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25th May 2014 "Dear children! Pray and be aware that without God you are dust. Therefore, turn your thoughts and heart to God and to prayer. Trust in His love. In God's spirit, little children, you are all called to be witnesses. You are precious and I call you, little children, to holiness, to eternal life. Therefore, be aware that this life is passing. I love you and call you to a new life of conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call." (Our Lady's message to the world through Marija)

message to Mirjana, 2nd June 2014 [pray for 'unbelievers' on 2nd of the month.] "Dear children, I call you all and accept you as my children. I am praying that you may accept me and love me as a mother. I have united all of you in my heart, I have descended among you and I bless you. I know that you desire consolation and hope from me because I love you and intercede for you. I ask of you to unite with me in my Son and to be my apostles. For you to be able to do so, I am calling you, anew, to love. There is no love without prayer – there is no prayer without forgiveness; because love is prayer – forgiveness is love. My children, God created you to love and you love so as to forgive. Every prayer that comes out of love unites you with my Son and the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit illuminates you and makes you my apostles – apostles who will do everything they do in the name of the Lord. They will pray with their works and not just with words, because they love my Son and comprehend the way of truth which leads to eternal life. Pray for your shepherds that they may always lead you with a pure heart on the way of truth and love – the way of my Son. Thank you."

25th June 2014 *33rd Anniversary* "Dear children! The Most High is giving me the grace that I can still be with you and to lead you in prayer towards the way of peace. Your heart and soul thirst for peace and love, for God and His joy. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray and in prayer you will discover the wisdom of living. I bless you all and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call." (Our Lady's message to the world through Marija)

June 25, 2014 Annual Apparition to Ivanka: At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. This year, the apparition which lasted 4 minutes, took place at Ivanka's family home with only her family present. After, Ivanka said: "Our Lady gave us her motherly blessing."

message to Mirjana, 2nd July 2014 [pray for 'unbelievers' on 2nd of the month.] "Dear children, I, the mother of all of you gathered here and the mother of the entire world, am blessing you with a motherly blessing and call you to set out on the way of humility. That way leads to the coming to know the love of my Son. My Son is almighty, he is in everything. If you, my children, do not become cognisant of this, then darkness and blindness rule in your soul. Only humility can heal you. My children, I always lived humbly, courageously and in hope. I knew, I became cognisant that God is in us and we are in God. I am asking the same of you. I desire for all of you to be with me in eternity, because you are a part of me. I will help you on your way. My love will envelop you like a mantle and make of you apostles of my light – of God's light. With the love that comes forth from humility you will bring light to where darkness and blindness rule. You will be bringing my Son who is the light of the world. I am always alongside your shepherds and I pray that they may always be an example of humility for you. Thank you."

<u>Past messages:</u> January 25, 1989 "Dear children, today I am calling you to the way of holiness. Pray that you may comprehend the beauty and the greatness of this way, where God reveals Himself to you in a special way. Pray that you may be open to everything that God does through you so that in your life you may be enabled to give thanks to God and to rejoice over everything that He does through each individual. I give you my blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

September 25, 1989 "Dear children! Today I invite you to give thanks to God for all the gifts you have discovered in the course of your life and even for the least gift that you have perceived. I give thanks with you and want all of you to experience the joy of these gifts. And I want God to be everything for each one of you. And then, little children, you can grow continuously on the way of holiness. Thank you for responding to my call."

Queen of Peace Prayer Group (Medjugorje) - Holy Family Parish - 14th July 2014 ~ Page 2 of 2 July 1 To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty.

June 28 To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity, like children talking to their parents.

June 27 In the face of life's difficulties, let us ask the Lord for the strength to remain joyful witnesses to our faith.

June 20 There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity.

June 19 There is never a reason to lose hope. Jesus says: "I am with you until the end of the world".

June 14 We run the risk of forgetting the suffering which doesn't affect us personally. May we respond to it, and may we pray for peace in Syria.

June 13 May we not resist the Holy Spirit but allow him to work in our lives, so that he can renew us, the Church and the world.

June 9 May we never talk about others behind their backs, but speak to them openly about what we think.

"O God, you are the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings and the bestower of affection, who sends peace to those who receive it. Open to us this day the sea of your love and water us with abundant streams from the riches of your grace and from the most sweet springs of your kindness. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace; enkindle in us the fire of your love; sow in us your fear; strengthen our weakness by your power; bind us closely to you and to each other in our firm and indissoluble bond of unity." ~ Ancient prayer from Syrian Clementine liturgy

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"If only I possessed the grace, good Jesus, to be utterly at one with you! Amidst all the variety of worldly things around me, Lord, the only thing I crave is unity with you. You are all my soul needs. Unite, dear friend of my heart, this unique little soul of mine to your perfect goodness. You are all mine; when shall I be yours? Lord Jesus, my beloved, be the magnet of my heart; clasp, press, unite me for ever to your sacred heart. You have made me for yourself; make me one with you. Absorb this tiny drop of life into the ocean of goodness whence it came." ~ Prayer of Francis de Sales, 1567-1622

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The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian. (Eastern Christians say this prayer several times per day during Lent): "O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. [kneel / prostration] Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. [kneel / prostration] O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen. [kneel / prostration]" ~ http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/qt/Prayer_Ephrem.htm

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Peace of Mind - Duke University did a study on: "Peace of Mind." Some of the factors found to contribute greatly to emotional and mental stability are:

- 1. The absence of suspicion and resentment. Nursing a grudge was a major factor in unhappiness.
- 2. Not living in the past. An unwholesome preoccupation with old mistakes and failures leads to depression.
- 3. Not wasting time and energy fighting conditions you cannot change. Cooperate with life, instead of trying to run away from it. ~ KneEmail #779, Mike Benson, editor; www.oakhillcoc.org

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via IIPG e-mail www.iipg.org "Nothing is better than peace, in which all warfare between heaven and earth is brought to an end." This is a quote from St Ignatius of Antioch from today's Divine Office. I love it as a definition of true peace. All "five stones" are for this purpose. It seems to me the all the Blessed Mother's messages are for this purpose. "Let there be peace...and let it begin with me." Mir Peggy Jan 20 2014

<u>Footnotes:</u> 1. "The most significant decision I make each day is my choice of an attitude. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme and no challenge too great." ~ Charles Swindoll

- 2. ""No one ought to consider himself a true servant of God who is not tried by many temptations and trials." ~ St. Francis of Assisi
- 3. "A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill requires only our silence; which costs us nothing." \sim John Tillotson
 - **4.** It requires less character to discover the faults of others than is it does to tolerate them." ~ J. Petit Senn
- **5.** "Let us believe neither half of the good people tell us of ourselves, nor half of the evil they say of others." ~ J. Petit Senn
 - **6.** "He loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo