"Dear children! You see, hear and feel that in the hearts of many people there is no God. They do not want Him, because they are far from prayer and do not have peace. You, little children, pray - live God's commandments. You be prayer, you who from the very beginning said 'yes' to my call. Witness God and my presence and do not forget, little children: I am with you and I love you. From day to day I present you all to my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call." Our Lady's message to the world on 25th February 2014 through Marija

message to Mirjana on 2nd March 2014 [pray for 'unbelievers' on 2nd of the month.]

"Dear children, I am coming to you as a mother and I desire that in me, as in a mother, you may find your abode, consolation and rest. Therefore, my children, apostles of my love, pray. Pray with humble devotion, obedience and complete trust in the Heavenly Father. Trust as I have trusted when it was said to me that I will bring the blessing of the promise. May out of your hearts, from your lips, always come forth "May your will be done!" Therefore, trust and pray so that I can intercede for you before the Lord, for him to give you the Heavenly Blessing and fill you with the Holy Spirit. Then he will be able to help all those who do not know the Lord – you, apostles of my love, will help them to call him "Father" with complete trust. Pray for your shepherds and place your trust in their blessed hands. Thank you."

Annual apparition to visionary Mirjana on March 18, 2014

"Dear children! As a mother, I desire to be of help to you. With my motherly love, I desire to help you to open your heart and to put my Son in the first place in it. Through your love for my Son and through your prayer, I desire for God's light to illuminate you and God's mercy to fill you. In this way, I desire for the darkness, and the shadow of death which wants to encompass and mislead you, to be driven away. I desire for you to feel the joy of the blessing of God's promise. You, children of man, you are God's children - you are my children. Therefore, my children, set out on the ways on which my love leads you, teaches you humility and wisdom, and finds the way to the Heavenly Father. Pray with me for those who do not accept me and do not follow me - those who, because of hardness of their hearts, cannot feel the joy of humility, devotion, peace and love – the joy of my Son. Pray that your shepherds, with their blessed hands, may always give you the joy of God's blessing. Thank you."

<u>Past messages:</u> August 2, 2006: "Dear Children, In these peaceless times I am coming to you to show you the way to peace. I love you with an immeasurable love and I desire for you to love each other and to see in everyone my Son – the immeasurable love. The way to peace leads solely and only through love. Give your hand to me, your mother, and permit me to lead you. I am the Queen of Peace. Thank you." *Mirjana added,* "After a long time, I saw the sky opening and then a sign of a Cross, a heart, and the sun."

April 25, 1991 "Dear children! Today I invite you all so that your prayer be prayer with the heart. Let each of you find time for prayer so that in prayer you discover God. I do not desire you to talk about prayer, but to pray. Let your every day be filled with prayer of gratitude to God for life and for all that you have. I do not desire your life to pass by in words but that you glorify God with deeds. I am with you and I am grateful to God for every moment spent with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

via IIPG: **February 20, 1985** (Ash Wednesday) To Jelena: "I give you an advice; I would like for you to try to conquer some fault each day. If your fault is to get angry at everything, try each day, to get angry less. If your fault is not to be able to study, try to study. If your fault is not to be able to obey, or if you cannot stand those who do not please you, try on a given day, to speak with them. If your fault is not to be able to stand a proud person, you should try to approach that person. If you desire that person to be humble, be humble yourselves. Show that humility is worth more than pride." "Thus, each day, try to go beyond, and to reject every vice from your heart. Find out which are the vices that you most need to reject. During this Lent, you should try and truly desire to spend it in love. Strive as much as possible."

