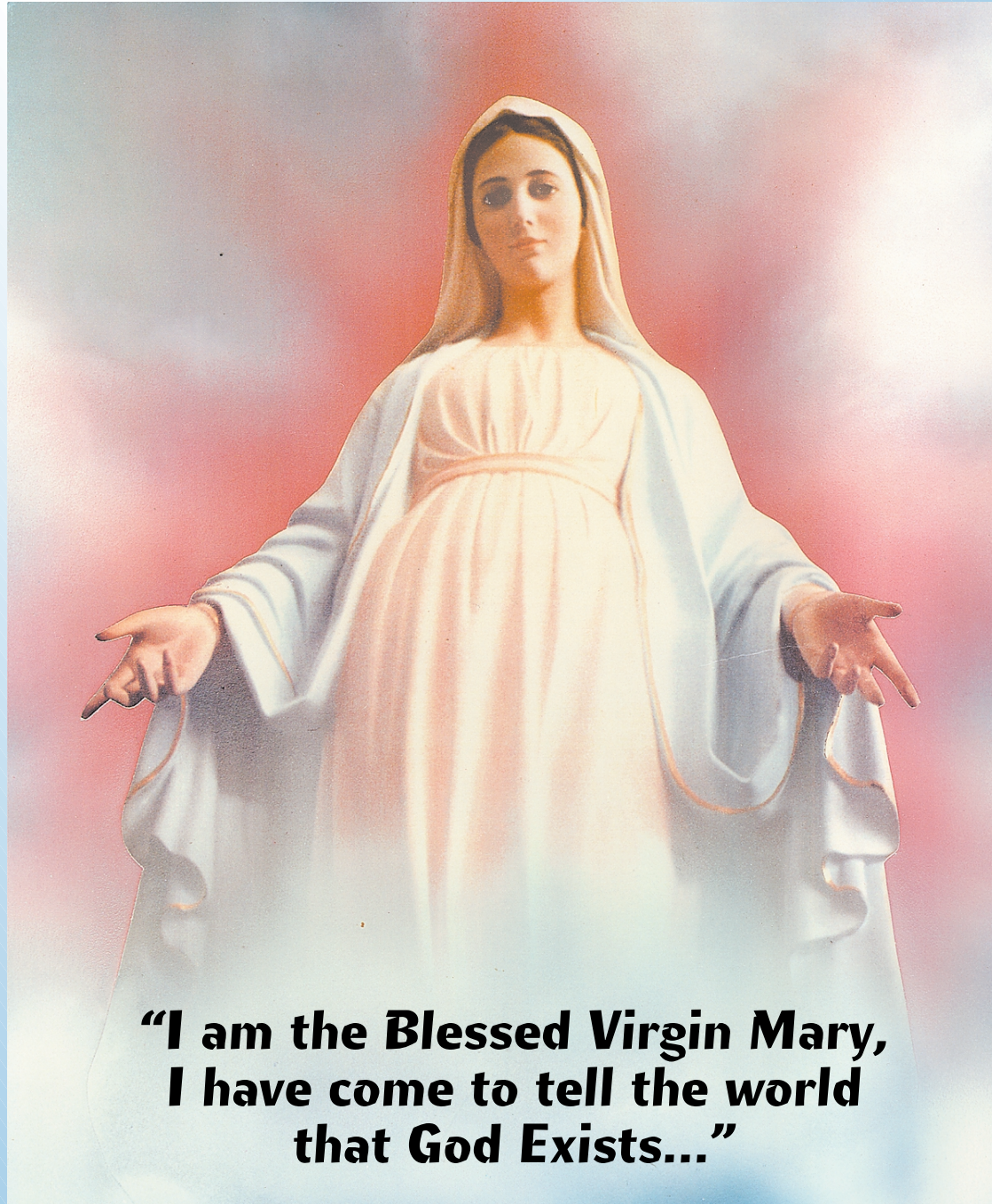


OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE

Since June 1981, the mother of God has been appearing daily in a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina (formerly Yugoslavia) with a message of peace for the world.

MARY - QUEEN OF PEACE THE STORY - THE MESSAGES - THE MIRACLES



**“I am the Blessed Virgin Mary,
I have come to tell the world
that God Exists...”**

These were the first words spoken, when on June 25, 1981, in the tiny village of Medjugorje, located in Bosnia-Herzegovina, six Croatian children reported seeing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Now, twenty-four years later, Our Lady is still reportedly appearing, giving a message of hope and peace to a troubled world.

More than thirty million people from all over the world have now visited Medjugorje, and even Pope Paul II and the Roman Catholic Church have acknowledged that this has become the biggest religious event of our time.

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A MIRACLE FOR ALL THE WORLD

THE STORY OF MEDJUGORJE

On June 24, 1981, a miraculous event occurred in the small town of Medjugorje, in former Yugoslavia.

A Lady appeared to two children, Ivanka and Mirjana. The next day the Lady appeared to six children. She was a stranger, but far lovelier and wondrous than anyone had ever seen. A woman with an aura of bright light accompanying Her, and with a crown of twelve stars around Her head. She has blue eyes, dark hair, and was dressed in gray with a white veil. The children reported that She has a spirit of love as no one else, more beautiful than any other woman ever, with gentleness and favor and grace. They could see her very clearly. She was indescribably beautiful, with a soft and gentle voice like beautiful music. She was standing on a cloud. The children said it was a joy to look at Her and their hearts filled with love. She appears as Mother and as Friend, sometimes very sad, sometimes very happy, but always with the greatest of love for Her children... all the children of Earth.

On the following day they approached Her and asked who She was, and their incredible story began with this reply, "I am the Blessed Virgin Mary... I have come to convert and reconcile the world. People must reconcile themselves with God and with each other." And from this answer the children knew that She really was Our Blessed Mother, and that these apparitions were not just for themselves but for all mankind.

As the children's families were still somewhat afraid and in doubt, they had Vicka sprinkle Holy Water on the apparition. As she did this, Vicka said, "If you really are Our Lady, then stay with us. If not, leave us!" Our Lady smiled sweetly to Vicka.

That apparition led to daily apparitions. Today, the Blessed Mother, the Mother of Jesus, continues to appear to these visionaries bringing messages for all the world to hear.

During the apparitions, the visionaries are in a trance-like state. They can see the Blessed Mother. They hear Her. They talk with Her. They can even touch Her. No one else in the room sees anything unusual except for the behavior of the young people themselves. The visionaries appear to be talking, but their voices cannot be heard. Their mouths and facial expressions change but no one can hear them. When the apparition is over, the visionaries all raise their eyes and

heads at the same time and then one will say, "She's gone!" They immediately return to their normal state, although they are very, very happy and in deep thought.

She is Our Lady - the Queen of Peace. After twenty-four years of appearing daily and bringing messages, she continues to appear but states that with the conclusion of these apparitions at Medjugorje, she will no longer appear anywhere on earth.

She continues to bring messages from God, messages of family love, world peace, conversion, love of our neighbors, and gentleness. She invites us to reconciliation, repentance, prayer, sanctity of life, the sacraments, and fasting as the means to achieve Heaven. As well, She brings secrets for this world to hear

if we choose to continue on a destructive path. These messages are repeated during each apparition. In essence, they are a call back to faith, a call for a return to God.

She wants everyone in the whole world, all Her children, to be saved. Peace through conversion, prayer and faith. She wants families to pray together... especially to pray for the success of the plan of Her Son for this world.

She has said that prayer can stop wars, can alter the course of nature itself. She said that one great world catastrophe has already been averted because of the prayer and faithfulness of so many.

This sounds to be an incredible story. After all, why haven't we heard of this if it was indeed real or if it wasn't a practical joke?

The truth is, however, that these events are real. These apparitions were written about in "Life Magazine", "Reader's

Digest", "Time", "Newsweek", "Wall Street Journal", "National Geographic", and in numerous papers throughout the world. A video narrated by Martin Sheen tells the story, and scores of books, video and audio tapes are available.

At last estimate, over thirty million people have pilgrimaged to Medjugorje to visit with the visionaries, pray, and hear Our Mother's messages. Many thousands have seen "signs" such as the dance of the sun as was seen at Her other apparitions at Fatima and Lourdes; or have experienced the turning of their rosaries to a gold color; or have seen the appearances of crosses and images at Medjugorje. Many have had healings and miraculous

physical cures.... documented cures from multiple sclerosis, drug abuse, chronic pain, etc. Most importantly, however, are the spiritual miracles. Almost all who have gone to visit Medjugorje have had a profound transformation in their faith. They arrive with troubles and burdens and questions of doubt, and they leave enheartened, with purpose and love, a deepening of faith, and a closer relationship with God.

Finally, the events of Medjugorje are best known within the scientific community. Numerous scientists documented results of physical tests with sophisticated medical instruments while the children were in the state of ecstasy. These tests were of a sensory nature. Such tests were unavailable for past apparitions, such as Fatima or Lourdes, but have provided indisputable scientific evidence of a phenomenon at Medjugorje defying human explanation. They prove well beyond any doubt, that the children are neither lying, nor experiencing any pathological or psychotic condition. They are, in fact, experiencing phenomena that defy scientific explanation... it cannot be explained by medical science.

Unfortunately, because of the current political climate in America together with the fact that the Church will not pronounce on the supernatural of these apparitions until they have ceased, these apparitions and the subsequent miracles are minimized or ignored by both the media as well as greater society. The thousands of international prayer groups that have sprung up, have done so from a grass-roots, almost underground movement. But perhaps that is the way it should be if this world is to be saved; perhaps it is destined for the faithful to meet the challenge and burden of a world which is becoming increasingly evil.

In fact, America is now reported as having the greatest incidence of violence of any industrialized nation. This is seen as an increasing trend, with no end in sight. The 20th century has seen a level of violence and bloodshed unequalled in all history. Because the world is sinking into a great pool of depravity and sin, the Blessed Mother - the Queen of Peace has come to guide us home.

