

**Advent messages of 2015 from the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace,
from Medjugorje, Bosnia Herzegovina, and reflection
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1./ Message of November 25, 2015

"Dear children! Today I am calling all of you: pray for my intentions. Peace is in danger, therefore, little children, pray and be carriers of peace and hope in this restless world where Satan is attacking and tempting in every way. Little children, be firm in prayer and courageous in faith. I am with you and intercede before my Son Jesus for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call"

Thank God, Heaven keeps talking to us! Mary is not tired of talking, and, in the same fashion, we must not get tired of listening to Her. Her messages are words that help us, they are a special route sheet for the times we now live in, a GPS to build peace and save the soul, to be witnesses of Jesus.

[a] In this Advent that prepares the Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Queen of Peace puts us on guard and shows us what must be done. She points it out under her condition of Mother of God and of mankind, from her status of Queen of Heaven and Earth. Precisely, before the latest events known to us all, She says: <<Dear children, today I call on all of you: pray for My intentions.>> Why? Because since 1981 Her intentions are aimed towards the peace and conversion of mankind. And perhaps some have forgotten the reason why God has sent Her to the world. A Christian Catholic cannot remain indifferent before the extraordinary Sign of Mary in Medjugorje. All the time that the Woman clothed with the Sun that is announced in the book of Revelation, before the coming of Christ, appears every day. The Virgin said at the beginning: <<take my messages seriously, God does not play with mankind, by having sent me amongst you>>. Then, we are before a special time of grace: <<Medjugorje is, -the Virgin has said-, a time of grace for mankind>>. It is true that the Church has not officially recognize the supernaturalism of Medjugorje, but neither has the Church denied it. Then, we must help the Virgin and the Church to build peace and work for the conversion of souls. The Mother has said: <<Pray for my intentions.>> That means, that when you take the crown of the Rosary in your hands, before beginning to pray, you must say: -<< I offer this crown of the Rosary for the intentions of Mary Queen of Peace, I offer the Rosary because peace is in danger>>. The same is to be done when praying the Liturgy of the Hours, as well as when before the Blessed Sacrament: worship the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of the Virgin and for the peace which is in danger. The same when fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays with, bread and water. The Virgin has said that wars can be suppressed with fasting on bread and water. He or she who

loves the Virgin must not be afraid of fasting, and must offer each week this small sacrifice for Her intentions.

[b] The virgin has also said that <<Satan attacks and gives all sorts of tests>>, and one day he said that he wanted to destroy even the planet we live in>>. But we must take into consideration, that to defeat Satan, doing exorcisms and prayers of liberation is not enough, but we also must take seriously the life of prayer. Satan takes the lead in the world, because we are not praying nor fasting as it must be done. This time of Advent is not a time of eating and drinking, of dances, of parties... But, rather of prayer sobriety and fasting. Advent is a time to renounce to special things, because peace is in danger; there is a great threat against the peace of mankind. What could happen depends on us, not on God. It depends of our answer. Heaven speaks and tells us what we must do, the answer is up to us. The Mother has said: <<Dear children, be strong in prayer and brave in faith.>> Thus, we must be on guard before this consumer society and overcome the temptation of shopping, of diversions and foods in this time of Advent, and, rather, help mankind and spend more time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Mary, before the birth of Jesus, She readied Her heart, so that, upon His birth, Jesus would mystically remain in her soul, and that is why She prayed and placed Her mind and Her heart in Him. Saint Joseph did the same. Joseph longs to know Jesus face to face, Joseph wanted to carry Jesus in his arms, but, Joseph wanted much more to have Jesus dwell in his heart. And, for Joseph and Mary, Christmas meant embracing Jesus and, consecrating themselves totally to His Person. And nowadays, all of our inner strength must be focused on Jesus and that is why the Virgin asks us to pray so much. The soul, when praying, is filled with Jesus, only when praying this happens. Not when we eat, drink liquor, dance or shop in the streets. Then, these are days of prayer and penance. The Mother wants us to make prayer groups, and prepare ourselves to the spiritual arrival of Jesus into our hearts and that way, all the wars and deceits of Satan, the false prince of lies, the homicidal, since the beginning, will stop.

2./ Message of December 02, 2015.

<<Dear children, I am always with you, because My Son has entrusted you to me. And you my children, need me, you look for me, you come to me and bring joy to my maternal Heart. I have – and I always will – love for you, for you that suffer and offer your sufferings and pains to My Son and to me. My love looks for the love of all of my children and my children look for my love. Through love, Jesus searches for the communion between Heaven and Earth, between the heavenly Father and you, my children, His Church. That is why we need to pray very much, pray and love the Church to which you belong. Now the Church is suffering, and in need of apostles that, when loving the communion, when bearing and giving witness, show the ways of God. The Church needs apostles that living the Eucharist with the heart, accomplish great things; the Church needs you, my apostles of love. My children, the Church has been

persecuted and betrayed since its beginnings, but also has grown day by day. It is indestructible, because My Son has given the Church a heart: The Eucharist. The light of His Resurrection has shone and will shine above Her. Do not be afraid! Pray for your shepherds so that they have the love and the strength to be bridges of salvation. I thank you!>>

