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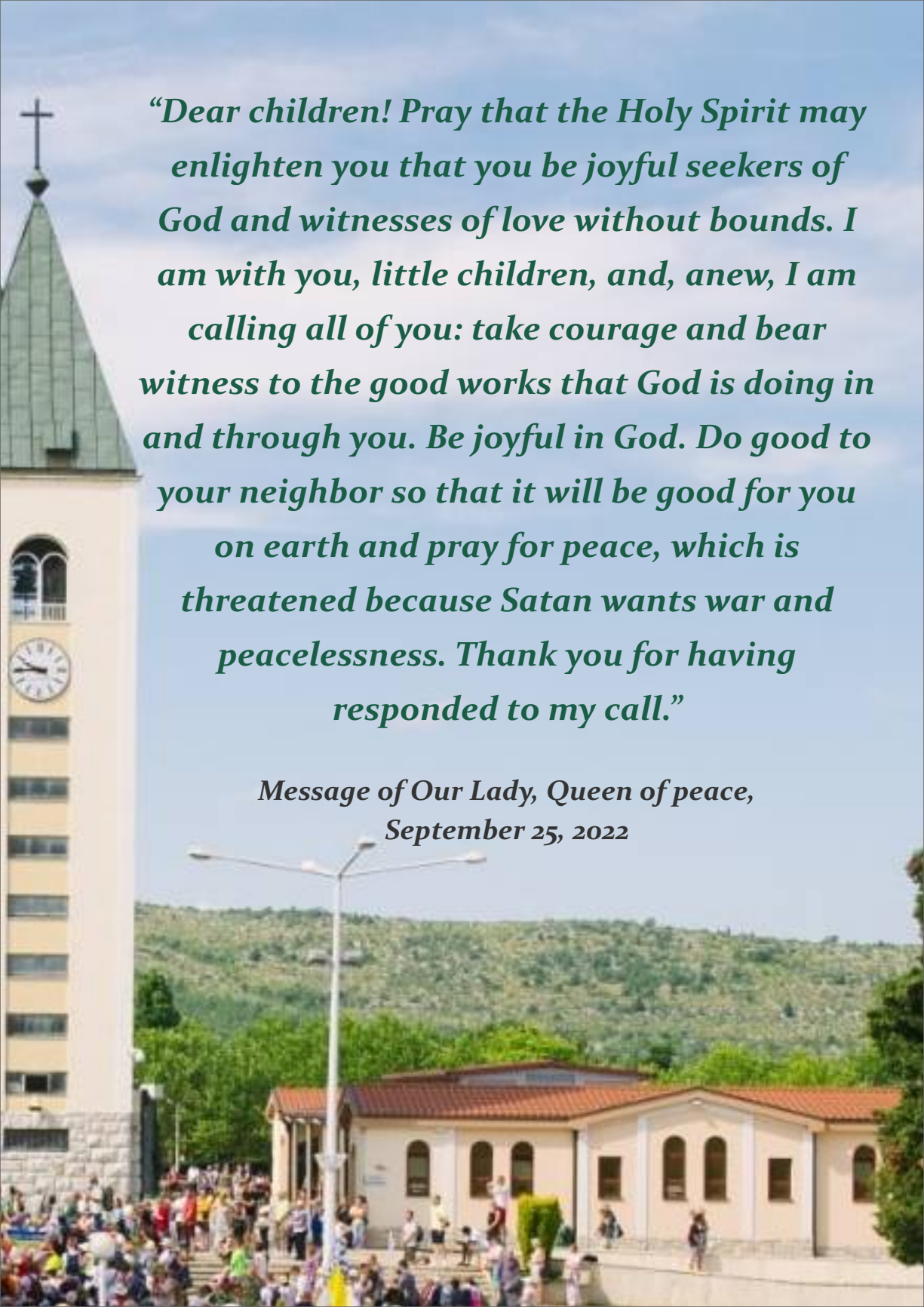


The LIGHT of MARY

To bring Jesus - the Light of Mary

*„I am with you,
little children..“*

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“Dear children! Pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten you that you be joyful seekers of God and witnesses of love without bounds. I am with you, little children, and, anew, I am calling all of you: take courage and bear witness to the good works that God is doing in and through you. Be joyful in God. Do good to your neighbor so that it will be good for you on earth and pray for peace, which is threatened because Satan wants war and peacelessness. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

*Message of Our Lady, Queen of peace,
September 25, 2022*



The LIGHT of MARY

INTERNET NEWSPAPER

*It is a spiritual impulse for prayer groups
and individuals associated with
the Light of Mary Community.*

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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
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JOYFUL SEEKERS OF GOD AND WITNESSES



**Fr. Ljubo
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In the August message, Our Lady told us that She prays for us with Her Son to give us faith and hope for a better future. We know how easy it is to believe in a better future when everything is going well for us. But when adversity and the cross finds us, then it is no longer easy to believe. Then our faith is being tested. St. Paul in the Book of Romans tells us, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28a). God leads our lives for good even when we cannot see or feel it. We need to love God more and complain less about our lives. We can love God because he first loved us.