The people of America thirst for peace, they yearn for spiritual guidance... but they still don't understand. They don't know how or who to turn to for achieving peace. Our Lady's Messages, are simple, they present a call to return to God. We all need to hear these messages with our hearts... and we need

to hear the immediacy in that call.

For the first time in contemporary society, there is proof of the existence of God. There is physical evidence; an encounter of the most

holy kind. This evidence, as presented in the apparitions of the Blessed Mother, has deepened the faith of many millions of believers, and has converted as many non-believers to the existence of God and the principles of Christianity. How many times do you hear, "Of course I would believe... if only I had proof that God exists?" Well, Medjugorje is that proof, and every day many

thousands more find the Spirit of Love, and establish or deepen their relationship with God.

The visionaries (Ivanka Ivankovic, age 15; Mirjana Dragicovic, age 16; Vicka Ivankovic, age 17; Ivan Dragicovic, age 16; Maria Pavlovic, age 16; and Jakov Colo, age 10 at the time the apparitions first began) suffered political persecution at the hands of the communists, personal humiliation and embarrassment from the unbelievers, and were ostracized for their involvement. But they persisted, because they knew that the apparitions were not just for themselves but were for all mankind. The fruits of their faith are only now becoming obvious. In the United States alone, there are now over 200 Marian Peace Centers devoted to our Blessed Mother, in large part due to the messages at Medjugorje.

There are thousands of prayer groups for youth and adults that have started across the world in honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje. And literally millions of people have experienced physical or spiritual healings and found closer contact with God as a result.

Mary comes back today in Medjugorje as a kind and loving Mother,

pleading with Her children... with ALL Her children... to simply do what Jesus says. If we listen and respond to Her gentle requests, then the Lord through the Holy Spirit will bestow grace and mercy and love and works of peace in our individual hearts, in our families, in our communities, and throughout the entire world. Medjugorje has profoundly affected the hearts and souls of millions. Isn't it time for the rest of us to reflect on these messages?

"How many times do you hear 'Of course I would believe...if only I had proof that God exists?'"

Well, in our contemporary society we have proof of the existence of God... that proof is in Medjugorje!

The central themes in all of our Blessed Mother's messages are prayer (especially family prayer and the Rosary), fasting, Holy Mass, sacrifice, peace and love, leading a holy and good life, and conversion to God.

**GENTLE MOTHER,
PEACEFUL DOVE
TEACH US WISDOM...
TEACH US LOVE**

As with many of the Marian apparitions throughout the world, physical and spiritual healings have often accompanied the apparitions as a tender blessing of God's love and mercy to a faithful people, and as a sign of what devotion to God will naturally yield: good...through faith, prayer and acts of charity. There have been literally many hundreds of physical healings at Medjugorje, and many were well documented with medical certificates. There have been so many, in fact, that even the most ardent disbeliever now understands Our Mother's messages - that with faith, prayer and fasting, **MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!**

News of the apparitions had spread rapidly since that first day on June 24, 1981, and within a week there were more people than ever on Mt. Podbrdo — the hill of apparitions. On the sixth day, one family had heard and come from a town a long way away. Mr. and Mrs. Setka had brought their three children to pray for a miracle. Their three year old son Danijel could not talk or walk. They asked the visionaries if they would ask Our Lady to cure Danijel.

The light flashed and the children ran to the Madonna. They were joined by thousands of people who said the rosary, sang hymns and said the seven Medjugorje prayers. "Dear Madonna," the children begged, "Will this little boy Danijel, ever be able to speak? Please make a miracle so that everyone will believe us. These people love you very much Dear Madonna!"

Our Lady looked at tiny Danijel and smiled. "Let them pray and firmly believe that he will be healed. Go in the peace of God."

"She has gone," said the children.

Jakov ran to Danijel's parents. "You must pray and firmly believe. If you do, Danijel will be cured."

The parents thanked the children and knelt and prayed with the people. On their way home, the Setka family stopped at a restaurant to eat. "Give me a drink," said Danijel. His parents stared in amazement. He had never spoken before. It was truly a miracle. Gradually Danijel Setka learned how to walk and talk. The paralysis completely left him. This was the first of many known healings at Medjugorje.

There is the story of Ireland's David Parkes, a famous Irish singer, also an atheist, who was suffering immense pain from Chron's Disease. He had ten surgeries, the last lasting eleven hours, and was informed that the doctors could no longer be of help, it would only be a matter of time until he died. He went to Medjugorje "on holiday", but to placate his wife he agreed to "a blessing." He felt an incredible heat in his body, and fell unconscious for twenty minutes. He awoke, free of all physical pain, and experiencing the greatest peace he had ever known. Although weak, he climbed to the top of Mt. Prodbro,

and asked the Blessed Mother to teach him how to pray. David made a pact with the Blessed Mother that in gratitude for his great blessings, he would record the pro-life song "Let Me Live." If it saved even one unborn child it would be worth everything. In May of 1993, that song was sung at the National Concert Hall in Ireland, with 50,000 people in attendance, and was carried live over national television, at the request of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who had come to Ireland's Marian Shrine to speak out for life. She smiled the whole time it was sung.

There was Kevin's story, a child from upstate New York who was critically ill from several chronic conditions including seizure disorder, chronic lung disease, immune deficiency, and neuromuscular disorder. Kevin was not expected to live. The father was addicted to alcohol and drugs. The parents' marriage was falling apart, and they might go months without even speaking. In Medjugorje, they all embraced during Mass when the apparition of the Blessed Mother began, and only Jesus and Mary knew of the intensity of their prayers - to be a family - whole and in peace once again.

The three of them, child and mother and father, had climbed Apparition Hill. When the Blessed Mother arrived they could see the cross on top of the Hill glow. It was so bright they stated they could feel the warmth flowing from it. As the glow faded, the rains stopped and all on the hill realized that all their ponchos and clothing were completely dry. People began crying and pointing to the cross, and they all saw tiny silver stars, like sparklers, shooting off all around it. Everyone immediately knelt and began to pray.

Before falling asleep, Kevin told his parents, "I was cold and wanted to cry. Then I felt warm and good. I felt Our Lady all around me, and I felt very warm."

The next day at Mass Kevin had a seizure that lasted several minutes. As the family began to board the bus to return, a woman from the pilgrimage came up to see little Kevin, excited about what happened to him. The woman stated that she saw Kevin look up into the church statue of the Blessed Mother, and speak to her and then fall asleep for about three minutes. When asked, Kevin replied to his parents that he had spoken to Our Lady and she had spoken to him, telling him to be good and promising that he'd feel

better soon.

It was later that his parents realized that little Kevin wasn't experiencing a seizure, but that it was his body quivering as the sickness left his body that day. The father has recovered from his drug dependency and is now a Eucharistic Minister and Pastoral Care Minister, attending Mass on a daily basis as possible. They have started a Cenacle meeting, and a prayer group, and most importantly now, is their family prayer time. The family is close and intimate once again, the doctors have remarked on Kevin's amazing improvement, and now with all the anger and hurt gone - they all feel extremely blessed and in God's great mercy and grace.

There is the story of Marie, of Rochester,

who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. As her disease progressed, she began living an increasingly isolated life. She was told that nothing could be done medically about the condition. But while praying the rosary one day, she noticed that tiny gold hearts had appeared on many of the beads of the rosary. This and all that she had heard about Medjugorje, piqued her curiosity, and she traveled to Medjugorje with her mother.

She attended mass at St. James Church. When Fr. Jozo concluded his talk and called upon the Blessed Mother to intercede and to

heal the sick, something wonderful happened and Marie felt well again. She stepped into the aisle and realized that God had cured her, because she had perfect balance again. She felt completely refreshed, and immediately told her mother that she had been cured. Suddenly a tremendous energy began to pour out of the left side of her body in waves, the side that had been most affected by the Muscular Sclerosis. The jerking movement continued on and off for about 15 to 20 minutes. She has been completely healthy ever since, and all she can say today is, "Praise the Lord for His great mercy on me."

Perhaps the best known of the physical miracles is Rita Klaus, and extraordinary testimony of God's unwavering love and mercy. Rita Klaus was confined to a wheelchair, with Multiple Sclerosis, and due to her deep devotion to God and the Blessed Mother, was miraculously healed. But there are so many more.

- Susan suffered from Encephalomyelitis and was confined to a wheelchair, before her miraculous healing in Medjugorje;
- An Asian woman was cured of cancer;
- Sean, a five year old boy, was cured of

deafness;

• Marie, who suffered from a compression fracture of the seventh vertebra, was cured instantly on August 8, 1983 (the most recent X-rays of her vertebral column show no traces of lesions);

• Diana was cured of blindness in her right eye, impairment of motor functioning (which rendered both her upper and lower members impotent), total urinary incontinence, and multiple sclerosis;

• Matija, who was a paraplegic after a stroke, was cured after she felt a strong current, like electricity, all through her body when at St. James Church in Medjugorje;

• Antonija, a little girl two years old, was badly burned, and the doctor said she wouldn't be able to walk for a month and a half. Her parents went to the place of apparitions and prayed for her, and that evening she began to walk, two days later the burned areas were healed over, and she was healed;

• Cvija had suffered for eleven years with degenerative arthritis, but was cured after praying the seven Medjugorje prayers and washing in water mixed with earth from the Hill of Apparitions;

• Dubravko went to Medjugorje and was healed of leukemia.

Hundreds of other cases have been reported such as this, "I was an alcoholic. In spite of my own efforts and many treatments, I couldn't stop drinking. I stopped the day after going to Medjugorje." Through Medjugorje, people have been cured of chronic pain, of drug addiction and tobacco addiction, of phobias, tumors and diseases.

