

Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, from Medjugorje on September 02, 2015 and reflection by Fr. Francisco Verar.

"Dear children, My dear apostles of love, my carriers of truth, again I am calling you and gathering you around me to help me, to help all of my children who thirst for love and truth - who thirst for my Son. I am a grace from the Heavenly Father, sent to help you to live the word of my Son. Love one another. I lived your earthly life. I know that it is not always easy, but if you will love each other, you will pray with the heart, you will reach spiritual heights and the way to Heaven will be opened for you. I, your mother, am waiting for you there because I am there. Be faithful to my Son and teach others faithfulness. I am with you. I will help you. I will teach you faith that you may know how to transmit it to others in the right way. I will teach you truth that you may know how to discern. I will teach you love that you may come to know what real love is. My children, my Son will make it possible for Him to speak through your words and your actions. Thank you."

In this message of September 02, the Virgin begins addressing her spiritual children with special tenderness, She calls them: **<dear children>**, **< my dear apostles of love>**, **<my carriers of the truth>**. Even though She knows that the majority do not respond as She expects it. Nonetheless, the phrases are abound with fondness and they reflect a special love that Mary holds in her Immaculate Heart for each one of her <apostles> who try to live her messages.

Then She says: **< I invite you once again and I gather you around me so you can help me, so you can help all of my children who thirst for love and truth, who thirst for My Son.>** This second part of the message, as the rest of it, reminds us again of the reason of her coming at this particular hour of history.- Could it be perhaps because many do not understand the phenomenon of Medjugorje yet , and the reason for so many messages and exhortations from Her?- Observe, that as per this new message , the Mother insists that in these times She needs **true apostles, apostles** that are willing to listen, obey and help Her to transform the biggest number of souls for Her Son, those whom She calls: **<thirst for love and truth, who thirst for My Son>**. Then, the September 02 Message, is a new exhortation from the Virgin, to help Her win the largest number of souls possible for the Kingdom of Jesus. It is important to notice this!

Then, She mentions something that She had not said before – at least with the word She now uses - **< I am the grace sent by the Heavenly Father to help you live the Word of My Son.>** This phrase is a reminder of her intercessional role in the Church since Her Glorious Assumption to the Heavens, but besides that it must be made clear, that when the Mother says : **< I am the grace sent by the Heavenly Father to help you live the Word of My Son>**, it is not to affirm that there are **no other graces sent by Jesus** that help to live His Word, but rather for the present times we live in, She is <<the grace>> which Her Son sends <<from Heaven. Then, there are many graces sent by Jesus to help us understand His Word, but in these present times, there is a special grace that <<comes from above>>, that comes from Heaven. And to that grace we must pay attention. Glory be to God that Mary appears; that She is with us in a special way, and just as She has highlighted in previous messages: << it is the last time that She comes to Earth in this way!>>

To follow, the Mother will speak of the **<<prayer with the heart>>**, which is one of the recurrent themes of Her exhortations. And see that, besides, in her previous message of August 25 She invited to **<< be prayer>>**, thus, this message of September 02 must be seen as a continuation of the previous one.

Many devout persons of the Virgin Mary Queen of Peace, frequently ask: **<<what is prayer with the heart?>>**. And now the Mother has answered, She has said this categorically: **<<Love one another. I lived your earthly life and know that it is not always easy, but if you love one another, you will pray with the heart, you will reach spiritual heights and the way to Paradise shall be open for you.>>** Then, to pray with the heart – and reach spiritual heights – is the prayer that one can do when you love your neighbor.

It is true that when you pray with the heart the souls opens up to love, but also the opposite could happen: if at first, the love for our neighbor is not in the heart, one cannot properly pray, because God is Love. And when you pray it is always in the search for love. Then prayer is nothing else but to search for the God-Love and hold Him within us. But many, though praying very much, cannot reach God precisely because they lack love for his/her neighbor in their hearts. That is why the Virgin asks us to do something practical before we pray: **<< love one another >>** Because prayer is always an exercise of love. People do not understand it. Many remain as the Pharisees did, in **<<mere words>>** when they pray, because they do not get to open the heart to God since they are not used to love their neighbor. Then in these cases, prayer becomes a comedy, assort of theatre. And the Virgin wants to help us, She wants to teach us how to pray as we should, that is, **<<with the heart>>**. And She also wants us to **<< reach spiritual heights>>** with our prayer. Then, to pray as we should, we must break the barriers of human selfishness, of fears, of pride, in sum of resentments. And, of course, we must forgive and love.

The Virgin, when She first spoke of the **<<prayer with the heart>>** at the beginning of the apparitions, She mentioned: **<< to pray with the heart we must forgive and ask for forgiveness>>**, and now 34 years later, She says something similar: **<< to pray with the heart you must love one another>>**. Then, without love for our neighbor, you cannot pray properly, and the same applies to reach **<<spiritual heights>>**. Those height of which Mary speaks about, are the pinnacles of holiness, and at the same time, the heights of the experience of God on Earth; to experience God in fullness, as St. Paul expresses: “to be taken to the third heaven”(Cf.2Cor 2.2)

Then the Mother also says: **<< Be faithful to My Son and teach faithfulness to others. I am with you. I will help you.>>** This exhortation She has repeated many times. Surely because from Heaven She observes that many of Her children fail in their faithfulness to Jesus: they make promises, express their wish not to sin, to pray assiduously and many other things... and at the end they fall to sin and are convinced that it is **<<normal to fall>>**, that **<<God loves us the same whether we fall or not>>** or, that it **<< is impossible to live in holiness>>**. All these things are lies from the evil one, because no one is condemned to live offending God in their lifetime, no one has to live chained for life by vices and sins of weakness, or to imperfections of character...That is why the Mother exhorts us to **faithfulness while we teach others what it means to be faithful to Jesus**. And this is important to emphasize: an enslaved person cannot show what faithfulness is, nor will know how to teach others faithfulness to Jesus Christ, That is why all bounds must end. The Mother would say: **<<enough, no more slaveries, a**

slave cannot free another slave.>> Then, Mary is present to help us, and what this means is that we must trust in Her and learn to walk with Her, because if someone wants Mary to help him/her, one must learn how to live with Her, otherwise, how could She help??

Also, the Mother has said something important about the Magisterium that develops from Medjugorje: **<<I will teach you faith so you can transmit faith to others in a correct way. I will teach you truth so you know how to discern. I will teach you love, so you know what true love is. Dear children, my Son will speak through your words and your deeds.>>** Even though, since 1981, these phrases condense what has been being done, again on this August 02, She reminds us again, with the intent that we keep this in mind, and also for us to consider what is yet to come from Her part. In fact, She speaks about **teaching faith, teaching truth, teaching love so that Her Son speaks through us.** As we can see, then, << the apparitions of Medjugorje are still in their initial phase – as it was recently said by Marija Pavlovic->>. Mary still has much to teach, teach more faith, more love, more evangelical truth. Which leads us to think, that the apparitions of Medjugorje carry on a salient role in the Church to face the times we live on. On the other hand, the Virgin, beyond the famous five little stones that many quote as the corollary of Her messages, She reminds us now of **another three fundamental aspects of Her exhortations** , and therefore, of the spirituality that develops in Medjugorje: **e firm faith and the truth** that emerge from the contents of the twelve articles of the Catholic Creed and all of what Jesus taught us, and that in sum, **are the way of love, the essential road of the Christian Medjugorjean spirituality.**