Often, because of life's difficulties and tragedies, we fall into self-pity - the sweet poison of the soul, as Dostoyevsky calls it. Self-pity kills our life force and will to live. Even in the difficulties and tragedies that have happened to us, God has been with us. He has allowed them to happen. Therefore, let us no longer ask: Why is this happening to me, but what is the nature of what is happening to me. Yet even the most difficult situations God can turn to good. In this month's message, Our Lady, whom we call the Bride of the Holy Spirit, invites us to pray to the Holy Spirit so that, enlightened by His light and strengthened by His power, we may seek God. We would not seek him if he had not first sought us and met us in his Son. Prayer, as an encounter of man with God, is always a gift of God's grace to us, it is never our merit. God Himself reaches out to us by free grace. We can meet him only because he wants to meet us, because he is present and waiting for us to be here too, ready to meet him.

We know that in prayer the Holy Spirit descends. Our Lady prayed with the Apostles in one accord and without ceasing, expecting the promise of Jesus - the Holy Spirit. Jesus says that He will teach us when He is gone and remind us of all that He has spoken to us. The power and authority of the Holy Spirit was not just given to the apostles, but to everyone who believes. To all who ask the Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Without the Holy Spirit, the Church is only a human organization. Without the Holy Spirit, our prayers are just empty

words. Without the Holy Spirit, we remain enslaved in the darkness of this world, which is lost without God's light. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to awaken in us the desire to seek God.

It is only when we encounter God that we can witness Him to others. We can only give to others what we have.

May Our Lady, full of grace and full of God, lead us to a true encounter and experience of God and of the love of God that she herself is filled with.

Let us pray: Our Lady, Mother of grace and mercy, you who were entirely open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and became his bride, intercede for us with your Son. Do not cease to encourage us, especially when we are distant, when we are spiritually weak, so that the desire for God may always burn within us. Mother Mary, grant us a heart fervent and ready for conversion and transformation of life, that we may receive the fullness of joy which the Lord has promised us and which only He can give us. We also want to pray with you, Mary, for an experience of God's love without bounds, which we want to joyfully witness, and thus to become apostles of your motherly presence and closeness from day to day. To you, Mary, we entrust all of us, and especially those who have distanced themselves from the source of God's love and live in fear and restlessness. May every heart experience the peace that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, wants to give us. Amen.

BE WITNESSES OF LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDS

The prayer of the apostles with Our Lady caused the Holy Spirit to be sent. The sorrow at Jesus' death and the fear of ending up like him was transformed into joy. An utter transformation took place in them. The Holy Spirit descended upon them, they were miraculously uplifted, and began to proclaim the Good News. They died out of love like Jesus. Nothing else interested them but to follow him.



*Terezia
Gaziova*



This is what Our Lady calls us to today: be joyful seekers of God and witnesses of love without bounds.

The world is in turmoil, just as the apostles were after Jesus' death. We see no way out; war and the threat of death are at the doors. The Heavenly Father knows this, which is why He sends Our Lady to earth so that She may repeat it to us today, "Pray to the Holy Spirit!" "I am with you, little children." The presence of the Mother brings comfort and peace to the children.

"Pray and seek God through me", says Our Lady to us. She teaches us to find Him in the Eucharist, in prayer, in our neighbor, in nature, in every situation that takes place. God always speaks. In a special way, he speaks to us through Sacred Scripture. That is why Our Lady invites us to meditate on the Gospel every day, when God is born anew in our hearts and families.

The Holy Father Pope Benedict VI said, "Lectio divina is the new spring". From the pages of Sacred Scriptures Jesus comes to tell us, "Peace be with you". What happened to the Apostles is happening to us - sadness and fear disappear and we are overwhelmed by the desire to love without bounds. Jesus shows us the way.

To rejoice in God is to be filled with the good news. Following Jesus becomes our lifestyle. Wherever He walked, He did only good.

