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To bring Jesus - the Light of Mary

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do not forget that
you are important
in my plan of salvation
of mankind...“*

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First Saturday of the Month – it is the day when we are connected in a spiritually way: we pray the rosary, meditate on the Scriptures, celebrate the Holy Mass, adore Jesus in the Eucharist, meditate on the texts of The Light of Mary Newspaper.

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“Dear children I rejoice with you and thank you for every sacrifice and prayer which you have offered for my intentions. Little children, do not forget that you are important in my plan of salvation of mankind. Return to God and prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in you and through you. Little children, I am with you also in these days when Satan is fighting for war and hatred. Division is strong and evil is at work in man as never before. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Message of Our Lady, Queen of peace,

May 25, 2021



YOU ARE IMPORTANT IN MY PLAN



Father
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In the message of May, Our Lady gives thanks for each one of us and in this message, she thanks for every sacrifice and prayer that we have offered for her intentions. Many times, Our Lady has told us, "I need your prayers and sacrifices... Dear children, help me so that I can help you." To the measure that we give ourselves to the One who is without sin, to that measure does she give herself to us. It is a living relationship of giving and surrendering.

In the eyes of Our Lady and of God, we are important and precious. She accepts us and loves us as we are. There are many messages in which she affirms this to us. One of the deepest needs of the human heart is the need to be accepted. Every human being longs to be valued. Every human being longs to be accepted the way he or she is. Nothing influences a person more negatively than the experience of not being fully accepted. If we are not accepted, something within us breaks, we are robbed of something and we are hurt.

An unwanted child is damaged from the very beginning of its being. A student

who does not feel accepted by the teacher will not study. A person who feels that he or she is not accepted by colleagues at work will suffer all kinds of difficulties. A life without acceptance is a life in which the most fundamental human need is not fulfilled. There is experiential truth, and that means that the one who knows that he is fully accepted by God can also fully accept himself. When we experience that God loves and accepts us, in spite of all our weaknesses and failures, then we can accept ourselves.

One man said, "For years I have been nervous, anxious, depressed, selfish. And

everyone was telling me I had to change. I reproached them, and even agreed with them. I wanted to change, but I just couldn't, even though I tried. The hardest part for me was that my closest friend, as well as others, encouraged me to change. I felt powerless. And one day he said to me: "Don't change. I love you just the way you are."

Those words were a melody to my ears, "Don't change, don't change, I love you just the way you are." I was set free. I began to live. And suddenly I was changed. I know now that I couldn't really change until I met the One who loves me, whether changed or not. God truly loves and accepts us through the Mother of His Son. Here in Medjugorje, the voice and call to holiness and love has been echoing for 41 years, opening our hearts to do with love what Our Lady calls us to do.

Our Lady needs our hearts to open and believe. We need to have the experience of being loved so that in love we can make sacrifices and offer prayers for her intentions. She sees how much evil is at work in the world. Mother sees how Satan seduces people, brings division, starts wars and sows hatred.

But in the end, God and all who persevere on the path that Our Lady leads us will prevail. Her motherly heart will triumph in the end.

Let us pray: Our Lady, you have told us so many times: I am your mother, I love you, I am with you, do not be afraid. To



you, Our Lady, we offer all the wounded, the burdened and all those who suffer the consequences of evil and war. We want to persevere on the path of prayer, sacrifice and renunciation to which you have been calling us all these years. Thank you, Mary, for your motherly patience and perseverance. We desire to draw closer to you through prayer. Bring us closer to your Son Jesus. You, who know best our ways, which you have also walked on this earth. You who have experienced what sorrow means, comfort all those who mourn. You, O Mother Mary, whose heart was pierced by the sword of pain, comfort all the sorrowful and wounded. Do not forsake us and grant us perseverance on the path of holiness where we may experience the fullness of joy and the meaning of life. Amen.

MY CHILDREN, I AM WITH YOU



Terezia
Gaziova

Our Lady thanks us for every sacrifice and prayer we have offered for her intentions. This encourages us to be even more zealous to pray and offer sacrifices, because in doing so we bring her joy. When we place ourselves at Our Lady's disposal, She will offer to God our prayers and sacrifices for what She herself considers most important at the moment. None of us knows who needs what grace first, or what grace we need, as much as she does.

It pleased God to accomplish the salvation of humanity through Our Lady. And She chooses us according to His will. Her intentions are our intentions; She does everything so that we may be well on earth.

To pray for her intentions means to follow Her. As She tells us, "Dear children, with much love and patience I strive to make your hearts like unto mine. I strive, by my example, to teach you humility, wisdom and love because I need you; I cannot do without you my children. According to God's will I am choosing you, by his strength I am strengthening you. Therefore, my children, do not be afraid to open your hearts to me."

Today again Our Lady calls us to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us. She promises to be with us in these days when Satan fights for war and hatred, when division is strong and evil is at work as never before.

St Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort in his book *On True Devotion to Mary*, explains it to us, "God the Holy Ghost wishes to form Himself in her, and to form elect for Himself by her, and He has said to her, *In electis meis mitte radices*. Strike the roots, My Well-beloved and My Spouse, of all your virtues in My elect, in order that they may grow from virtue to virtue, and from grace to grace... I desire still to find you on earth, without your ceasing to be in heaven. For this end, reproduce yourself in My elect, that I may behold in them with complacency the roots of your invincible faith, of your profound humility, of your universal mortification, of your sublime prayer, of your ardent charity, of your firm hope, and all your virtues... Mary has produced, together with the Holy Ghost, the greatest thing which has been, or ever will be, which is a God-Man; and she will consequently produce the greatest things that there will be in the latter times. The



formation and education of the great Saints, who shall come at the end of the world, are reserved for her. For it is only that singular and miraculous Virgin who can produce, in union with the Holy Ghost, singular and extraordinary things.”

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel” (Genesis 3:15). God put not only one enmity, but enmities: not only between Our Lady and the demon, but also between the offspring of the Blessed Virgin and the offspring of the demon; but humble Our Lady always triumphs over the prideful one, and her victory will be so great that She will crush his head, the seat of his pride.

The victory is promised to Our Lady, and we hear it so many times in her messages in Medjugorje. “My Immaculate Heart will triumph.” “Apostles of my love, I am covering you with my mantle, because as a mother I desire to protect you. I am imploring you to pray for the whole world. My heart is suffering. Sins are multiplying, they are too numerous. But with the help

of those of you who are humble, modest, filled with love, hidden and holy, my heart will triumph.”

Our Lady needs us just as we are, no matter of the age. She calls us now and where we are. Let us surrender ourselves to her, let us sacrifice our lives day by day for her intentions.

Let us pray:

Dear Our Lady, we thank you for thanking and trusting us. For inviting us into your plans of salvation for mankind. Help us to be all the more fervent in prayer with you to the Holy Spirit. Strengthen us in sacrificing ourselves for your intentions. We take shelter in your heart of all our brothers and sisters around the world who are experiencing war and hatred face to face. We believe with you, as you teach us, that through prayer and love we can accomplish even what seems humanly impossible. With you, we pray for your intentions. Amen.

Plan of salvation of mankind

„Dear children, I want you to comprehend that God has chosen each one of you, in order to use you in His great plan for the salvation of mankind. You are not able to comprehend how great your role is in God's design. Therefore, dear children, pray so that in prayer you may be able to comprehend what God's plan is in your regard. I am with you in order that you may be able to bring it about in all its fullness.“
January 25, 1987

„Dear children, each one of you is important in my plan of salvation.“ May 25, 1993

„Little children, you are all called to pray with all your heart for the plan of salvation to be realized for you and through you.“
May 25, 2019

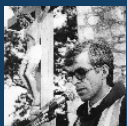
*Our Prayer meeting will take place
on the first Saturday, July 2, 2022.*

*In this month we pray
for perseverance on the path
of prayer and sacrifice
and for the intentions of Our Lady.*



GENNERAL CONFESSION

In regular confessions, a penitent tells the priest when he confessed last, so that the priest can get an idea of his spiritual condition, but there are also special occasions when Christians make the so-called general confessions: we confess once what we did throughout our entire life, for example when one enters religious life, before religious profession or priestly ordination, before marriage, before joining the army or when something very important happens in life. It can also be done during a spiritual retreat or during a pilgrimage.



