

“Dear children! Pray, pray, pray for the radiance of your prayer to have an influence on those whom you meet. Put the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your families and read it, so that the words of peace may begin to flow in your hearts. I am praying with you and for you, little children, that from day to day you may become still more open to God’s will. Thank you for having responded to my call.” *Our Lady’s message to the world on 25th January 2014 through Marija*

message to Mirjana on 2nd February 2014 [*pray for ‘unbelievers’ on 2nd of the month.*]

“Dear children, with motherly love I desire to teach you sincerity, because I desire that, in your actions as my apostles, you be exact, resolute, and above all sincere. I desire that, by the grace of God, you be open for a blessing. I desire that by fasting and prayer you obtain from the Heavenly Father the cognition of what is natural and holy – Divine. Filled with cognition, under the shelter of my Son and myself, you will be my apostles who will know how to spread the Word of God to all those who do not know of it; and you will know how to overcome obstacles that will stand in your way. My children, by means of a blessing, God’s grace will descend upon you and you will be able to retain it through fasting, prayer, purification and reconciliation. You will have the efficiency which I seek of you. Pray for your shepherds that the ray of God’s grace may illuminate their ways. Thank you.”

www.thefreedictionary.com/**cognition** - The mental process of knowing, including aspects such as awareness, perception, reasoning, and judgement. That which comes to be known, as through perception, reasoning, or intuition; knowledge. [C15: from Latin cognitio-, from cogno-scere from co- (intensive) + no-scere to learn;]

Fr Tutto’s Reflection on message of 25 January 2014 ~ www.medjugorje.org.uk

Our Lady has spoken about prayer many times in the past few months, but in her present message she is speaking about the most important aspects of prayer which we may have overlooked, like praying for the radiance of our prayers to have an influence on those that we meet. This statement by Our Lady indicates that our life of prayer must have a good influence on our families and on those whom we meet. Such an influence is an important grace of God for which we must indeed pray.

To enable us to pray in such an effective way, Our Lady asks us to put the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in our family homes and to read it so that the words of peace may flow in our hearts, which enables us to have a good influence on our families and on others.

Our Lady is helping us to achieve the above effects of our life of prayer by praying with us and for us for a very important purpose: to become more open to God’s will. It is a vital aspect of our Christian living to live according to God’s holy will, as we say in the Lord’s prayer, Our Father.... Our Lady wants us to become her apostles, and the above way of praying will help us to become powerful apostles. Our Lady explains this beautifully in her message to Mirjana on 2nd January this year. (previous newsletter). <:)))<><

Fr. Martin Morris’ reflection on message of 25 January 2014 ~ www.medjugorjene.co.uk/

This month’s message of Our Blessed Mother Mary flows from last month’s, there is a thread which Mary continues to teach the community of believer’s, the Church, for she is Mother of the Church. Last month our Lady said, **“The fruit of prayer will be seen on the faces of the people who have decided for God and his kingdom.”** This month Mary says, **“Pray, Pray, Pray for the radiance of your prayer to have an influence on those whom you meet.”** The connecting point between the two is ‘radiance’ an appearance of light that is diffused to others. Mary, woman of prayer is reminding us that in prayer we encounter the light of him who is eternal, the heavenly Father, and this light influences others. Let us remember Moses who after receiving the Ten Commandments from God, came down the mountain and his face shone ‘Was radiant’ (Exodus: 34: 30) because he had been talking to God. Let us remember Our Blessed Lord on Mount Tabor in the company of the Apostles during the Transfiguration. **“There in their presence he was transfigured, his face shone like the sun and his clothes became like the dazzling light.”** (Matthew: 17:2-3) St. Therese of Lisieux described her prayer as ‘Spiritual sunbathing’ because as she gazed on the Lord she was changed. This is the point Our Blessed Mother emphasises for us. That time given to the Lord is never wasted, that we must persevere in spending time with him who is our Saviour so that **“the radiance of your prayer will have an influence on those you meet.”**

Our Holy Father Pope Francis says, “Truth is an encounter-it is a meeting with supreme truth; Jesus the great truth. No one owns the truth, we receive the truth and we meet it. The Church does not grow by proselytising, but by attraction, by witnessing and by preaching. When the Church loses this apostolic courage she becomes a stalled Church, a Church without fertility because she has lost her courage.”