Besides all the physical healings, the spiritual healings are even more notable. There was the man who for seventeen years was without any sacraments or faith. He was a cocaine addict who had planned the following week to kill his brother-in-law. For whatever reason, a friend had given him a video on Our Blessed Mother and Medjugorje. He watched it one Saturday morning and dropped to his knees and wept the entire time. He decided to go to confession and reconciled his life with God, and today he is a saintly man and a daily communicant...after seventeen years away from God's grace.

It meant the healing of Mike B. and the healing of 20 years of anger, bitterness and rage that he carried around with him. It meant the conversion of an inmate, Mike G., and the strong faith and love that is winning the hearts and souls of men in prison. And it means, literally, millions more of spiritual healings and conversions, and of people finding joy through finding their way home.

The physical healings are a sign of the power of faith and prayer, and the spiritual healings - the grace and mercy, the relief of so much pain and burden, are yet, even greater signs for all of us of the love of God.



St. James Church

IN GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!

SIGNS AND MIRACLES

FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE NO PROOF IS NECESSARY . . . FOR THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE NO PROOF IS ENOUGH!

Besides the physical and spiritual healings, there have been many other miraculous signs in Medjugorje since that first apparition in 1981. The speed at which the children ran up the rocky hill of Podbrdo on June 25th was impossible, yet many witnesses said it was true. Witnesses claim that it was almost as if the children "floated" up the hill, on top of the rocks and boulders and over the thorn bushes instead of through them. On the third day of the apparitions, a bright light was seen throughout the whole area, and people from other villages and towns came to see what was happening. Even government officials confirmed this fact.

August 2nd, 1981 was the first date of the miracle of the sun, dancing and spinning and the sun assumed the formation of the shape of hearts. Since that time this unusual occurrence has happened so often that it is almost expected during any important feast day or special time. It has been witnessed by thousands of villagers and pilgrims alike, countless times throughout the years. The sun actually spins in the sky and gives off beautiful colors. Some people have seen the sun turn into a heart, at other times people claim to have seen three circles of the sun that interlock to represent the Holy Trinity, and at other times people have seen the shape of the cross or the spinning and moving of the sun across the sky coming closer to earth and then returning to its original position (similar to the miracle of the sun at the Fatima apparition - except at Medjugorje it has happened many times).

On August 6th, 1981, the word "MIR", which means peace in Croatia, was seen in the sky over the cross on Mt. Krizevac.

The luminary phenomena are another incredible sign at Medjugorje. At times the cross on Mt. Krizevac has turned into a pillar of light and some people have seen the form of a woman standing in the center of the light. This phenomenon has also been seen by



Visionary Vicka Ivankovic meets with pilgrims.

many people on many different occasions. Our Lady told the children that she prays at the foot of the cross every day. On October 28th, 1981 an unusual fire broke out on the top of the hill, seen by the police, villagers and the priests. It burned about fifteen minutes but when they reached the top of the mountain to put the fire out, nothing could be found. There was absolutely no trace of a fire on the hill. Cameras have captured these phenomena as well as the silhouette of Our Blessed Mother at other times.

And perhaps the most common occurrence is the changing of colors of rosaries. Hundreds of pilgrims have attested to the fact that the links between the beads on their rosary's had changed color, from the traditional silver to a gold color, while saying the rosary at or on behalf of Our Mother at

Medjugorje.

Most interesting is the behavior of the visionaries themselves, which shows a sign of something supernatural happening. The visionaries always fall to their knees at exactly the same moment, look up and focus on exactly the same spot, and start their prayers at exactly the same time in a most improbable manner. It has been postulated that with such critical observation from authorities, such precise timing and behavior could not possibly be conceived or efficiently replicated if fraudulent, even with much practice and rehearsing. No, something is happening to all these children at precisely the same instant and in the same manner... something Divine.

SCIENTIFIC TESTS: Unlike previous apparitions where scientific tests did not exist, these visionaries have all been subjected to sophisticated scientific tests to authorize the validity of their reports. These findings, well known in the European scientific community, offer precise confirmation that the ecstasy of the young people in Medjugorje is neither dream nor epilepsy, hallucination nor hysteria, nor catalepsy. They are not lying, nor is there anything pathological about them. The neuro- psychiatric, medico-psychological, and somatological tests to which these young people were subjected showed them to be absolutely normal and that there were no psycho-pathological indications. Additional tests including hypnosis shows that there was no evidence of preconditioning events either in the recent or more distant past. Electrocardiograms show that ecstasy does not suppress normal physiology but somehow transcends it, and electro-encephalograms eliminated any possibility of either epilepsy or individual or group hallucination. An electro-oculogram confirmed simultaneous synchronizations of the eyes, confirming objectivity of the apparition. Other tests of a sensory nature, also confirmed that in many

ways ordinary perception and response no longer functions - active eyeball activity ceases; the pupil no longer reacts to light; stimuli from the auditory nerve reach neither the cortex nor consciousness of the subject; the visionaries perceive a very real, three dimensional person 'whom they can touch'; their faces are perfectly at peace and relaxed, the entire appearance is one of happiness and contentment - even Vicka's sighs express this overjoyment in a most compelling manner; and while in

The Lord said, "Blessed are they who do not see, but believe." The messages of Our Lady at Medjugorje should by themselves, be sufficient enough to draw men to conversion to God. But the signs and miracles which have been granted in addition to the messages have been so pronounced and affirming of the reality of Our Blessed Mother, that atheists, agnostics, and people of all religious persuasion have now converted to Catholicism.

ecstasy, the children failed to feel several physical pains purposefully inflicted (a needle prick hard enough to draw blood, a burning iron point, etc.)

No other visionary has ever been tested by such sophisticated means and to such elaborate extremes as the visionaries of Medjugorje. Together, the scientific and medical tests in combination with the sightings and luminary phenomena, in combination with the physical and spiritual healings certainly prove beyond doubt that Divine Intervention is occurring in this little town in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

MEDJUGORJE - EARLY MESSAGES OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

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"Dear Children, I am the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, I have come to tell the world that God exists... I have come because there are many true believers here. I wish to be with you to convert and reconcile the whole world." On returning to the village after the apparition, Marie saw the Blessed Mother again, in tears, near a cross with rainbow colors: "Peace, Peace, Peace! Be reconciled! Only Peace. Make your peace with God and among yourselves. For that, it is necessary to believe, to pray, to fast, and to go to confession."
- June 26, 1981

"Dear Children, Today I wish to tell you, always pray before your work and end your work with prayer. If you do that, God will bless you and your work. These days you have been praying too little and working a lot; therefore, pray. In prayer, you will find rest. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- July 5, 1984

"Dear Children, Satan continues to hinder my plans. Pray, pray, pray. In prayer, abandon yourselves to God. Pray with the heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- August 9, 1984

"Dear Children, I invite you to say these words: 'I love God in everything.' With love, one obtains everything. You can receive many things, even the most impossible.... Each evening, make your examination of conscience, but only to give thanks in acknowledgment for everything that His love offers us at Medjugorje."
- February 25, 1985

"Dear Children, In your life you have all experienced light and darkness. God grants to every person the ability to recognize good and evil. I am calling you to the light, which you should carry to all the people who are in darkness. People who are in darkness daily come into your homes. Dear Children, give them the light. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- March 14, 1985

"Dear Children, Today I call you to pray that God's plan for us may be realized and also everything that God desires through you. Help others to be converted. Dear Children, do not allow Satan to get control of your hearts. So that you would be an image of Satan and not of me. I call you to pray for how you might be witnesses of my presence. Without you, God cannot bring to reality that which He desires. God has given a free will to everyone, and it is in your control. Thank you for having responded to my call. - January 30, 1986.

"Dear Children, Hatred gives birth to dissensions and does not regard anyone or anything. I call you always to bring harmony and peace. Especially, dear children, in the place where you live, act with love. Let your only instrument always be love. By love turn everything to good which Satan desires to destroy and possess. Only that way will you be completely mine and I shall be able to help you. Thank

you for having responded to my call."
- July 31, 1986

"Dear Children, You are ready to commit sin, and to put yourselves in the hands of Satan without reflecting. I call on each one of you to consciously decide for God and against Satan. I am your mother and, therefore, I want to lead you all to complete holiness. I want each one of you to be happy here on Earth and to be with me in Heaven. That is, dear children, the purpose of my coming here." - May 25, 1987

"... I invite you to open yourselves to God... I love you and wish to protect you from every evil, but you do not desire it... I cannot help you if you do not live God's Commandments, if you do not live the Mass, if you do not abandon sin... I invite you to become Apostles of Love and Goodness... give witness to God and God's love and God will bless you and give you what you seek of Him..."