Father Slavko
Barbarič,
OFM

It is good to make a general Confession occasionally. We do not do it because God has not forgiven us, or because He did not want to forgive us because we did not recount all the details or because we have forgotten something. If we omitted to say something out of fear

or shame, this is not the reason to make a general Confession. General Confession is recommended and useful for spiritual growth, for a better understanding of one's own life, especially for healing of the wounds which remain because of sin. It is neither good nor



recommended to touch our old wounds too often, but if some things come back in our memories or in our dreams, it is good to confess and ask for healing.

The fear of God and scruples concerning our mistakes and sins are incompatible with the great mercy of God and with His love. If someone, however, is in such a situation, he should be obedient to the priest. Fear and scruples can come from mental illnesses or from a deep mistrust of others, which we transfer onto God, but also because of devilish attacks. When it comes

to mental illness, the priest must be able to recognise it and send the penitent to a specialist.

Confession is an opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God, and that is why we should never be afraid, not even when we discover that our Confessions were incomplete. Holy Confession is a special intervention of grace in the soul, an infusion of grace that should bring us joy, because God gives us the opportunity to make a new start, because God opens for us the path of peace and reconciliation.

SELECTION OF THE MEDJUGORJE PARISH AND VISIONARIES

At the beginning of the apparitions, the visionaries asked Our Lady why she appeared in this very parish, to which the Virgin Mary replied: "Dear my angels, there are many believers here. Here I found a living faith."

Why she chose this parish tells us in the message of 21. March 1985: "Dear children! I wish to keep giving messages and therefore today I call you to live and accept my messages. Dear children, I love you and in special way I have chosen this parish, one more dear to me than the others, in which I have gladly remained when the Almighty sent me. Therefore, I call on you – accept me, dear children, that it might go well for you. Listen to my messages! Thank you for having responded to my call." When asked by the visionaries why she chose them because they did not consider themselves better, Our Lady replied: "God does not always choose the best!" They had to become adults overnight.

Mirjana:

"For Our Lady as the Mother, there are

no privileged children. I am like everyone else to her, she uses me to pass on messages through, and now she uses you to carry them forward, to be her Apostles. We are all equally important. I'm not more important because I saw her, nor did she choose me because I would be better, simply, at that moment she needed me as I am. Therefore, I never asked anything personal, because I know the answer: "pray, fast, may the will of God be done. Put your life in God's hands and don't be afraid."

Vicka:

"It is a great honor for me that God and the Our Lady have chosen me. She had her reasons and she didn't have to explain them to us. Perhaps one day everything will become clearer to us when things from the future begin to take place."



Ivan:

"Not a day will pass if I don't ask why Our Lady chose me. 41 years ago, Our Lady pointed her finger at me and chose me. Once Our Lady reminded me of the first days of the apparitions and said to me: 'Ivan, Do you remember the first day of the apparitions when you wanted to run away from me and hide? You couldn't escape. God had a special plan for you and your life.'"

Ivanka:

"I still don't know why Our Lady chose me. All I know is that God has given me much and demands much of me, because at the last daily apparition Our Lady said to me: 'no one on this earth had the grace that you and your brothers and sisters had.'"

Marija:

"Many times I have asked why the Virgin Mary chose me: 'Why me? Why

not someone else? Maybe she could have chosen someone who is much better?' Cause I know that I'm not perfect, that I'm not without flaws. God chose us six, but why, I don't know. All I know is that the most important thing for God is that we have responded to his invitation."

Jakov:

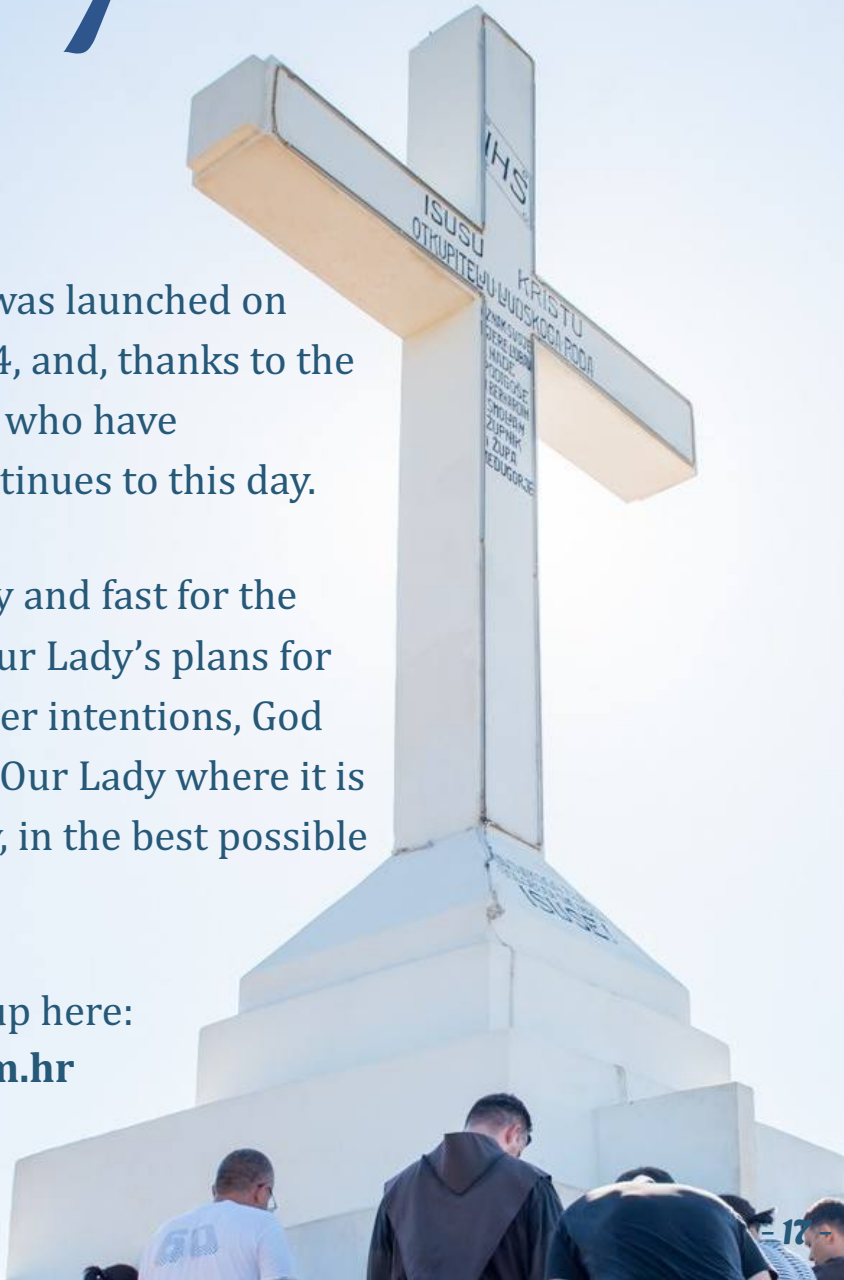
"I don't know how I found myself that day with Marija, who is a distant relative of mine, because logically they didn't make friends with me, they didn't like the little children around them. I will never be able to thank God enough for the Virgin Mary's choice of me. I even once begged her to show herself to everyone so that everyone could see how beautiful she was. When I came home on the first day of the apparitions, I hid myself under a quilt and said to myself in amazement: 'I have indeed seen Our Lady.'"

Perpetual
ROSARY PRAYER and FASTING
for peace

This activity was launched on October 1, 2014, and, thanks to the Lord and those who have responded, continues to this day.

When we pray and fast for the fulfillment of Our Lady's plans for peace and for her intentions, God works through Our Lady where it is most necessary, in the best possible way!

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL IN MEDJUGORJE

Mladifest

33rd Mladifest will be held from August 1 to 6, 2022

Theme: **Learn from me and you will find peace**
(Mt 11, 28-30)

We are waiting for you in Medjugorje. The festival will also be streamed live online.

Source: www.radio-medjugorje.com





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For more information: www.svetlomariino.sk

PRAYER GROUPS – members usually meet once a week to pray the rosary for the intentions of Our Lady, for the needs of others, meditate on the Scriptures, and consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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