Dear friends of Medjugorje North East everything depends on prayer, everything flows from our meeting with Jesus in praise and adoration. The whole mission of the Church depends on prayer; we can only

produce Apostles through prayer. Time spent in prayer is never wasted, Mary Queen of peace is the Mother of the Church and the Acts of the Apostles presents her as praying with the disciples in the upper room for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. (Acts: 1:13) In an atmosphere of listening and prayer, she is present, before the doors are thrown open and they begin to announce the Risen Lord to all peoples. The stages in Mary's journey from the Annunciation, through the Cross, to Pentecost are all marked by her ability to maintain a persevering atmosphere of prayerful recollection, so that she might ponder each event in the silence of her heart before the Father. (Luke: 2:19-51)

The Church venerates Mary as Mother of the Word, the incarnate Word. Mary was filled with the Word; Mary honoured the Word in her hearing and her doing. Mary shows us the importance between reflective prayer and active Apostolic Mission. Mary reminds us that the Church cannot be effective without central place given to the Word of God. **"Put the Sacred Scriptures in a visible place in your families and read it so that the words of peace may begin to flow in your hearts."**

St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." And St. Bonaventure said, "Sacred Scripture should be ruminated upon so as to be able to gaze on them with ardent application of the soul." Like Mary let us create within us a situation of prayerful recollection, of inner silence, in order to reflect upon and understand the mysteries of faith, and what God is doing for us. May I suggest we take a passage of Scripture from the Gospels or the Acts of the Apostles and we ruminate with this so that God is made present. Also take hold of your Bible, or Missal and hold it close to your heart and pray, "Jesus you are the word of the Father. You are the Divine word. Jesus, fill me with your holy Word. Speak Lord for you have the message of eternal life. Jesus I adore and praise your holy Word, come into my heart and mind and radiate me with your light." Amen. God Bless Fr. Martin

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Past messages: August 02, 2008. "Dear children; In my coming to you, here among you, the greatness of God is reflected and the way with God to eternal joy is opening. Do not feel weak, alone or abandoned. Along with faith, prayer and love climb to the hill of salvation. May the Mass, the most exalted and most powerful act of your prayer, be the centre of your spiritual life. Believe and love, my children. Those whom my Son chose and called will help you in this as well. To you and to them especially, I give my motherly blessing. Thank you."

September 25, 2002 "Dear children! Also in this peaceless time, I call you to prayer. Little children, pray for peace so that in the world every person would feel love towards peace. Only when the soul finds peace in God, it feels content and love will begin to flow in the world. And in a special way, little children, you are called to live and witness peace – peace in your hearts and families – and, through you, peace will also begin to flow in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call."

May 25, 2000 "Dear children! I rejoice with you and in this time of grace I call you to spiritual renewal. Pray, little children, that the Holy Spirit may come to dwell in you in fullness, so that you may be able to witness in joy to all those who are far from faith. Especially, little children, pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that in the spirit of love, every day and in each situation, you may be closer to your fellow-man; and that in wisdom and love you may overcome every difficulty. I am with you and I intercede for each of you before Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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via IIPG www.iipg.org e-mail 6th Feb 14. In a letter on March 2, 1917, Padre Pio said: "You must turn to God when you are assaulted by the enemy; you must hope in Him and expect everything that is good from Him. Don't voluntarily dwell on what the enemy presents to you. Remember that he who flees wins . . ."

Padre Pio also explained that the Devil cannot harm us spiritually unless we let him in: "The Devil is like a mad dog tied by a chain. Beyond the length of the chain he cannot catch hold of anyone. And you, therefore, keep your distance. If you get too close you will be caught. Remember, the Devil has only one door with which to enter into our soul: our will. There are no secret or hidden doors. No sin is a true sin if we have not wilfully consented."

- Footnotes:**
1. "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." ~ Nikka, age 6
 2. "Do now what you'll wish you had done when your moment comes to die." ~ St. Angela Merici, feast day Jan 27.
 3. "I believe in God, and I believe in human decency. But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour — his greatest fulfilment to all he holds dear — is that moment when he has to work his heart out in a good cause and he's exhausted on the field of battle" ~ Vince Lombardi
 4. "Satan's number one weapon is pride. God's number one defence is humility." ~ Larry Burkett
 5. "Actions speak louder than words, but not as often." ~ anon
 6. "Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust. Return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again!" ~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina
 7. "A diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials." ~ Chinese Proverb
 8. "Patience is the companion of wisdom." ~ Saint Augustine
 9. "God can change our circumstances, but sometimes He waits for us to show real desire for change as well as our faith in Him." ~ Anne Graham Lotz