"Dear Children, I am your Mother and I warn you this time is a time of temptation. Satan is trying to find emptiness in you so he can enter and destroy you. Do not surrender! I pray with you. Do not pray just with the lips, but pray with the heart. In this way prayer will obtain victory." - July 4, 1988

"Dear Children, Tonight especially I would like to invite all the parents in the world to find time for their children and family. May they offer love to their children. May this love that they offer be parental and motherly love. Once again, dear children, I call you to family prayer. During one of the previous encounters your Mother asked you to renew family prayer. I ask that again tonight. Thank you for having responded to my call." - July 31, 1989

"Dear Children, I am with you even if you are not conscious of it. I want to protect you from everything that Satan offers you and through which he wants to destroy you. As I bore Jesus in my womb, so also, Dear Children, do I wish to bear you to holiness. God wants to save you and sends you messages through men, nature, and so many things which can only help you to understand that you must change the direction of your life. Therefore, little children, understand also the greatness of the gift which God is giving you through me, so that I may protect you with my mantle and lead you to the joy of life. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- March 25, 1990

"Dear Children, today in a special way I

invite you all to prayer and renunciation. For now as never before Satan wants to show the world his shameful face by which he wants to seduce as many people as possible onto the way of death and sin. Therefore, dear children, help my Immaculate Heart to triumph in this sinful world. I beseech all of you to offer prayers and sacrifices for my intentions so I can present them to God for what is most necessary. Forget your desires, dear children, and pray for what God desires and not for what you desire. Thank you for having responded to my call. - September 25, 1991

"Dear Children, today I am inviting you to a renewal of prayer in your families so that every family will become a joy to my Son, Jesus. Therefore, dear children, pray and seek more time for Jesus and then you will be able to understand and accept everything, even the most difficult sicknesses and crosses. I am with you and desire to take you into my heart and protect you, but you have not yet decided. Therefore, dear children, I am seeking for you to pray, so through prayer you would allow me to help you. Pray, my dear children, so prayer becomes your daily bread. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- January 25, 1992

"Dear Children, today like never before I call you to pray for peace, for peace in your hearts, peace in your families, and peace in the whole world, because Satan wants war, wants lack of peace, wants to destroy all which is good. Therefore, dear children, Pray, Pray, Pray. Thank you for having responded to my call." - March 25, 1993

**... Dear Little Children,
I am calling you to be children
of the light and not of the
darkness, therefore, live what
I am telling you..**

"Dear Children, today I invite you to open yourselves to God by means of prayer so the Holy Spirit may begin to work miracles in you and through you. I am with you and I intercede before God for each one of you because, dear children, each one of you is important in my plan of salvation. I invite you to be carriers of Good and Peace. God can give you peace only if you convert and pray. Therefore, dear little children, Pray, Pray, Pray and do that which the Holy Spirit inspires you. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- May 25, 1993

"Dear children! You are all my children. I love you. But, little children, you must not forget that without prayer you cannot be close to me. In these times Satan wants to create disorder in your hearts and in your families. Little children, do not give in. You should not allow him to lead you and your life. I love you and

intercede before God for you. Little children, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call."
- January 25, 1994

"Dear children! Today I rejoice with you and I am praying with you for peace: peace in your hearts, peace in your families, peace in your desires, peace in the whole world. May the King of Peace bless you today and give you peace. I bless you and I carry each one of you in my heart. Thank you for having responded to my call." - December 25, 1994

"Dear children! Today I invite you to become missionaries of my messages, which I am giving here through this place that is dear to me. God has allowed me to stay this long with you and therefore, little children, I invite you to live with love the messages I give and to transmit them to the whole world, so that a river of love flows to people who are full of hatred and without peace. I invite you, little children, to become peace where there is no peace and light where there is darkness, so that each heart accepts the light and the way of salvation. Thank you for having responded to my call." - February 25, 1995

"Dear children! Today I invite you to prayer. Let prayer be life for you. A family cannot say that it is in peace if it does not pray. Therefore, let your morning begin with morning prayer, and the evening end with thanksgiving. Little children, I am with you, and I love you and I bless you and I wish for every one of you to be in my embrace. You cannot be in my embrace if you are not ready to pray every day. Thank you for having responded to my call." - August 25, 1995

"Dear children! Today I invite you to conversion. This is the most important message that I have given you here. Little children, I wish that each of you become a carrier of my messages. I invite you, little children, to live the messages that I have given you over these years. This time is a time of grace. Especially now, when the Church also is inviting you to prayer and conversion. I also, little children, invite you to live my messages that I have given you during the time since I appear here. Thank you for having responded to my call." - February 25, 1996

"Dear children! Today I invite you again to put prayer in the first place in your families. Little children, when God is in the first place, then you will, in all that you do, seek the will of God. In this way your daily conversion will become easier. Little children, seek with humility that which is not in order in your hearts, and you shall understand what you have to do. Conversion will become a daily duty that you will do with joy. Little children, I am with you, I bless you all and I invite you to become my witnesses by prayer and personal conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call." - April 25, 1996

MEDJUGORJE - CURRENT MESSAGES OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

"Dear children! Listen, because I wish to speak to you and to invite you to have more faith and trust in God, who loves you immeasurably. Little children, you do not know how to live in the grace of God, that is why I call you all anew, to carry the word of God in your heart and in thoughts. Little children, place the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family, and read and live it. Teach your children, because if you are not an example to them, children depart into godlessness. Reflect and pray and then God will be born in your heart and your heart will be joyous. Thank you for having responded to my call." - August 25, 1996

"Dear children! Today I invite you to offer your crosses and suffering for my intentions. Little children, I am your mother and I wish to help you by seeking for you the grace from God. Little children, offer your sufferings as a gift to God so they become a most beautiful flower of joy. That is why, little children, pray that you may understand that suffering can become joy and the cross the way of joy. Thank you for having responded to my call." - September 25, 1996

"Dear children! Today I call you to have your life be connected with God the Creator, because only in this way will your life have meaning and you will comprehend that God is love. God sends me to you out of love, that I may help you to comprehend that without Him there is no future or joy and, above all, there is no eternal salvation. Little children, I call you to leave sin and to accept prayer at all times, that you may in prayer come to know the meaning of your life. God gives Himself to him who seeks Him. Thank you for having responded to my call." - April 25, 1997

"Dear children! Also today I call you to fasting and renunciation. Little children, renounce that which hinders you from being closer to Jesus. In a special way I call you: Pray, because only through prayer will you be able to overcome your will and discover the will of God even in the smallest things. By your daily life, little children, you will become an example and witness that you live for Jesus or against Him and His will. Little children, I desire that you become apostles of love. By loving, little children, it will be recognized that you are mine. Thank you for having responded to my call." - March 25, 1998



"Dear children! Today I call you to prepare yourselves for the coming of Jesus. In a special way, prepare your hearts. May holy Confession be the first act of conversion for you and then, dear children, decide for holiness. May your conversion and decision for holiness begin today and not tomorrow. Little children, I call you all to the way of salvation and I desire to show you the way to Heaven. That is why, little children, be mine and decide with me for holiness. Little children, accept prayer with seriousness and pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call." - November 25, 1998

"Dear children! I call you to prayer with the heart. In a special way, little children, I call you to pray for conversion of sinners, for those who pierce my heart and the heart of my Son Jesus with the sword of hatred and daily blasphemies. Let us pray, little children, for all those who do not desire to come to know the love of God, even though they are in the Church. Let us pray that they convert, so that the Church may resurrect in love. Only with love and prayer, little children, can you live this time which is given to you for conversion. Place God in the first place, then the risen Jesus will become your friend. Thank you for having responded to my call." - March 25, 1999

"Dear children! Today again I call you to become carriers of my peace. In a special way, now when it is being said that God is far away, He has truly never been nearer to you. I call you to renew prayer in your families by reading the Sacred Scripture and to experience joy in meeting with God who infinitely loves His creatures. Thank you for having responded to my call." - September 25, 1999

"Dear children! I call you, little children, to pray without ceasing. If you pray, you are

closer to God and He will lead you on the way of peace and salvation. That is why I call you today to give peace to others. Only in God is there true peace. Open your hearts and become those who give a gift of peace and others will discover peace in you and through you and in this way you will witness God's peace and love which He gives you. Thank you for having responded to my call." - January 25, 2000

"Dear children! Wake up from the sleep of unbelief and sin, because this is a time of grace which God gives you. Use this time and seek the grace of healing of your heart from God, so that you may see God and man with the heart. Pray in a special way for those who have not come to know God's love, and witness with your life so that they also can come to know God and His immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call." - February 25, 2000

"Dear children! Also today I call you to conversion. You are concerned too much about material things and little about spiritual ones. Open your hearts and start again to work more on your personal conversion. Decide everyday to dedicate time to God and to prayer until prayer becomes a joyful meeting with God for you. Only in this way will your life have meaning and with joy you will contemplate eternal life. Thank you for having responded to my call." - April 25, 2000

"Dear children! Also today I call you to pray from your whole heart and to love each other. Little children, you are chosen to witness peace and joy. If there is no peace, pray and you will receive it. Through you and your prayer, little children, peace will begin to flow through the world. That is why, little children, pray, pray, pray, because prayer works miracles in human hearts and in the world. I am with you and I thank God for each of you who has accepted and lives prayer with seriousness. Thank you for having responded to my call." - October 25, 2001

I desire, little children, to lead you to the heart of my Son Jesus; but you resist and do not desire to open your hearts to prayer. Again, little children, I call you not to be deaf but to comprehend my call, which is salvation for you.

"Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. Little children, believe that by simple prayer miracles can be

worked. Through your prayer you open your heart to God and He works miracles in your life. By looking at the fruits, your heart fills with joy and gratitude to God for everything He does in your life and, through you, also to others. Pray and believe little children, God gives you graces and you do not see them. Pray and you will see them. May your day be filled with prayer and thanksgiving for everything that God gives you. Thank you for having responded to my call." - October 25, 2002

"Dear children! Also today I call you to pray and fast for peace. As I have already said and now repeat to you, little children, only with prayer and fasting can wars also be stopped. Peace is a precious gift from God. Seek, pray and you will receive it. Speak about peace and carry peace in your hearts. Nurture it like a flower which is in need of water, tenderness and light. Be those who carry peace to others. I am with you and intercede for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call." - February 25, 2003

"Dear children! I call you anew to consecrate yourselves to my heart and the heart of my Son Jesus. I desire, little children, to lead you all on the way of conversion and holiness. Only in this way, through you, we can lead all the more souls on the way of salvation. Do not delay, little children, but say with all your heart: "I want to help Jesus and Mary

that all the more brothers and sisters may come to know the way of holiness." In this way, you will feel the contentment of being friends of Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call." - October 25, 2003

"Dear children! This is a time of grace for the family and, therefore, I call you to renew prayer. May Jesus be in the heart of your family. In prayer, learn to love everything that is holy. Imitate the lives of saints so that they may be an incentive and teachers on the way of holiness. May every family become a witness of love in this world without prayer and peace. Thank you for having responded to my call." - October 25, 2004

"Dear children! Today I call you to be my extended hands in this world that puts God in the last place. You, little children, put God in the first place in your life. God will bless you and give you strength to bear witness to Him, the God of love and peace. I am with you and intercede for all of you. Little children, do not forget that I love you with a tender love. Thank you for having responded to my call." - February 25, 2005

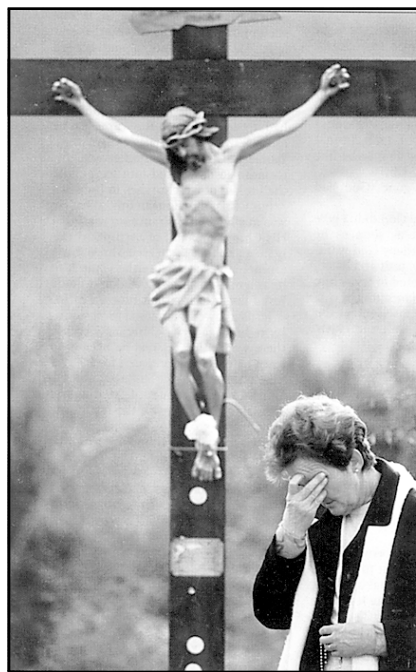
I call you, in a special way to say your 'yes' to Jesus. Open your hearts so that Jesus enters into them, comes to dwell in them and starts to work through you. Only in this way will you be able to comprehend the true beauty of God's love, joy and peace.

In the book "The Last Secret" (Charis Books, 1998) author Michael H. Brown states that there have been over 6,000 documented apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to individuals, families and groups over these last 2,000 years. There have been over 530 documented apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in over 200 countries across the entire world just since 1925.

Marianologists point to the increasing frequency of Her visits and the fact that she is giving messages on every continent in the world. They say that apparitions are happening at such a frequency that we can no longer neglect or ignore the fact... or the messages. Even Dateline recently aired the documented story of Medjugorje, and the History Channel recently aired a two-hour special on Our Lady's apparitions.

Some of the more famous of the Marian apparition sites throughout the world, include:

- 1531 - Guadalupe, Mexico (She appeared to Juan Diego);
- 1634 - Quito, Ecuador (to Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres);
- 1830 - Rue de Bac, Paris (to Catherine Laboure);
- 1846 - LaSalette, France (to Melanie Calvat and Maximin Guiraud);
- 1858 - Lourdes, France (to Bernadette Soubirous);
- 1879 - Knock, Ireland (to fifteen people);
- 1904 - Poland (to Father Maximilian Kolbe);
- 1917 - Fatima, Portugal (to 3 children - Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta);
- 1937 - Poland (to Sister Faustina);
- 1953 - Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico (to 3 children);
- 1961 - Garabandal Spain (to 4 children);
- 1963 - Vietnam (to Rosa Maria);
- 1968 - Italy (to Mama Carmela Carabelli);
- 1968 - Zeitoun, Egypt (to Hundreds of Thousands who saw the Blessed Mother);
- 1973 - Akita Japan (to Sister Agnes Sasagawa);
- 1974 - Binh Loi, Vietnam (to Stephen Ho-Ngoc-Anh);
- 1976 - Betania, Venezuela (to Marie Esperanza and others);
- 1981 - Kibeho/Rwanda, Africa (to 6 children);
- 1981 - Medjugorje (to 6 children);
- 1982 - Damascus, Syria (to Mirna Nazzour);
- 1983 - Penablanca, Chile (to Miguel Angel Poblete);
- 1983 - San Nicolas, Argentina (to Gladas Quiroga de Motta)
- 1985 - Oliveto Citra, Italy (to several children);
- 1985 - Naju, Korea (to Julia Kim);
- 1986 - Shoubra, Egypt (to thousands of people);
- 1986 - Manila, Phillipines (to solidiers);
- 1987 - Hrushiv, Ukraine (to Marina Kizyn);
- 1987 - Conyers, Georgia USA (to Nancy Fowler);



- 1987 - Grushevo, Ukraine (to thousands and thousands of people);
- 1988 - Cortnadreha, Ireland (to Christina Gallagher);
- 1988 - Phoenix, Arizona (to Estela Ruiz);
- 1990 - Denver Colorado (to Theresa Lopez);
- 1990 - Litmanova, Slovakia (to Ivetka Korcakova and Katka Ceselkova)
- 1992 - Steubenville, Ohio (to Tony Fernwalt);
- 1992 - 1997 Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil (to Raymundo Lopes);
- 1993 - New South Wales, Australia (to Matthew Kelly);
- 1994 - Rome, Italy (to Marisa Rossi)
- 1994 - Hollywood, Florida (to Rosa Lopez);
- 1994 - present Conchabamba, Bolivia (to Catalina Rivas - a stigmatist);
- 1995 - Enugu State, Nigeria;
- 1995 - present Phoenix, Arizona USA (to Pat Mundorf);
- 1996 - Brooklyn, NY, U.S.A.
- 1999 - Marpingen, Germany (to 3 women).

Our Blessed Mother is not just appearing to little children, or to one or two people here and there, but She appears to people of many different ages, nationalities and religious persuasions. In Russia, she appeared in the Ukraine over a five year period and hundreds of thousands of people saw Her. In Egypt She appeared over two years to fifteen million people of every faith. In Venezuela (which is one of the Church approved Marian Apparition sites) she appeared on one day to 108 people, and in Italy She appeared to dozens of visitors. Here, in America, She also has appeared all over this country.

In Medjugorje, our Mother said that She will appear if necessary "in every single household." Her love and concern for Her children - for all of us - is that great in these troubled times!

Message from Our lady of the Americas, November 27, 1993: "My Dear Children, I come to the world during these times to call you out of your affliction, out of your despair, out of the turmoil that you find yourselves in. I come to call you to God. I want you to know that you have a loving and merciful God. It is from His hand that you, all His children came to be, yet now humanity rejects His love and His greatness. Can you, my beloved children not see that the world as it exists at the present time is an offense to your Creator? He did not create you so that you might allow evil to destroy you. He did not create you so that you might turn your backs to Him, Who has loved you throughout the ages. Yet, in these times even those who profess to love Him are disobedient to His commandments and laws... You can blame others for your behavior, but if each one looks into his or her soul, you will see that it is you, your will, that rejects your God... I come to tell you that God, Our Father in Heaven, sent His only Son, My Son Jesus, to show you the way. But the way of My Son goes against worldly ways and it is difficult to commit yourselves to His ways... As your Heavenly Mother, I cannot bear to see you lost. Please my little ones, open your hearts and souls to the Spirit of God and allow Him to bring you to salvation. God waits for you, My Children. Listen to my voice and go to Him. I love you My children."

To Estela Ruiz, Phoenix, Arizona, August 6, 1994: "My Dear Children, I come to be with you during these hard times for the world. There is much destruction, turbulence and confusion as mankind lashes out against each other. Our God knows your need for Him and in His great love for you sends the court of Heaven to call you back to Him. I, your heavenly Mother have been sent by Him who loves you, that through my love for Him and for you... you might understand God and His love. The world has lost the knowledge, understanding and belief of, and in, God. The world no longer knows this God of love and hope. The gifts that God has given to mankind, man has used to glorify himself. Man put himself on a throne and each man considers himself a God so that each person in the world does his own will and not the will of their Creator. God did not put you in this world to destroy, but to build, to love each other, not to hate, to be men and women of honor, not dishonor, to treat each other with kindness and love, not with jealousy and hatred. Yet man has turned against God and treats each other with all the things He is not. Yet, God, even in this disobedience He is so prevalent among all His children, continues to love you! That is why I am with you, making myself known throughout the world. That is why the court of Heaven has descended upon mankind that you may know God's love for you, that the Heavens may help all of you, My Children, to be saved from destruction of your bodies and more importantly your souls. Open your Hearts, my beloved, and let God come in. I love you and thank you for listening to My words."

Messages from Our Blessed Mother to an Anonymous Visionary: "The wickedness of men would destroy my plan if possible, but my power given to me by God is infinitely greater than all the wickedness in the world. Good always triumphs over evil... Satan and his legions cannot prevent my Triumph as hard as they may try, because God Himself has preordained that this should occur in this time. You are fortunate to be living in this time, this era of mercy and love. Not all have been given so great a chance to repent from so much evil... You must do all that I tell you now. It is very important that you follow my instructions, as this will be an aid to many in softening their hearts in order to be receptive to such grace... God has given me the power to touch the hardest of hearts."

To Mafalda in Oliveto Citra, Italy on January 19, 1986: Dozens of visitors have seen Our Blessed Mother at Oliveto Citra, where she first appeared to twelve young boys. Since then, others have also witnessed her appearances. She said, "My Dear Children, God sends me on Earth to come and save all because the whole world is in danger. I come among you to bring peace into your hearts. God wants that peace to reign in the hearts of all mankind, and He wants the conversion of all peoples... Therefore, my dear children, pray, pray, pray; if you do not pray, you will receive nothing... I will pray that God will not punish you. God says, save yourselves, pray much, and do penance, and be converted, with prayer you can obtain everything... Mankind is full of serious sins that offend the love of God. Peace on earth is about to end, the world cannot be saved without peace, but the world will find peace only if mankind returns to God. My children, I beg you to pray for the conversion of all peoples; do penance and save yourselves from hell. I will engage in the final struggle against Satan which will conclude with the triumph of my Immaculate Heart and with the coming of the kingdom of God in the world. Those who refuse God today will go far from Him tomorrow into hell."