This is what Our Lady brings us to, "The reason that I am with you, my mission, is to help you for 'good' to win, even though this does not seem possible to you now. I know that you do not understand many things as I also did not understand everything, everything that my Son explained to me while he was growing up alongside me – but I believed him and followed him. I ask



this of you also, to believe me and to follow me. However, my children, to follow me means to love my Son above everything, to love him in every person without making differences.” (August 2, 2014). “I need you to be open and sensitive to the good and mercy.” (May 2, 2015). “Open yourselves to God's plan and to His designs to be able to cooperate with Him for peace and for everything that is good. Do not forget that your life does not belong to you, but is a gift with which you must bring joy to others and lead them to eternal life.” (December 25, 1992). “Little children, life is short; you, make good use of this time and do what is good.” (April 25, 2016). “The good which is silent and is spread through pure souls is the strength which sustains this world. There is much sin, but there is also love. My Son is sending me to you - the mother who is the same for everyone - that I may teach you to love, to comprehend that you are brothers.” (November 2, 2017). “He seeks the good in all souls - even that which is little and hidden-so as to forgive evil.” (April 2, 2019).

“That is why I call you, apostles of my love: you strive to look to the very depth in human hearts and there you are certain to find the little hidden treasure. To look in this way is mercy from the Heavenly Father. To seek the good even where there is the greatest evil-to strive

to comprehend each other and not to judge-that is what my Son is asking of you. And I, as a mother, am calling you to listen to Him. My children, the spirit is mightier than the flesh, and, carried by love and actions, it overcomes all obstacles. Do not forget: my Son has loved you and loves you.” (November 2, 2018)

“I am calling you to be courageous and to not grow weary, because even the smallest good—the smallest sign of love—conquers evil which is all the more visible. My children, listen to me so that good may overcome, so that you may come to know the love of my Son.” (October 2, 2018). “When you are giving yourself for the faith, when you are giving yourself for love, when you are doing good to your neighbor, my Son smiles in your soul.” (February 2, 2018).

Let us pray: Mary, the cause of our joy, we thank you for the way that you show us today as a starting point - to do good so that it may be good for us on earth. With you, we cry out: Holy Spirit, penetrate us with the power of your love without bounds, which is stronger than all evil. May your words be engraved deep in our hearts, “My children, let your only instrument always be love. By love turn everything into good which Satan desires to destroy and possess. Only that way shall you be completely mine and I shall be able to help you.”

GOOD DEEDS

"I call each one of you to begin to live as of today that life which God wishes of you and to begin to perform good works of love and mercy." March 25, 1987

"Today I call you to pray in a special way that you offer up sacrifices and good deeds for peace in the world." October 25, 1990

"Without love, little children, you cannot grow in holiness and cannot do good deeds." November 25, 1995

"Pray and love with sincere feelings, with good works; and help so that the world may change and that my heart may win." March 18, 2020



*Our Prayer meeting will take place
on the first Saturday, October 1, 2022.*

*In this month we pray
for peace in the world.*

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

ACTUAL STATE



Father Slavko
Barbarič,
OFM

Many of the faithful go to Mass only on Sundays. So once a week they encounter Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice. And each encounter requires some preparation on our part. During Mass, God speaks to us in the readings from Sacred Scriptures, Christ sacrifices Himself for us on the altar, makes Himself present to us in the bread, and offers Himself to us in Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a holy encounter of soul and heart with God who is hidden. Therefore, both soul and heart must be prepared to feel that presence which is hidden in the simple substance of the bread and wine, and to hear the divine silence in which God wants to speak to us and heal us. Each time it is an encounter with the living God through Jesus Christ.

Christ is always ready to meet us with the same love and make us happy. The experience of the encounter depends on both parties who meet. Both must be on the same wavelength to comprehend and understand each other. Both must be open in love for each other. If that is not there, there will be no encounter.

Preparation to encounter Christ takes place in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, in consciously done good works, and in concrete work that is done out of the knowing that God has given us the opportunity to cooperate with Him. But if this knowing is absent,

and if the believer does not live in this knowing, but instead works, runs, and lives all week long in tension, torn in many directions, and does not pray or read the Word of God at all, then the Sunday encounter completely exceeds him. Such a person, even with the best will, cannot experience an encounter with the living God, nor hear His Word, nor discern God's will. In such a case, the believer is not touched by what takes place during Mass. Therefore, he remains on the periphery of the action. Therefore, it is possible that many believers have been attending Mass regularly all their lives and have



never changed anything in their lives, or that the fruits of the Mass sacrifice are so unnoticeable that even they themselves no longer know why they attend Mass at all. This is where the Pharisee mentality develops, that it is more important for people to fulfill the Sunday law and “be at Mass” than to ask themselves, “How do I participate in my encounter with Christ, and what can I do to make each future encounter even more rewarding?”

Many of the faithful come to Mass without any preparation and at the last minute, when Mass is already beginning. A believer who enters into the mystery of God's presence

at Mass unprepared is in a great danger of finding the Mass boring and long, of not liking the priest, the sermon, the hymn or anything else. For the same reasons, he runs out of the church immediately after the final blessing and as soon as he is out, he has time to make friends, talk, walk around. It's probably only occasionally that he continues to talk about the thoughts that the Word of God has left in us that day.

