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"Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. May your prayer be as strong as a living stone, until with your lives you become witnesses. Witness the beauty of your faith. I am with you and intercede before my Son for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady's message to the world on 25th January 2013 through Marija

via IIPG www.iipg.org e-mail from Mike, Jan 25 2013, Dear Friends, I found the phrase "a living stone" in the First Letter of Peter that I thought might be helpful in understanding what Our Lady meant in her latest monthly message. - via http://bible.cc/1_peter/2-5.htm New Living Translation (©2007) And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. English Standard Version (©2001) you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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message to Mirjana, 2nd February 2013 [pray for 'unbelievers' on 2nd of the month.]:- "Dear children, love is bringing me to you - the love which I desire to teach you also - real love; the love which my Son showed you when He died on the Cross out of love for you; the love which is always ready to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. How great is your love? My motherly heart is sorrowful as it searches for love in your hearts. You are not ready to submit your will to God's will out of love. You cannot help me to have those who have not come to know God's love to come to know it, because you do not have real love. Consecrate your hearts to me and I will lead you. I will teach you to forgive, to love your enemies and to live according to my Son. Do not be afraid for yourselves. In afflictions my Son does not forget those who love. I will be beside you. I will implore the Heavenly Father for the light of eternal truth and love to illuminate you. Pray for your shepherds so that through your fasting and prayer they can lead you in love. Thank you."

<u>Past messages:</u> November 25, 2006 "Dear children! Also today I call you to pray, pray, pray. Little children, when you pray you are close to God and He gives you the desire for eternity. This is a time when you can speak more about God and do more for God. Therefore, little children, do not resist but permit Him to lead you, to change you and to enter into your life. Do not forget that you are travellers on the way toward eternity. Therefore, little children, permit God to lead you as a shepherd leads his flock. Thank you for having responded to my call."

July 25, 1997 "Dear children! Today I invite you to respond to my call to prayer. I desire, dear children, that during this time you find a corner for personal prayer. I desire to lead you towards prayer with the heart. Only in this way will you comprehend that your life is empty without prayer. You will discover the meaning of your life when you discover God in prayer. That is why, little children, open the door of your heart and you will comprehend that prayer is joy without which you cannot live. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Messages on the importance of prayer: www.penzancecatholicchurch.org/medjugorje/mpg_prayer.htm Messages on the importance of love: www.penzancecatholicchurch.org/medjugorje/mpg_love.htm

January 25, 1996 "Dear Children! Today I invite you to decide for peace. Pray that God give you the true peace. Live peace in your hearts and you will understand, dear children, that peace is the gift of God. Dear children, without love you cannot live peace. The fruit of peace is love and the fruit of love is forgiveness. I am with you and I invite all of you, little children, that before all else forgive in the family and then you will be able to forgive others. Thank you for having responded to my call."

March 25, 2012 "Dear children! Also today, with joy, I desire to give you my motherly blessing and to call you to prayer. May prayer become a need for you to grow more in holiness every day. Work more on your conversion because you are far away, little children. Thank you for having responded to my call."

December 25, 1987 "Dear children! Rejoice with me! My heart is rejoicing because of Jesus and today I want to give Him to you. Dear children, I want each one of you to open your heart to Jesus and I will give Him to you with love. Dear children, I want Him to change you, to teach you and to protect you. Today I am praying in a special way for each one of you and I am presenting you to God so He

Queen of Peace Prayer Group (Medjugorje) - Holy Family Parish - 11th February 2013 ~ Page 2 of 2 will manifest Himself in you. I am calling you to sincere prayer with the heart so that every prayer of yours may be an encounter with God. In your work and in your everyday life, put God in the first place. I call you today with great seriousness to obey me and to do as I am calling you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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via IIPG www.iipg.org e-mail http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mir peace shalom Feb 06 2013, Dear Prayer Partners - Several days ago I posted a message that brought forth the issue of how I was praying for something and I wondered if God was hearing those prayers. I got nearly 40 responses directly to me. What I learned from those is how we all go through these same feelings and emotions. The vast majority of those responses I feel compelled to share with you, but I will do so in just a few short sentences; Here is the the overall response - God is not the author of confusion, anxiety, fear and worry. When we have those thoughts, it's satan trying to persuade us that God doesn't care or doesn't hear us. He is powerful and doesn't want us to rely upon Jesus and his Mother for anything. I've always known this, but for some strange reason, it shed a lot of light of my feelings and helped me see it more clearly. There's the next issue - our feelings. We must go on faith, not feelings or emotions. Feelings and emotions, which is natural for us to have, can bring about false thoughts of NOT getting God's help. GOD IS ALWAYS THERE, ALWAYS HEARS OUR PRAYERS AND ACTS IN WHAT IS GOOD FOR US TO DRAW US TO HIMSELF. Finally Our Lady is our intercessor - Jesus wants us to go to her to get to Him. He wants reliance upon her for she draws us to him. He isn't a jealous God that gets upset because we go to his (our Mother) asking for her help and intercession. To all of you who responded - everyone of your e-mails to me were fantastic and I have filed them so that I may always pull from their meaning and purpose. Thank you - you helped open my eyes to the obvious. Pray for me as I pray for you. Jim

11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes:

Mary, you showed yourself to Bernadette in the crevice of the rock. In the cold and grey of winter, you brought the warmth, light and beauty of your presence, In the often obscure depths of our lives, in the depth of the world where evil is so powerful, bring hope, return our confidence!

You are the Immaculate Conception, come to our aid, sinners that we are. Give us the humility to have a change of heart, the courage to do penance. Teach us to pray for all people.

Guide us to the source of true life. Make us pilgrims going forward with your Church, whet our appetite for the Eucharist, the bread for the journey, the bread of life.

The Spirit brought about wonders in you, O Mary. By his power, he has placed you near the Father, in the glory of your eternal Son. Look with kindness on our miserable bodies and hearts. Shine forth for us, like a gentle light, at the hour of our death.

Together with Bernadette, we pray to you, O Mary, as your poor children. May we enter, like her, into the spirit of the Beatitudes. Then, we will be able, here below, begin to know the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven and sing together with you: Magnificat!

Glory to you, Virgin Mary, blessed servant of the Lord, Mother of God, dwelling place of the Holy Spirit! Amen

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February 2013:

General: That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

Missionary: That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

Footnotes:

- 1. "Lord Jesus, our Saviour, let us now come to you: Our hearts are cold; Lord, warm them with your selfless love. Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood. Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with your joyous Spirit. Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence. Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours; possess them always and only for yourself." ~ Prayer of St. Augustine, 4th century
- 2. "We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another." \sim Luciano de Crescenzo
- 3. "When we hate our enemies we give them power over us--power over our sleep, our appetites, our happiness. They would dance with joy if they knew how much they were worrying us. Our hate is not hurting them at all, but it is turning our days and our nights into hellish turmoil." \sim Dale Carnegie
- **4.** "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus." ~ Blessed Pope John Paul II
- **5.** "God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede." ~ Oswald Chambers