## "Dear children! Also today I bring you my blessing, I bless you all and I call you to grow on this way, which God has begun through me for your salvation. Pray, fast and joyfully witness your faith, little children, and may your heart always be filled with prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady's message to the world on October 25th 2009 through visionary Marija.

<u>Message through Mirjana - November 2, 2009</u> "Dear children, Also today I am among you to point you to the way that will help you to come to know God's love, the love of God Who permitted you to call Him Father and to perceive Him as Father. I ask of you to sincerely look into your hearts and to see how much you love Him. Is He the last to be loved? Surrounded by material goods, how many times have you betrayed, denied and forgotten Him? My children, do not deceive yourselves with worldly goods. Think of your soul because it is more important than the body, cleanse it. Invoke the Father, He is waiting for you. Come back to Him. I am with you because He, in His mercy, sends me. Thank you."

Fr. Neil Buchlein's commentary via IIPG, on the message of 25th October 2009. Open my eyes Lord

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Our Lord Jesus and His most loving Blessed Mother, Greetings! As the cool autumn breezes begin to blow and the colourful leaves begin to fall and swirl around on the ground we receive a gentle love letter from our "Mama Mary." Once again she encourages us to unite ourselves even more closely to her son through prayer and fasting. She encourages us to be devotees of prayer so that we may be witnesses of our faith. She is not asking us to be "walking billboards" or to stand out on a street corner wearing with a megaphone or cardboard sign but to be a people of "quiet" faith. A quiet faith is one that shows no fear and calls no attention to oneself but exudes a calm and peacefulness.

I think back to yesterday's Gospel reading about Bartimaeus. Here was a man of prayer and persistence. He was "at the right place at the right time" when Jesus came walking through and there was going to be no one who silenced him. He was truly looking for the opportunity to leave the darkness and walk in the light. Finally through his persistence he receives the opportunity to come before Jesus. Jesus does not waste anytime and asks him, "What can I do for you?" "Bart" jumps at the question and says, "I want to see?" Without touching him Jesus proclaims that his faith has saved him. What does "Bart" do now? He does not go off to tell others what happened to him but now follows Jesus to Jerusalem from Jericho. What a life changing experience for Bartimaeus. He may have not been able to see physically but he knew what he needed. He saw with the heart. He knew in his heart who Jesus was and now was able to make that true commitment to Him in really following Him.

We too need to "fine tune" our desire in seeing Jesus. We look in so many areas to find peace but yet we are unsettled. Just look at where and how we spend our money and our energy. This appeared a number of years ago on the internet. No one seems to be sure who really wrote this piece. Some say the comedian George Carlin but he himself said that he did not. Others say that a high school student who witnessed the Columbine shootings wrote it. Anyway, I share it with you since it does "speak volumes."

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgement, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space.

We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete."

Some of us may look at this month's message and say, "Well, even though our world is in a shambles at least the Blessed Mother wasn't sad or crying. I guess I still have time." You and I both know that we can no

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longer make excuses that we don't have time, etc. It does not matter if we have not been to Medjugorje or have gone once or many times we are being called. I remember when my mother would tell me to do something, sometimes I would and others I would put off. Sometimes I had to answer to my father if I put it off for too long. Our time is at hand and we should be listening and not making excuses or being to complacent. Our faith is a great and wonderful gift and needs to be exercised. Our world needs to see that there are people who do truly love God. Are you ready to stand up and walk in the light of the Son like Bartimaeus? There is a great banquet that awaits you and I at the end of this long journey. Walk on in faith!

Peace and Goodness, Fr. Neil Buchlein - on IIPG, Oct. 26 2009 www.iipg-queenofpeace.org

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**Past messages:** All begin, "Dear children!" *Suggestion: insert your* name. All end, "Thank you for having responded to my call". ["*Conversing" with the messages (praying and meditating) is a wonderful way to begin (or end) the day.*" - see October meeting notes for more on this] **August 25, 1992** "…! Today I desire to tell you that I love you. I love you with my maternal love and I invite you to open yourselves completely to me so that, through each one of you, I can convert and save this world which is full of sin and bad things. That is why, my dear little children, you should open yourselves completely to me so that I may carry you always further toward the marvellous love of God the Creator who reveals Himself to you from day to day. I am with you and I wish to reveal to you and show you the God who loves you. Thank you …"

**September 25, 1992** "…! Today again I would like to say to you that I am with you also in these troubled days during which Satan wishes to destroy all that my Son Jesus and I are building. He desires especially to destroy your souls. He wants to take you away as far as possible from the Christian life and from the commandments that the Church calls you to live. Satan wishes to destroy everything that is holy in you and around you. This is why, little children, pray, pray, pray to be able to grasp all that God is giving you through my coming. Thank you …"

**October 25, 1992** "…! I invite you to prayer now when Satan is strong and wishes to make as many souls as possible his own. Pray, dear children, and have more trust in me because I am here in order to help you and to guide you on a new path toward a new life. Therefore, dear little children, listen and live what I tell you because it is important for you when I shall not be with you any longer that you remember my words and all that I told you. I call you to begin to change your life from the beginning and that you decide for conversion not with words but with your life. Thank you …"

**November 25, 1992** "…! Today, more than ever, I am calling you to pray. May your life become a continuous prayer. Without love you cannot pray. That is why I am calling you to love God, the Creator of your lives, above everything else. Then you will come to know God and will love Him in everything as He loves you. Dear children, it is a grace that I am with you. That is why you should accept and live my messages for your own good. I love you and that is why I am with you, in order to teach you and to lead you to a new life of conversion and renunciation. Only in this way will you discover God and all that which now seems so far away from you. Therefore, my dear children, pray. Thank you…"

**December 25, 1992** "…! I desire to place all of you under my mantle and protect you from all satanic attacks. Today is a day of peace, but in the whole world there is a great lack of peace. That is why I call you all to build a new world of peace with me through prayer. This I cannot do without you, and this is why I call all of you with my motherly love and God will do the rest. So, open yourselves to God's plan and to His designs to be able to cooperate with Him for peace and for everything that is good. Do not forget that your life does not belong to you, but is a gift with which you must bring joy to others and lead them to eternal life. May the tenderness of the little Jesus always accompany you. Thank you …"

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For November 2009:

**General:** That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation. **Mission:** That believers in the different religions, through the testimony of their lives and fraternal dialogue, may clearly demonstrate that the name of God is a bearer of peace.

*Misc. Footnotes:* "If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself". ~ Saint Augustine

"Shared joy is double joy and shared sorrow is half-sorrow." -- Swedish Proverb"

"It's not a potential human being; it's a human being with potential." ~ Fr. John Corapi