open the heart> have if it isn't to experience an emotion of love? You do not open the heart to experience sadness, anguish, aridity.....but rather ...**to experience love**. This is the purpose. And we underline this aspect so that everyone knows when the certainty of having experienced God is lived, of knowing when the heart has been opened to God. **The sign is always love**. The Virgin herself says that: by opening our hearts to God we will be joy and happiness to others and all we do shall be **intertwined with the tenderness of God**.

This new calling that the Mother makes is for all of her children to become aware of the duty to be witnesses of the love of Jesus in the world. The witness is happiness, joy and tender love. But there are many who do not see it as such. It is thought that he or she who preaches the most, or he or she who participates and executes inside many ministries within the Church is much more an apostle of Jesus. No! Witness or testimony does not mean doing many things, but rather in loving very much. The true apostle is the one who loves more and not the one doing many things inside the Church. St. Therese de Lisieux lived many years as a religious looking for her vocation in the Church, but after reading Corinthians 12, 13-14, she wrote this: < Oh Jesus my beloved, at last I have found my vocation: my vocation is love. Yes, I have found my own place in the Church, and this is the place that you had pointed out, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother Church, Y will be love; this way I will be everything, and my wish will be filled> Jesus had already told us this: that is in love that all will recognize we are his disciples. Then, the Mother wants us to bear witness of the tenderness of the love of God before all who surround us.

Then, at the end the Mother says: **< I am with you, and I pray for you and for your conversion, until you put God in the first place.>** The Mother reminds us once more that She is with us and that She presents our needs to God, but She also tells us what She prays for: **for our conversion**. And we know that the conversion is a change of life towards God and to renounce to all that offends Him. But also, conversion for the Gospa means **place God in the center of our life**. This is very interesting. Placing God in the center of our life means: consult everything with Him, and that all of our actions have Him as their source, and likewise Him as their end.

Praised be Jesus and Mary Queen of Peace!



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