[a] In the message of December 02, the Virgin begins by saying: <<Dear children, I am always with you, because My Son has entrusted you to me. And you my children need me, you look for me, you come to me and bring joy to my maternal Heart. I have - and I always will - love for you, for you that suffer and offer your sufferings and pains to My Son and me. My love looks for the love of all my children and my children look for my love. Through love, Jesus searches for the communion between Heaven and Earth, between the heavenly Father and you, my children, His Church.>> This first part of the message, is an aid that the Mother gives us so we can live Her messages. She begins by saying that She is always with us. Even though, there were thousands of pilgrims with Mirjana at the Blue Cross at the moment of the apparition, the message is for all of us. Therefore, the Virgin wants that all of us feel and know that She is always with her children, and to feel and experience Her, we must open our hearts to Her. The Blessed Virgin tells us that we need her, we look for her, and we go to her, but in the same way She comes to us, because She is the true Mother of all. That is why She says: << I have – and I always will – love for you, for you that suffer and offer your sufferings and pains to My Son and Me. My love looks for the love of all of my children, and my children look for my love.>> Hence, Medjugorje is a great opportunity to grow in the love to Mary, the Queen of Peace. Definitely, thanks to Medjugorje many discover in their lives the role of Mary and learn to walk with Her. In this message the Virgin outlines her mediating role of intercession.

[b] In the second part of the message, the Mother says: << Through love, Jesus searches for the communion between Heaven and Earth, between the Heavenly Father and you, my children, His Church.>> That is why we need to pray so much, pray and love the Church to which you belong.>> This enunciate is very important, since the Mother reminds us of one of the purposes of Her coming: the unity of all her children, with Her Son through love, because love summarizes the entire Law of God, the essentialness of Christian life. Then, the Mother reminds us again, because many of her children are forgetting this, or, think that they love enough; when in reality, their deeds attest to the contrary. Also, it is good to remember, that one of the goals, precisely of the Year of Mercy that we are about to start, is that all the deeds of the Christian must be accompanied by gestures of tenderness, of love; so has underlines in several occasions His Holiness Pope Francis. Then, the Year of Mercy also means Year of Love, because Mercy is the most radical expression of love, it is the face of God that Jesus manifested to us, to the extreme of sacrificing Himself in the Cross for our sins.

Then once more, the Mother invites us to set aside any attitude of hatred, rancor, jealousy, antagonisms... and bear witness that what most counts before God, is love. And to be able to love fully, we must also pray, because prayer is always an encounter of love. We pray when in prayer we love. To pray with the heart means to pray with love, from love.

[c] The third part of the message says: << Now the Church is suffering, and in need of apostles that, when loving the communion, when bearing and giving witness, show the ways of God. The Church needs apostles that living the Eucharist with the heart, accomplish great things, the Church needs you my apostles of love. My children, the Church has been persecuted and betrayed since its beginnings, but also has grown day by day.>> When the Mother says that the Church is suffering, She refers to the suffering that must accompany all of us who are baptized, we all must live and experience that pain. But, not to criticize or judge, but rather to console and to heal, to love. Love builds, but the tongue destroys. It is easier to criticize than it is to love. The Mother has told us very clearly, what our attitude must be when facing the trials we go through in the Church: above all, love. Apostles that truly love, and that the love is not to be a mere sentimentalism, but instead, a testimony of light along with the deeds.

And the Mother also tells us, that when facing the suffering afflicting the Church, we must love the Eucharistic Communion, knowing that in the Eucharist our human life each day, joins the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. But take note that in this message She did not say love the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, but even more so, to love the Communion, which is to say: live in full the moment of the Sacramental Union in each Holy Mass. She said in a previous message that << The most important moment of the day is when the live Jesus comes to us in the Communion>>

And remember that there is no action from the human being that is likened so to the Incarnation, that, also She speaks of precisely is the moment of our sacred Eucharistic Communion. Then, the Mother wants that in these times, we live more deeply the moment of the Sacramental Communion. And, that in the same way, we also give testimony of the love each day with works of charity, that is why She says we have to <<GIVE>>, She also speaks of <<DOING GREAT DEEDS>>. So then, before the bad testimonies we find in the Church, and facing the persecutions, there is nothing left but TO LOVE. And that option towards love is what saves the Church. Then, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the triumph of love; and Medjugorje and the Pontificate of Pope Francis are some of the signs of this triumph. Therefore, we must endeavor in love and ask in the Christmas Novena that is to start on December 16, for the gift of Love.

[d] In the last part of the message, the Mother says: the Church is <<indestructible, because My Son has given the Church a heart: the Eucharist. The light of His Resurrection has shone and will always shine above Her. Therefore, do not be afraid: Pray for your shepherds so that they have the love and the strength to be bridges of salvation. I thank you !>> The last part of the message, is a call to rediscover in this time of Advent, the strength and the power of the Eucharist. The Church is indestructible because the Church lives of the Eucharist, the Church is nurtured by the Eucharist, it is Her heart. Then is time to attend Mass frequently, in preparation for Christmas. Instead of thinking of exquisite edibles this Advent, the Mother wants the <<flavor>> of the Eucharist to be discovered. In each and every Eucharistic celebration, Jesus comes from Heaven on to Earth to join us, to be one with His people, the Church. Perhaps the Mother when giving us this message, She also thinks on the many Eucharistic desecrations and profanities that take place, but She must also be thinking in the Reparation that can be made. Then, is time to love Jesus Eucharist, Living Host, and to adore Him frequently in preparation for Christmas.

Finally, the Mother asks us once more to pray for the priests. She has said: << so that they have the love and the strength to be bridges of salvation>>. Thus, as how we pray for peace, we must pray for priests, that are in great need of prayer, now more than ever, when their testimony [priests] must be more radical, above all in love and in peace.