A Message from Our Mother to an Anonymous Visionary in Cold Spring, Kentucky, on July 15, 1993: "Dear Children, I ask again that you convert your lives and return to God. He speaks to you through nature and is doing so now, not only through its beauty, but also through its calamities... There are no accidents with God. All that happens has a reason. Through prayer and fasting the weather can be changed. Prayer can change any circumstance. Fasting, as discipline for the spirit, can open closed hearts. In search for answers, you have forgotten this. Pray and fast, my children, so that your hearts can be changed and opened to love. I plead with each and every one of you to dissolve the hatred in your hearts and forgive each other. Live in peace with one another and love one another as brothers and sisters, for all of you are God's children, and mine as well."

REGARDING SATAN

"A great struggle is about to unfold. A struggle between my Son and Satan. Human Souls are at Stake." (August 2, 1981); "If you would be strong in the faith, Satan would not be able to do anything against you. Begin to walk the path of my messages. Be converted, be converted, be converted." (April 5, 1984); "Satan is continually trying to thwart my plans. Pray with your heart and in your prayer give yourselves entirely to Jesus." (August 11, 1984); "My Dear Children, Satan is strong. He wishes with all his strength to destroy my plans. Pray only, and do not stop doing it." (January 14, 1985); "I ask you to conquer Satan. The arms to conquer him are fasting and prayers. Pray for peace, because Satan wants to destroy the little peace you have." (June 25, 1992); "Satan is strong and wishes not only to destroy human life, but also nature and the planet on which you live." (January 25, 1991).

Satan appeared unexpectedly to Mirjana in 1982 in her house, trying to convince her to give up and renounce the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother and promising her all the treasures of the world if she would. Mirjana rejected Satan, and took Holy Water and made the Sign of the Cross. Immediately Satan disappeared, and the Blessed Mother arrived. Then the Blessed Mother gave her the following message: "Excuse me for this, but you must realize that Satan exists. One day he appeared before the throne of God and asked permission to submit the Church to a period of trial. God gave him permission to try the Church for one century. This century is under the power of the devil, but when the secrets confided to you come to pass, his power will be destroyed. Even now he is beginning to lose his power and has become aggressive. He is destroying marriages, creating divisions among priests, and is responsible for obsessions and murder. You must protect yourselves against these things through fasting and prayer, especially community prayer. Carry blessed objects with you. Put them in your house, and restore the use of holy water."

HEAVEN, PURGATORY, HELL

The existence of heaven, purgatory and hell are attested to by the visionaries at Medjugorje. The six visionaries have all seen heaven. They saw another world and everyone there was in joy. The visionaries say it is a place of incredible peace and happiness, with colors unlike any colors on earth, and songs unlike any on earth. "You could see by their faces that they all had the same peace," stated Mirjana, "you could see that these faces have everything." It was so beautiful that "your heart stands still when you look at it."

Our Lady said that their happiness was because God was with them. "It was really a very happy place, I could feel joy there. Our Lady told us that all of these people had tried to live God's will in their lives, had tried to live as He would want them, and now their reward was that they were with Him forever. They were full of joy, and I felt my own heart full of happiness as I looked at them."

The visionaries who did not ask to be spared the experience, were also shown purgatory and hell. When they saw purgatory, a place of puri-



Pilgrims flock to Medjugorje to experience conversion and listen to messages received by the young visionaries. Pictured are Vicka, Jakov, Ivanka, Maria, and Ivan during an apparition in the 1980s.

fication obscured by an ash-gray mist, the Blessed Mother said, "Those people are waiting for your prayers and sacrifices." While the visionaries saw no one there, they could hear crying and moaning in the fog, and knocking as if to get out.

Mirjana was asked whether many people go to hell in this day and age. Mirjana responded, "I asked Her about that, and She said that today, most people go to purgatory, the next greatest go to hell, and only a few go directly to heaven."

Mirjana describes purgatory as having different levels, some closer to hell and others higher and closer to heaven. Maria did not see any people in Purgatory, but could hear them crying and asking us to pray for them. "Our Lady said that the suffering of these people was because they wanted to go to Heaven, but could not unless they had our prayers to assist them. She said that when we pray for them, we helped them toward Heaven. "I felt great sadness in Purgatory. They want to be with God, but it is not possible for them to be with Him because their sins are still on their souls. Their cries are not because they are in physical pain, but because they are in spiritual pain, wishing to be with God. Every day they spend in Purgatory they understand more the situation they are in and the result of their own sins. And they learn the way to love God. Our Lady told me a very beautiful thing too, that every Saturday she goes to Purgatory to take many souls into Heaven, and there is great joy in Heaven when these souls meet with God."

At Medjugorje the young visionaries were also shown hell. They claim it was a horrible great sea of fire and suffering and despair, "like an ocean of raging flames," Vicka recounted. "We could see people before they went into the fire. Before they went in, they looked like normal people. The more they are against God's will, the deeper they enter into the fire, and the deeper they go, the more they rage against Him. When they come out of the fire,

they don't have human shape anymore; they are like grotesque animals, but unlike anything on earth." This vision of hell is very similar to that given to the Fatima visionaries in 1917, and in visions given to popes and saints throughout history. The visionaries said that there are more people in Heaven than in Hell, but Our Lady told the visionaries, "Souls are falling into Hell like snowflakes." Maria says that Hell is a frightening place to see. "Our Lady explained that the people in Hell were those who wanted to go there, who choose Hell because they decided against God in their lives. They decided for bad rather than for good." It is not God who sends us to Hell, she explained, it is a decision we reach for ourselves. Those people who go to Hell are those who choose to go there.

Maria says that she does not fear death. "Death is not a tragedy. It's a joy to go to meet God. Who could be afraid of spending eternity with the person who loves us more than anybody has ever loved us?"

REGARDING MASS

Dear Children, God wants to make you Holy. And therefore, through me He is inviting you to surrender. Let HOLY MASS BE YOUR LIFE! Understand that the Church is God's Palace in which I gather you and want to show you the way to God. Come and Pray...Churches deserve respect and are set apart as Holy because God, who became man, dwells in them day and night. (April 25, 1988).

At Mass we offer the highest worship to God, we change into loving persons, and through Mass, we change our world into a world of love. We meet and commune with God and build a relationship of friendship with Him. But Our Lady recommends that we have countless encounters with Him - at many, many Masses. Our Lady at Medjugorje recommended that we go to Mass daily if possible. Daily Mass has changed the lives of the people and the village of Medjugorje, and it can do the same for us and our communities! Mary

says "Let Holy Mass be your life...it is the greatest prayer of God. You will never be able to understand its greatness. That is why you must be perfect and humble at Mass, and you should prepare yourselves there."

REGARDING LOVE

Our Blessed Mother said, "Love your enemies and bless them." (June 22, 1983). She said that we should become an image of Jesus, not of Satan, that conversion is easy for all who desire it, and that we can obtain victory over every sin with love. The great dragon, Satan, will be defeated with love, the love of men for God, Jesus and Mary - the same love that They have for us. The Blessed Mother said, "I am burning with love for you. Obtain victory against every sin, overcome with love all the difficulties that come to you. By love, turn everything into good that Satan wants to destroy and possess. With love, one obtains everything... love first your own household members. I want you to love all men with My love, both the good and the bad. Clean with love every part of your heart. Little children, bear everything bitter and difficult for the sake of Jesus Who is love."

REGARDING PRAYER

Our Lady states again and again that prayer is the most powerful weapon we have. "Pray as much as possible and fast! You must persevere in prayer and fasting. I wish that the new year will be spent in prayer and penance. Persevere in prayer and sacrifice and I will protect you and hear your prayers." (December 31, 1982); *Dear Children, I again ask you to pray for all the young people of the world because they find themselves in a difficult situation. You can help them with your love and prayers of the heart.*" (1989); "Pray because you are in great temptation and danger because the world and material goods lead you into slavery. Satan is active in this plan. I want to help each of you in prayer. I am interceding to my Son for you." (June 25, 1989); "I urge you to ask everyone to pray the Rosary. With the Rosary you will overcome all the troubles which Satan is trying to inflict on the Catholic Church. Let all priests pray the Rosary. Give time to the Rosary."

REGARDING FAMILY

"Dear Children, I rejoice because of all of you who are on the way of holiness and I beseech you, by your own testimony help those who do not know how to live in holiness. Therefore, dear children, let your family be a place where holiness is born. Help everyone to live in holiness, but especially your own family." (July 24, 1986); "Dear Children, in this time I call you to pray the Rosary in your family. Pray more and pray the Rosary. Offer the Rosary for peace." (August 14, 1992); *Dear Children, tonight especially I would like to invite all the parents in the world to find time for their children and family. May they offer love to their children. May this love that they offer be parental and motherly love. Once again, dear children, I call you to family prayer. During one of the previous encounters your Mother asked you to renew family prayer. I ask that again tonight.*" (July 31, 1989); "May all families consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart each day. I am very happy when the entire family meets to pray each morning for half an hour." (October 20, 1983).

THE SECRETS AND CHASTISEMENTS

“MY CHILDREN PRAY! THE WORLD HAS BEEN DRAWN INTO A GREAT WHIRLPOOL. IT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS DOING. IT DOES NOT REALIZE IN WHAT SIN IT IS SINKING. THE WORLD IS HANGING BY A THREAD... IT NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS SO THAT I CAN PULL IT OUT OF DANGER.”

The primary message of Medjugorje is Conversion to God through faith, prayer, fasting, reconciliation and peace. But this is not the only message. There are other messages, in fact, many of an extremely serious and grave nature.

One such set of messages are the ten secrets being revealed to each of the visionaries. This began in 1981 and continues today.

“The majority of the secrets are grave,” Mirjana said. They announce calamities, stemming from the wages of sin.

The first two secrets are warnings that will come to the whole world, as proof that the Blessed Mother was in Medjugorje and in order to invite conversion before it is too late. They are dramatic and perhaps grave catastrophes that occur upon the face of the earth, yet, in great part are positive in that they will encourage people to believe and to convert.