If the faithful “will be at Mass” in such haste and hurry, every once in a while he fulfills the law, but nothing takes place in him. Therefore, it is legitimate to ask: Why does this law exist?





MEDJUGORJE —

MY DREAM CAME TRUE

My name is Livia, I live in Slovakia with my family and visiting Medjugorje was my big dream. My late grandmother brought me to faith. I went to church with her, but only sporadically. When I stayed at hers, we always prayed together on our knees in the bedroom in front of the great image of the Virgin Mary and Jesus. Even now I have tears in my eyes when I think about it. I was very happy when I met my current husband, who respected my faith and the wedding in the church was a matter of course. The Lord has blessed us with two beautiful, healthy children. I raised children in the belief that God exists, they are baptized, they have First Holy Communion and confirmation. During our marriage, we experienced joys and worries, and after some time I lost the right direction. I lived my life, but God was absent.

Up until Covid came and with it a huge fear came into my life. It was the fear of the unknown, the fear of death, the fear of loss, the fear of the future. My heart was so excited for God. Since the churches were closed, I began to watch online masses and spiritual exercises. One day I came across the Light of Mary and Medjugorje and I can say with all seriousness that it changed my life. Until then, for me, the boring act – the prayer of the rosary – has become a "drug" for me. The community gave me a completely different perspective on this prayer and, most importantly, through it I began to come to know Our Lady, whom I did not know until then as I do now. I prayed the rosary with them daily via the YouTube channel and always waited eagerly for the second day of the month and the first Saturday of the month when they shot a new video of the rosary. My heart yearned for confession, so I went to general

confession, since I had not been to confession for years. The priest was a great support to me, and thanks to his sermons my heart opened more and more to God. The masses suddenly took on a new dimension for me. At one time, I was still watching the time, my thoughts were flying up and down, but now for me the mass is an important encounter with God, and I'm not talking about adoration.

The rosary videos showed me the beauty and secrets of Medjugorje and I was very eager to go there. Just how and with whom . God solved that too. A few years ago I met a priest of an armed forces and I learned from him that he worked for 2 years in the community of Cenacolo and Medjugorje is his second home. He became our close friend and it was he who fulfilled my dream to go to Medjugorje. Well, it wasn't that simple. When we finally found the date for departure, I got Covid, which pinned me



to bed for 2 weeks. I was so weak that even the second term for departure did not work out. We set the third deadline for 14. 9. 2022. But my mom got Covid and the hope of traveling was lost. My husband offered to stay home and take care of everything. I radically refused, but the huge desire for Medjugorje broke me. I surrendered this situation over to the Lord to take care of. And that was the best decision.

So 14. 9. 2022 at 23. 59 hrs I was in Medjugorje in front of the Church of St. Jacob. The emotions that I experienced cannot be described. Tears of happiness rolled uncontrollably down my cheeks. The priest said we are going to rest. How can he be serious, I thought. How could I fall asleep when my heart calls me to the Our Lady to Podbrdo? But I had to obey, after all, he was the one to accompany me in Medjugorje.

Three days spent in Medjugorje was like a dream, I felt like I was in ecstasy. Seeing the Podbrdo live, praying the rosaries, kneeling in front of the statue of a Our Lady and at the Blue Cross, celebrating evening masses with many people who love God, filled my heart with great love and I experienced such peace as never before in my life. My thoughts didn't go their way in prayer, I was able to focus on every single word. But when the priest told me that I was going to meet the light of Mary Community , I had to pinch myself to make sure I am not dreaming. The next day I met the girls. While they looked at me as an ordinary pilgrim, I thought of



them as old friends with whom I prayed daily for 3 years. It was the gift of the Merciful Lord who saw my desire. For some, maybe pettiness, for me a dream came true. I am immensely grateful to God for this pilgrimage and for all the graces I receive from him daily. I am grateful for the community Light of Mary, which lifted me out of the darkness and opened the way to God and Our Lady . I still have to go back to Medjugorje and show this place to my husband.

Livia, Slovakia

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!

Join us! Sign up here:

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THE LIGHT OF MARY COMMUNITY – it is a Private Association of Believers. By following the life of Our Lady, the desire of the members of the LM Community is to bring the Light – Jesus into the contemporary world, to pray and to bring sacrifice in fulfillment of God's plans of salvation through Our Lady in our times.

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.





SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Dear friends!
We invite you
to the 21st International
Spiritual Retreat for
Married Couples,
which will take place
in Medjugorje from
November 2 to 5, 2022.**

**Topic: "Learn from me...
and I will give you rest"
(Matthew 11:28-30)**

A crucifix hangs from a chain of dark beads against a soft, golden sunset sky over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, glowing light that reflects on the water's surface. The crucifix is silhouetted against the bright light of the sun.

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