

“Dear children! I am carrying to you the King of Peace that He may give you His peace. You, little children, pray, pray, pray. The fruit of prayer will be seen on the faces of the people who have decided for God and His Kingdom. I, with my Son Jesus, bless you all with a blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.” *Our Lady’s message to the world on 25th December 2013 through Marija*

Annual apparition to Jakov on Dec 25th 2013: **“Little children, today in a special way, Jesus desires to come to dwell in each of your hearts and to share with you your every joy and pain. Therefore, little children, today in a special way, peer into your hearts and ask yourselves if the peace and joy of the birth of Jesus have truly taken hold of your hearts. Little children, do not live in darkness, aspire towards the light and towards God’s salvation. Children, decide for Jesus and give Him your life and your hearts, because only in this way will the Most High be able to work in you and through you.”**

Dec 30, 2013 to visionary Ivan for all present on Apparition Hill: **“Dear children, today I invite you to be my carriers of peace in this troubled world. Pray for peace. Persevere in prayer. I am with you and I intercede with God for each of you. Thank you because you are still responding to my call.”**

message to Mirjana on 2nd January 2014 [*pray for ‘unbelievers’ on 2nd of each month.*] **“Dear children, for you to be able to be my apostles and to be able to help all those who are in darkness, to come to know the light of the love of my Son, you must have pure and humble hearts. You can not help for my Son to be born in, and to reign in, the hearts of those who do not know Him, if He does not reign – if He is not the King – in your heart. I am with you. I am walking with you as a mother. I am knocking on your hearts. They can not open because they are not humble. I am praying, and you my beloved children also pray, that you may be able to open pure and humble hearts to my Son and to receive the gifts which He has promised you. Then you will be led by the love and strength of my Son. Then, you will be my apostles who everywhere around them spread the fruits of God’s love. My Son will act from within you and through you, because you will be ‘one’. My motherly heart yearns for this - for unity of all of my children - through my Son. With great love I bless, and pray for those who are chosen by my Son - for your shepherds. Thank you.”** *Mirjana reported: ‘At first Our Lady was sad and then decisive’.*

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Our Lady is calling us again to a life of prayer so that Jesus, her Son, the King of peace, may give us his peace. This message is not the only Christmas Day message of Our Lady, but she has given us a similar one several times, as on 25th December 1995: *“Dear Children, Today also I rejoice with you and I bring you little Jesus that He bless you. I invite you, dear children, that your life be united with Him. Jesus is the King of Peace, and only He can give you the Peace that you seek. I am with you and I present you to Jesus in a special way now, in this new time when it is necessary to decide for Him. This time is the time of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

By calling us to a life of prayer Our Lady wants us to be united with God and the fruit of this holy relationship will be an influence on other people to turn to God and his Kingdom. We are asked by Our Lady to allow God to lead us, as she told us on 25th November 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.”*

By calling us to a life of prayer, Our Lady tells us that God is working in us through the Holy Spirit to whom we should be open, as Our Lady told us in another beautiful message on 25th May 1993: *“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, my dear little children, Pray! Pray! Pray! And do that which the Holy Spirit inspires you to do. Thank you for having responded to my call”*

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Our Lady wants us to become her apostles witnessing to God's peace until his peace begins to rule the world, as she told us in an earlier Christmas Day message in 2002: *"Dear Children, This is a time of great graces, but also a time of great trials for all those who desire to follow the way of peace. Because of that, little children, again I call you to pray, pray, pray, not with words but with the heart. Live my messages and be converted. Be conscious of this gift that God has permitted me to be with you, especially today when in my arms I have little Jesus - the King of Peace. I desire to give you peace, and that you carry it in your hearts and give it to others until God's peace begins to rule the world. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

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Fr. Martin Morris' reflection on message of 25 December 2013 ~ www.medjugorjene.co.uk/

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say that the fruit of prayer is peace, and the fruit of peace is joy. In this month's message Our Blessed Mother the queen of peace reminds us that to pray is to encounter the Lord. When we entrust ourselves in prayer to God then the result is peace of heart and mind. How much we know this is down to our experience, of the time and effort we have given to Jesus, allowing him to touch us with his peace and grace.

In December message Mary comes to us carrying the Christ Child. Mary is the 'Theotokos' God-Bearer, The Holy Scriptures always portray Mary as the woman who brings the Lord to us, the one who presents us with our deepest meaning. "I am carrying you the King of Peace that he may give you his peace." The prophet Isaiah portrays God's sign to humanity as the woman with child. "The Lord will give you a sign, it is this, The maiden is with child and will give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel." (Isaiah: 7:14)

Our Blessed Mother comes from heaven to bring us peace. For thirty two years now we have listened to the call of the Gospa addressing us as her children, from June 24th 1981 she has told us she is the Mother of Peace and she wants to bring us into the Peace of her son. How Blessed we are to have been the recipients of such overwhelming grace. Mary tells us that in opening our hearts to the King of Peace, "The fruit of prayer will be seen on the faces of the people who have decided for God and his kingdom." Prayer is an encounter with the Lord, and like any encounter we are changed by it to the extent we open ourselves to it.

When Moses came down from the mountain after receiving the Ten Commandments from God his face shone brightly. "Moses did not know that the skin on his face was radiant because he had been talking to God." (Exodus: 34: 30) And in the Holy Gospels we read in the account of the transfiguration, "There in their presence He was transfigured, His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as dazzling white." (Matt: 17:2-3) Mary, Our Heavenly Mother reminds us what Holy Scripture teaches, that it is in prayer that we are changed, it is in the act praying that God's grace touches us and shines. It is in the generosity of our prayer that we speak Heart to heart with our heavenly Father. Prayer changes events and situations and human hearts, and we must pray with confidence.

For thirty two years now the Queen of Peace has been forming us to be Apostolic and to give witness to her Son the King of Peace. May peace be on our faces, May peace be reflected by us to the world. May the fruit of prayer be seen on our faces. Let us take to heart the words of our Saviour concerning the encounter in prayer, "But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your heavenly Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." (Matt: 6:6)

All the Blessing of the Christ Child as we begin this new year to you and your family, Fr.Martin

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Vatican City, Jan 10, 2014 - In his homily during morning Mass today, Pope Francis said that in order for faith to make all things possible, one must entrust himself or herself completely to God. The Holy Father began his homily by reflecting on the first reading from the apostle John. The reading says that one who is faithful to God and his commandments "overcomes the world." "This victory over the world," the Pope stressed, "is faith."

Footnotes:

1. 'We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives - that prayer which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication with Him.' ~ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), Feast Day Jan 4
2. **I Am the New Year.** I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with more determination. All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have-these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." ~ anon

3. May the darkness in our lives be powerfully banished by our God of light who wants to be close to us forever.

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