

“Dear children! As nature gives the most beautiful colours of the year, I also call you to witness with your life and to help others to draw closer to my Immaculate Heart, so that the flame of love for the Most High may sprout in their hearts. I am with you and I unceasingly pray for you that your life may be a reflection of Heaven here on earth. Thank you for having responded to my call.” *Our Lady’s monthly message to the world on 25th April 2011 through Marija.*

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Message to Mirjana, 2nd May 2011 *The second of the month is a day to pray for unbelievers.*

“Dear children; God the Father is sending me to show you the way of salvation, because He, my children, desires to save you and not to condemn you. That is why I, as a mother, am gathering you around me, because with my motherly love I desire to help you to be free of the dirtiness of the past and to begin to live anew and differently. I am calling you to resurrect in my Son. Along with confession of sins renounce everything that has distanced you from my Son and that has made your life empty and unsuccessful. Say ‘yes’ to the Father with the heart and set out on the way of salvation to which He is calling you through the Holy Spirit. Thank you. I am especially praying for the shepherds (priests), for God to help them to be alongside you with a fullness of heart.”

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Past messages: **June 25, 1987** "Dear children! Today I thank you and I want to invite you all to God's peace. I want each one of you to experience in your heart that peace which God gives. I want to bless you all today. I am blessing you with God's blessing and I beseech you, dear children, to follow and to live my way. I love you, dear children, and so not even counting the number of times, I go on calling you and I thank you for all that you are doing for my intentions. I beg you, help me to present you to God and to save you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

September 25, 1991 "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 the 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."

March 25, 1994 "Dear children! Today I rejoice with you and I invite you to open yourselves to me, and become an instrument in my hands for the salvation of the world. I desire, little children, that all of you who have felt the odour of holiness through these messages which I am giving you to carry, to carry it into this world, hungry for God and God's love. I thank you all for having responded in such a number and I bless you all with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

May 25, 1995 "Dear Children! I invite you, little children, to help me through your prayers so that as many hearts as possible come close to my Immaculate Heart. Satan is strong and with all his forces wants to bring closer the most people possible to himself and to sin. That is why he is on the prowl to snatch more every moment. I beg you, little children, pray and help me to help you. I am your mother and I love you and that is why I wish to help you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

July 25, 2001 "Dear children! In this time of grace, I call you to come even closer to God through your personal prayer. Make good use of the time of rest and give your soul and your eyes rest in God. Find peace in nature and you will discover God the Creator Whom you will be able to give thanks to for all creatures; then you will find joy in your heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."

June 25, 2004 "Dear children! Also today, joy is in my heart. I desire to thank you for making my plan realisable. Each of you is important, therefore, little children, pray and rejoice with me for every heart that has converted and become an instrument of peace in the world. Prayer groups are powerful, and through them I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call."

March 25, 2005 "Dear children! Today I call you to love. Little children, love each other with God's love. At every moment, in joy and in sorrow, may love prevail and, in this way, love will begin to reign in your hearts. The risen Jesus will be with you and you will be His witnesses. I will rejoice with you and protect you with my motherly mantle. Especially, little children, I will watch your daily conversion with love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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From the Diary of Saint Faustina: 1467: January 7, 1938. First Friday of the month. "This morning during Mass, for a brief while, I saw the suffering Saviour. What struck me was that Jesus was so peaceful amidst His great sufferings. I understood that this was a lesson for me on what my outward behaviour should be in the midst of my various sufferings."

A Prayer for Difficult Moments: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in

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us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. [Amen.] (Diary, 950).

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ReflectionSaint Teresa of Avila: If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as His friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that is we expect to please Him and receive an abundance of His graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through His most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight. All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that he is the best example. What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, He will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves him and always keeps Him near. Whenever we think of Christ we should recall the love that led Him to bestow on us so many graces and favours, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of his love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love him. For is at some time the Lord should grant us the grace of impressing his love on our hearts, all will become easy for us and we shall accomplish great things quickly and without effort.

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Prayer of Abandonment: "Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures - I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, For you are my Father." ~ Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916)

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May 2011 - General Intention: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person. **Missionary Intention:** That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

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Benefits From Trials - A sample of "Daily Encounter" by Dick Innes - website: <http://tinyurl.com/3f8m75>

For twelve long years John Bunyan languished in prison. It was here, however, that he wrote his famous Pilgrim's Progress, one of the world's most read books. Bunyan said, "I was at home in prison, and I sat me down and wrote and wrote, for the joy did make me write." Had Bunyan not been in prison it is highly unlikely that he would have ever written his famous work. It was also from prison that the Apostle Paul wrote several of his most valuable epistles recorded in the New Testament.

It has been said that the ancients use an interesting instrument called a tribulum to beat grain to separate the chaff from the wheat. Tribulum is the word from which we get our word tribulation. It's the tribulation in our lives that divides the "chaff" from the "wheat." The trials and tribulations that come our way can make us bitter or they can make us better. The choice is ours. The important thing is never to waste our pain but to invest it wisely in motivating ourselves to grow and to help encourage others to do the same.

"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:3-5 (NIV).

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, please help me to grow through my trials and become the person you want me to be so that I will become a better person and an encourager to others who are also going through trials. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

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Footnotes:

1. "However high be your endeavours, unless you renounce and subjugate your own will - unless you forget yourself and all that pertains to yourself - not one step will you advance on the road to perfection." ~ John of the Cross
2. "Accustom yourself gradually to carry Prayer into all your daily occupation -- speak, act, work in peace, as if you were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be." ~ François Fénelon
3. "For I seek not to understand in order that I may believe; but I believe in order that I may understand, for I believe for this reason: that unless I believe, I cannot understand." ~ Anselm of Canterbury
4. "If sinners be dammed, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for." ~ Charles H. Spurgeon
5. "Live in the world as if only God and your soul were in it; then your heart will never be made captive by any earthly thing." ~ John of the Cross
6. "I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible." ~ Teresa of Avila
7. "The strength or weakness of a society depends more on the level of its spiritual life than on its level of industrialisation.... If a nation's spiritual energies have been exhausted, it will not be saved from collapse by the most perfect government structure or by any industrial development." ~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn (Russian novelist, Nobel Prize winner)
8. "We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon" ~ Jimmy Carter, 39th US President, Nobel Peace Prize 2002. b.1924). http://thinkexist.com/quotes/jimmy_carter/

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