The third secret is a great sign. According to the seers, it will be on the hill of apparitions, visible for everyone to see. It will be visible, permanent and indestructible. It will be a beautiful sign of God's love. When Mirjana was told what the sign would be, she wept. It is a last chance for conversion for the unbelievers. The visionaries know the date, and say that the believers do not need the sign. This sign also is a warning that time is very short for conversion. For many who wait for the sign, they say that it will be too late. The Blessed Mother said that is why God is giving so much time for these apparitions, so that all may come to conversion now. She can't help those who don't want to change.

“When the sign appears, no one will any longer doubt that God truly exists.” Mirjana said. “But it will be too late for many to convert. The encounter with Divine reality will be catastrophic for those who have not already turned toward God. But for those who have done so, it will be a time of great joy.”

Little has been said about the fourth, fifth and sixth secrets, leading to speculation that these secrets have

to do with the Church, the village of Medjugorje or the visionaries themselves.

“The third secret is a great sign. It will be on the hill of apparitions, visible for everyone to see... permanent...indestructible ...it will be a beautiful sign of God's love.”

The last four secrets, however, seem to constitute the great chastisements. When asked if mankind had entered the end times, or whether the Blessed Mother had said anything about the second coming and the apocalypse, Mirjana told her inquirer, “That is part of the secrets. I would not like to talk about it.” The visionaries are silent on any other parts of these secrets, although as Mirjana stated, they know the dates. Vicka cried upon learning the ninth secret on April 22, 1986, and when Mirjana had seen hers she begged the Blessed Mother to lessen them!

The eighth secret is more serious than the seven before it. Mirjana said that every day she begged the Blessed Mother to get it mitigated, and at last the Blessed Mother said that if she can get everyone to pray it might be averted. But the ninth secret was even worse, claims Mirjana, and the tenth is terrible and nothing can alter it. It will happen.

The ninth and tenth secrets are serious. They concern major and grave chastisements for the sins of the world. It has been revealed in these secrets that punishment is inevitable, for we cannot expect the whole world to convert. While these punishments cannot be eliminated, they can be greatly diminished, however, by prayer and fasting today. In fact, Mirjana says that one of the evils that threatened the world (the seventh secret), has been averted and eliminated due to the prayer and fasting and response of the people so far. That is why the Blessed Mother continues to encourage prayer and fasting: “You

have forgotten that through prayer and fasting you can avert war and suspend the laws of nature.”

After the first admonition, the others will follow in a short period of time. Thus, people will have some time - although not much, for conversion. That interval will be a period of grace and mercy. After the visible sign appears, those who are still alive will have little time for conversion. For that reason, the Blessed Mother invites us to urgent conversion and reconciliation.

The invitation to prayer and penance is meant to avert evil and war, but most of all...to SAVE SOULS! According to Mirjana, the events predicted by the Blessed Mother are near. By virtue of this experience, Mirjana proclaims to the whole world to: “Convert as quickly as possible. Open your hearts to God.”

The secrets have but one function: they motivate for conversion. Their general theme is well known. The world has welcomingly abandoned itself to sin. People want to live “freely” without God, without faith and without law. New Age prophets have announced the death of God as good news, sexual freedom as good news, and vices, passions and human impulses such as violence and drugs as good news.

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The world is destroying itself. It is vehemently preparing for its own destruction for having forgotten and abandoning God and His laws and commandments. The ten secrets announce, to a great extent, the imminent destructions which are not extrinsic punishments, but imminent justice, the self-destruction of a world which entrusts itself to evil through deviation and false idols.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: On June 25, 1993, Ivanka went to her annual apparition in a joyful spirit, anticipating her once-a-year meeting with Our Lady. It is important to note that the war was in full swing. The TV news broadcasted the most gruesome and terrible pictures of the atrocities. Yet it was during the apparition of Our Lady, that Ivanka began to cry. After the apparition she was literally beside herself with anguish. She immediately ran to her room, almost in panic and then from room to room. Her husband followed, unable to console her in that she was so distraught. She then ran outside to the Church to pray, leaving her little girl and husband behind. Later she said Our Lady showed her horrible, horrible pictures of the future. Knowing Bosnia was already in a gruesome war, gives us a measuring rod with which to judge how much more horrible will be the hell that Lucifer himself will set up or is already setting up upon the earth. Some think that Our Lady has never said these things, but again, was it not She who on March 25, 1993, said, “...Satan wants war, wants lack of peace, wants to destroy all which is good...”

As of this writing, Marija, Vicka, and Ivan have all received nine secrets each and continue to receive daily apparitions. Jakov, Mirjana and Ivanka have received all ten secrets from Our Lady and no longer receive daily apparitions. Mirjana now sees Our Lady only on her birthday and in times of great need. Otherwise, she just prays with Our Mother on the 2nd of each month for the conversion of the unbelievers “because they have no idea what is in store for them if they do not convert.” When all six visionaries have received all ten secrets each, then the events will unfold, and in rapid succession.

Our Lady calls us to peace (in our homes and families), to pray (say the rosary daily), to convert (commit to God), to fast (Wednesday and Friday on bread and water), and to increase participation in the Sacraments (daily Mass, monthly Confession, and the Eucharist).

REVELATION AND DISCUSSION

“NOW A GREAT SIGN APPEARED IN THE HEAVENS, A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN, WITH THE MOON UNDER HER FEET, AND ON HER HEAD A GARLAND OF TWELVE STARS... AND ANOTHER SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN: BEHOLD, A GREAT FIERY RED DRAGON HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS, AND SEVEN DIADEMS ON HIS HEADS... AND WAR BROKE OUT IN HEAVEN...” — Revelations 12

“These are my times,” Mary has told an Italian priest, Father Stefano Gobbi. “You are now living the events that I predicted to you. You are in the period in which the struggle between Me, the Woman Clothed With the Sun, and my adversary, the Red Dragon, is moving toward its conclusion, and for this reason I am appearing in a new and more extraordinary way. The struggle has now entered into its conclusive phase. As this century ends, you are entering into the most difficult and decisive period...”

So the fact is that the Blessed Mother, Mary - the Queen of Peace is appearing all over the world, giving similar messages to hundreds and even thousands of visionaries. It is because the world is close to a great chastisement, far worse than at the time of the flood... a great chastisement is about to befall the world in the final battle with Satan. And Our Blessed Mother is appearing to tell us what to do to mitigate the chastisement. God, as a loving God and Father, is sending Her to give the messages and warnings to His children, whom He loves without end.

While reminding all Her children that the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart is near, Mary continues Her pleas for conversion. She also tells us that God is committed to Her plan.

Yet, many souls have still not heard Her messages, and some who have and responded, and now beginning to relax and fall back into old ways.

Our Lady says, more now than ever, that She wants us to live and spread Her messages.

Our Blessed Mother's mission is to save souls - yours and mine. Her mission is to keep us on the path to salvation, knowing full well what happens to those who choose to leave that path of love. Day after day She continues to call us to conversion - to change our lives for the better. She intercedes before God and for us, and wishes us peace - not just peace from war, but peace in our hearts, peace with our families, peace with our neighbors and peace with God.

THE MESSAGE OF MEDJUGORJE

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Blessed Mother elaborated on her role, saying that she had been destined to *“give you my Son, Jesus. And my Son, Jesus, has given me to each one of you as your true Mother... When, in this last century, my adversary wanted to challenge me and begin a struggle which, through the error of atheism, would have seduced and deceived all humanity, from Heaven I appeared upon earth as the Immaculate One to comfort you, because it is, above all, my duty to fight and conquer the evil*

one.” He is the “seducer and the artificer of all evil”, said Mary, “and this is the hour when I will personally intervene.” As a spiritual advisor She says, “Keep faith, fast, and pray. Advance against Satan by means of prayer. Satan wants to work still more now that you know he is at work, Dear children, put on the armor for battle and with the rosary in your hand defeat him.”

On June 25th, 1994, our Blessed Mother appeared in Medjugorje to Ivanka. Ivanka came out after the apparition. Her face was radiant. She said Our Lady was extremely happy, and wore a gray gown with white veil, both trimmed in gold. Our Lady thanked everyone for their response, with so many gathered together. She was happy that hardened hearts have started to open up so that Jesus could lead them to happiness and peace. She was very happy. She talked to Ivanka about all ten secret messages and gave her some private advice.

Ivanka said right now her heart is so happy that it is “soaring up like a skyscraper.” Later, when asked if the secrets were disturbing to her, Ivanka said that they were not, and that “we are going into better times.”

The visionary Ivan said that through all these years, Our Lady has given so many messages, but they can all be summed up in six: Our Lady is calling us to prayer, to peace, inviting us to conversion, reconciliation, penance and fasting, and to strong faith and love.

Our Lady needs our prayers: together with us she will conquer evil... but we have to persevere. We cannot grow lukewarm in this and pray one or two rosaries and then forget for a month or two, but we should pray every single day.

Mirjana said that Our Lady came at just the right time because there are very few who honestly and sincerely believe in God, who are honoring God, fasting and praying. “The world has never been like this. God has never been prayed to less than this time. Everything else is more important than God. That's why Our Lady is crying. God is not needed or respected by many people in the world. I'm sorry for those people because they do not know what they're headed for. If they could look into the secrets, how they are, they would change right away.”

FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE THE GRACE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGES, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSE TO DO? WE ARE TO CHANGE OUR LIFE... TO BE ABLE TO HELP CHANGE THE LIVES OF OTHERS. To pray the rosary - to pray with

our families, every day, incessantly; to fast - especially on Wednesdays and Fridays; to go to confession and receive penance - monthly if possible (Our Lady said that with confession and prayer, whole sections of the world will be converted); She said to read scripture - that great graces and blessings have come from it; and to go to Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist as often as you can - daily if possible. All this, and one other - to model our lives after Jesus, to imitate the Love and Truth and Light, rather than the Prince of Darkness. Be more like Jesus, and live and die pleasing to God. **THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF MEDJUGORJE!**

OUR LADY'S PLAN

Our Lady has a plan, a plan to save humanity.