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via IIPG www.iipg.org **e-mail** Dec. 10 2013 "Someone asked me one day..."What good does it do to praythings are gonna happen any way. My answer was because, "prayer is hope - it is the promise that God, through talking with him, with Jesus, with our Lady, that He (they) will always hear us. It is the trust that we can go to them with any issue or problem that is about our soul, spiritual and physical health, and our loved ones and friends and that we'll be heard. God is not the author of confusion, anxiety, fear, or worry, though we all go

Queen of Peace Prayer Group (Medjugorje) - Holy Family Parish - 24th March 2014 ~ Page 2 of 2 through it. His word is truth and He is true to His word. He wants us to trust in Him, to rely upon him, to go to His Mother, our Mother, with all things. If all of this were a lie, an exaggeration, then what hope would mankind have? NONE. It would mean that our souls would be void of love, peace, and upon our death, there would be nothing. But that is not true. We have Divine Providence that guides us...graces that sustain us and the knowledge that He and our Lady are always at our side, wanting us to depend upon them for all that is part of us and all that we need. Their words, promises, graces, blessings offered through the "Medicine of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet" provide the solution for all of our problems. God does not sit on some mountain top, distant from our needs. He is with us always and his promises and those of our Lady are true." (from Jim)

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"Prayer is, for me, an outburst from the heart; it is a simple glance darted upwards to Heaven; it is a cry of gratitude and of love in the midst of trial as in the midst of joy! In a word, it is something exalted, supernatural, which dilates the soul and unites it to God. Sometimes when I find myself spiritually in dryness so great that I cannot produce a single good thought, I recite very slowly a Pater or an Ave Maria; these prayers alone console me, they suffice, they nourish my soul. As I grew older I loved the good God more and more, and very frequently did I offer Him my heart, using the words my mother had taught me. I strove in all my actions to please Jesus and was most watchful never to offend Him." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux ('Prayer from the heart') <>:))))>>>

In 1968, when Kent M. Keith was a 19-year-old sophomore at Harvard, he wrote **the Paradoxical Commandments** as part of a booklet for student leaders. He describes the Commandments as guidelines for finding personal meaning in the face of adversity:

- 1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
- 2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. **Do good anyway.**
- 3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.
- 4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. **Do good anyway.**
- 5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
- 6. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. **Think big anyway.**
- 7. People favour underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
- 8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.
- 9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway.
- 10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

The essence of these Commandments is that each of us must choose to do what we think we should do, even when we think we have good reasons not to. They remind us that we are capable of rising above common practices that demean our nature and our culture. We can rationalise distorting the Golden Rule as "Do unto others as they have done unto you" or "Do unto others before they do unto you," but, in the terminology of the 60s, we then become part of the problem rather than the solution. ~ Michael Josephson for "Character Counts".

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via IIPG www.iipg.org e-mail: Jan 25 2014. "We know Our Lady by many titles. Here's another ... Our Lady Untier of Knots. It came about 400 years ago when a German couple were on the verge of divorce. The wife kept the white ribbon which had fastened their hands together at their wedding and, every time they had an argument, she tied a knot in the ribbon. Eventually, the ribbon was given to a Jesuit priest who prayed in front of an image of Our Lady of the Snows; the knots all untied and the ribbon became as white and brilliant as when the couple first got married. Cardinal Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) discovered this devotion when he was studying in Germany and brought it back to Buenos Aires. It is now a firm favourite across the whole of South America. Dear Mother Mary, help us all who have tangled lives and family problems." ~ JB

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Footnotes: 1. "God's gift to us is who we are and our gift to God is who we become." ~ Anon

- **2.** "There are two ways to get enough: one is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less." ~ G. K. Chesterton
- 3. "Know this: though love is weak and hate is strong, Yet hate is short, and love is very long." ~ Kenneth Boulding
- **4.** "Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need." ~ John Henry Newman
- **5.** "The Christian life isn't difficult it is impossible. If we don't know that, we will try to do things ourselves. Faith is not necessary when we think we can do it ourselves. Faith comes along when we realize that we cannot do it on our own." ~ Joseph Garlingen
- **6**. "Our religious activities should be ordered in such a way as to have plenty of time for the cultivation of the fruits of solitude and silence." ~ A. W. Tozer