The Blessed Mother knows what will help ailing mankind. Conversion, reconciliation, prayer and renunciation. Turning away from the subtle snares and temptations, the voices of the false gods and prophets of the world, and the attempts by evil to portray immorality as good. We begin with ourselves, our own lives, and our families. Choose good over evil. Decide for God. “Put God in the first place in your families so that He may give you peace and protect you not only from war, but also... from every satanic attack.”

To an anonymous visionary, Our Lady said, “I am speaking to many souls now throughout the world to accomplish my plan of salvation of this generation. God in His mercy has preordained this plan to be accomplished by me and, therefore, it is by divine inspiration that I act - always in accord with the will of God.”

We must live Our Mother's Messages at Medjugorje more DEEPLY. God is sending Her to us! She is delivering His message of love, calling us to complete surrender to Him. This is the purpose for which we were created - to have a deep and total love of God, who loves us more deeply than we can possible imagine. He has prepared a place for us in Heaven. All we have to do is pray, give our lives to Him, love our neighbor, and trust in His love for us.

According to the Sacred Scripture, Mary is Satan's worse enemy, for (as God declared in Genesis 3:15), “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between

your offspring and hers... and while you strike at her heel... she will crush your head.” Satan's head will be crushed, his power stripped away, he will be defeated and banished into hell forever. As Our Blessed Mother said in Fatima, “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” As St. Louis de Montfort wrote, “But the power of Mary over all the devils will especially shine forth in the latter times, when Satan will lay his snares against her heel: that is to say, her humble slaves and poor children, whom she will raise up to make war against him. They shall be little and poor in the world's esteem... but... rich in the grace of God, which Mary shall distribute to them abundantly... and... in union with Mary, they shall crush the head of Satan and cause Jesus to triumph.”

She is asking again for more prayer, more strongly than ever before. She is again telling us the need for PEACE - peace in our hearts, our families and the world. We are not to dwell or judge on the lack of peace in others; we must look to ourselves first, putting our own hearts and lives in order. Then we can reach out to others: our families and the world. We all must start with ourselves. You cannot give away what you do not have.

Our Lady is telling us that PRAYER is the answer. Satan wants war and destruction, immorality and our souls. Satan wants to destroy all that is good. War is not just going on between countries or groups, **THERE IS WAR PRESENTLY GOING ON BETWEEN THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN, AND THE RED DRAGON!** WE are in the midst of that war, and at stake are our souls. By seeking God's peace and living Our Lady's Messages, we are taking refuge in the protection of Her Immaculate Heart, as well as helping to resist the growing tide of evil towards the ultimate defeat of Satan.

Now IN THESE VERY SPECIAL TIMES: Let's re-read Our Blessed Mother's many messages; let's live them to the best of our ability; let's believe in Our Lord, Jesus, and choose for Him and live for Him; let's renounce the immorality in the world - with all of its denial of God and desire for riches, power and pleasure; let's seek comfort in God instead of in material things; let's ask that God's desires be our desires; let's resist evil and the subtle temptations as well as the great; let's call upon the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit; let us concentrate on doing the Will of God, seeking for what He desires, instead of our own will; and let's consecrate ourselves to Our Blessed Mother; and through Her, let's all come closer to Our Lord and Our God. .

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Perhaps the most constant urging of Our Lady at Medjugorje is for prayer. She wants us to become COMMITTED to prayer. Our Lady said to Jelena: "You must understand that you have to pray. Prayer is not a trifle. Prayer is a dialogue with God. You must hear the voice of God in every prayer. It is not possible to live without prayer. Prayer is life!" Prayer helps to deepen our relationship with God. Our Blessed Mother said that with your prayer and fasting, "one can stop wars, one can suspend the laws of nature."

The key is to pray with your Heart, your Soul, your Mind, and all your Strength. Pray with feeling and with meaning, with respect and dignity. Prayer can bring great gifts and graces to all of mankind!

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom Come,
Thy Will be Done,
On Earth as it is, in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. --Amen

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, Full of Grace
the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou, among women,
and Blessed is the
Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and forever. --Amen

ACT OF CONTRITION

Oh my God I am heartily sorry,
for having offended Thee.
And I detest all my sins
because of Thy just punishment,
but most of all because they
offend You, my Father,
Who art all good and deserving
of all my love.
I firmly resolve
with the help of Thy grace,
to sin no more, and to avoid
the near occasion of sin. --Amen

THE GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father,
to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
and ever shall be,
World without end. --Amen

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father
through Him all things were made.
For us men and our salvation
He came down from Heaven:
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again

in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into Heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and His Kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son.
Who, together with the Father and the
Son
is adored and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets. We
believe in one Holy, Catholic and
Apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. — AMEN

THE HOLY ROSARY

Perhaps one of the most pleasing as well as powerful prayers is the Rosary. The Rosary helps us to remember the lives of Jesus and His Mother, Mary, and is most important in helping us to pray for World Peace and the lives and souls of others.

TO PRAY THE ROSARY:

- o Begin the Rosary by making the sign of the cross and pray the "Apostle's Creed" on the cross of the Rosary.
- o On the first large bead, say the "Our Father".
- o On the next three smaller beads, pray three "Hail Mary's".
- o This is followed by one "Glory Be To The Father".
- o Then we pray the five decades, or five groups of beads:
 - On the one large bead before each decade, we pray an "Our Father".
 - On each of the smaller beads, we pray a "Hail Mary."
 - At the end of each decade, we pray the "Glory Be".

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: Each time the Rosary is said, one should reflect upon a set of the "Mysteries of the Rosary": the events that happened in the life of Jesus and Mary.

There are four sets of mysteries, and each decade can be said while reflecting upon one set of the mysteries:

The Joyful Mysteries:

- the Annunciation;
- the Visitation;
- the Birth of Jesus;
- the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple;
- the Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

The Sorrowful Mysteries:

- the Agony in the Garden;
- the Scourging at the Pillar;
- the Crowning With Thorns;
- the Carrying of the Cross;
- the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

The Glorious Mysteries:

- the Resurrection;
- the Ascension;
- the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles;
- the Assumption of Mary into Heaven;
- the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

The Luminous Mysteries:

- the Baptism in the Jordan
- the Wedding at Cana
- the Proclamation of the Kingdom
- the Transfiguration
- the Institution of the Eucharist

ABBREVIATED ROSARY: Our Blessed Mother also gave us a shortened form of the Rosary: She asked that every day, we say: Seven "Our Fathers", Seven "Hail Marys", and, Seven "Glory Be to the Fathers". She stated that this is very pleasing to God, and will reward us with graces and her presenting of our intentions directly before God. She recommends it.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safe-guard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. --- AMEN

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, tender Mother of all people, I consecrate myself to you and to your Immaculate Heart. Place me under the protective mantle of your motherly love. Obtain for me the grace of loving my Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, with a true and perfect love. Teach me the way to

have the heart of Jesus rule and triumph in me as it has ruled and triumphed in you. ---AMEN

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Most Holy Trinity, Our Father who chose Mary as the fairest of Your Daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as Your spouse; and God the Son who chose Mary as Your Mother; together with Mary we praise your majesty and acknowledge your supreme dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we place the United States of America into the hands of Mary, so that She may present this country to You. Through Her we wish to thank you for our great resources, and for the freedom which has been our heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy upon the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy upon our president, and all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital, and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the innocence of our children. Grant us the gift of many religious vocations. Have mercy on the poor, the sick, those who suffer, upon the tempted, on sinners, on all who are in need.

Mary, Blessed Mother, Immaculate Heart, Queen of Peace and Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us always that as according to your will and the will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. ---AMEN.

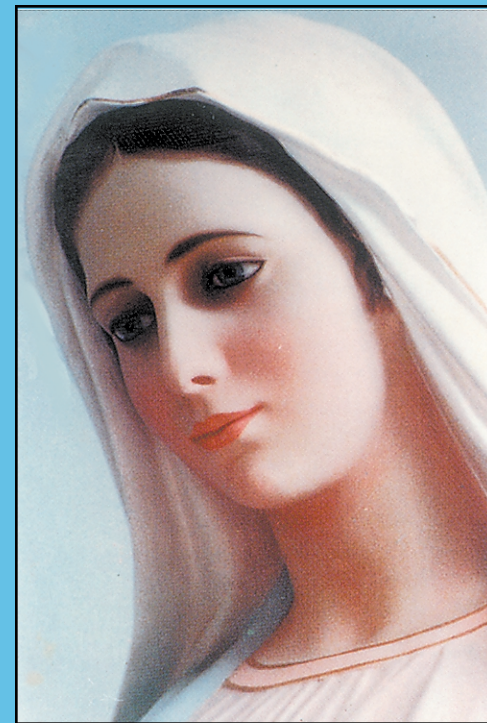
PRAYER OF ST . FRANCIS

LORD, Make me an instrument of Thy peace
Where there is hate...
let me sow LOVE
Where there is injury... PARDON
Where there is doubt... FAITH
Where there is despair... HOPE
Where there is darkness... LIGHT
Where there is sadness... JOY.
Oh DIVINE MASTER,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled... as to console
To be understood... as to understand
To be loved... as to love
FOR It is in GIVING... that we
Receive
It is in Pardoning... that we are
PARDONED
It is in DYING... that we are
BORN to eternal life.

— St. Francis

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*Oh Mary Conceived Without Sin,
Pray For Us Who Have Recourse To Thee!*



OUR LADY'S MESSAGE IS:

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