

Penzance Medjugorje Prayer Group - Meeting 12th May 2009

"Dear children! Today I call you all to pray for peace and to witness it in your families so that peace may become the highest treasure on this peaceless earth. I am your Queen of Peace and your mother. I desire to lead you on the way of peace, which comes only from God. Therefore, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call.."

Our Lady's message to the world on April 25, 2009, through visionary Marija.

Official Commentary: PRAY FOR PEACE AND WITNESS IT

In her message of 25 April 2009 Our Lady calls us to pray for peace and to witness it at the same time, first in our families and then in the whole world. It is a fact that our time is marked with peacelessness in its many various forms. Having that in mind, we must not remain indifferent, but must make every effort to create peace. The Church, which has been announcing the Joyful News since its very beginning, has been called to announce and always realize peace. In His message written in the occasion of the World Day for Peace Pope John Paul II, of blessed memory, says: "We do not claim to find in the Gospel text ready-made formulas for making today this or that advance towards peace. But on every page of the Gospel and of the history of the Church we find a spirit, that of brotherly love, powerfully teaching peace." We Christians are called to announce and witness peace with our own lives. Establishing peace is not a question of choice, it is an obligation. Peace is never established once and for all, but needs to be created all the time because the deepest longing of man's heart is actually for peace. In his book *Fast with the Heart* the departed Fr. Slavko Barbaric writes about peace: "How often we lose peace because we are arrogant, selfish, envious, jealous, avaricious and consumed by power and honour. Experience confirms that through fasting and prayer evil, arrogance and selfishness are overcome; the heart is opened and love and humility, generosity and goodness grow. Thus, true conditions for peace are realised. Whoever has peace because he loves and forgives also remains spiritually and physically healthy. He remains capable of shaping his own life in a manner worthy of man, who is the most exalted of God's creatures. Through fasting and prayer, human needs are also diminished and brought to proportion. Also by this, conditions for peace along with a proper relationship with others and material things are being created. In everything we do, whether good or bad, we seek peace. When a person loves, looks for and experiences peace, or even when he stays sober or fights against addiction, he seeks peace. When he becomes drunk, he also seeks peace. When he fights for his life and the lives of those he loves, he realises peace."

The Queen of Peace wants to lead us to true peace, which is her Son and our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the true king of peace. Prayer is the safe path leading to Jesus and Heaven. In her last message she urges us three times to pray for peace as prayer is the only right way. Let us respond with all our heart and soul to the call of Our Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, and she will lead us to the true peace, the love of God, closeness and joy.. **Fr. Danko Perutina** - Medjugorje 26/04/2009. (Official English translation)

Message through Mirjana - May 2, 2009 According to Mirjana, "Our Lady was very sad. She only gave a message and blessed us." **"Dear children! Already for a long time I am giving you my motherly heart and offering my Son to you. You are rejecting me. You are permitting sin to overcome you more and more. You are permitting it to master you and to take away your power of discernment. My poor children, look around you and look at the signs of the times. Do you think that you can do without God's blessing? Do not permit darkness to envelop you. From the depth of your heart cry out for my Son. His Name disperses even the greatest darkness. I will be with you, you just call me: 'Here we are Mother, lead us.' Thank you."**

from IIPG www.iipg-queenofpeace.org : The following is an extract of an interview with Vicka on the 2nd September 1991, by Fr. Livio of Radio Maria in Italy, at the end of the Novena of renunciation which was asked for by Our Lady on the 25th August. There was war in her country which makes what she said about peace and joy even more amazing.

Peace is a gift for those who pray and have clean hearts. It is the same thing for real joy, which is a taste of Heaven. (...) "Our Lady says many times that we must pray for the world's peace, but if we do not have peace in our hearts, then our prayer cannot be heard..."

Q. Well, if so many people are troubled, how can one have peace in one's heart?

A. We all have something in our hearts that disturbs us in one way or another. We must pray with a great will and say: Jesus I love you and I want You to take all of this away from my heart. I cannot say that I want peace in my heart, but then do nothing for it to come. That way you will never have it. There is no need to pray for this gift, but when you really desire praying, this gift comes by itself.

Q. On the first anniversary, someone asked what gift you would have given to Our Lady, and you replied: "I'm taking Her a clean heart." What relation is there between peace and a clean heart?

A. They are both alike - when you have a clean heart, you also have peace in your heart.

Q. Our Lady talked about Her: "plans for peace and joy, that Satan wants to destroy" (25 August). Tell us something about joy.

A. No, it is not possible to describe this word - one must live this word called joy, Our Lady says. She did not say: "Pray for this joy," without reason. Joy is an immense gift, like our faith, like peace - see, we can live this joy in our hearts. Joy isn't only outside our hearts, like joking about things like we were doing now, but which cannot be felt in our hearts. This joy that we feel outside is not important. It is much nicer if we feel joy in our hearts, because this is real joy that never passes, it grows day by day, and then it comes out (for the others to see).

Q. You have this joy, it seems to me. **A.** Yes, certainly.

Q. Why do you have this joy?

A. I have never prayed or asked God to give me this joy because He and Our Lady do not say: "Pray to have this joy." I did not ask Our Lady: "Give me this joy because I am Vicka." No, not like that. Our Lady gave me a possibility: She said to search for God, and then I would find this joy...

Q. In a message, Our Lady said that there is joy in Heaven. What difference is there between the joy of this earth and the joy of Heaven?

A. Our Lady says that we can start living Heaven right here now on this earth. For me there is no difference between here and there (see message of 25 May).

Q. Heaven starts here on this earth...

A. It starts here on earth, and then it just continues.

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Past messages: All begin, "Dear children!" **Suggestion, insert your name.** **All end,** "Thank you for having responded to my call."

September 25, 1988 "... Today I am inviting all of you, without exception, to the way of holiness in your life. God gave you the grace, the gift of holiness. Pray that you may, more and more, comprehend it, and in that way, you will be able, by your life, to bear witness for God. Dear children, I am blessing you and I intercede to God for you so that your way and your witness may be a complete one and a joy for God. ..."

October 25, 1987 "My dear children! Today I want to call all of you to decide for Paradise. The way is difficult for those who have not decided for God. Dear children, decide and believe that God is offering Himself to you in His fullness. You are invited and you need to answer the call of the Father, Who is calling you through me. Pray, because in prayer each one of you will be able to achieve complete love. I am blessing you and I desire to help you so that each one of you might be under my motherly mantle. ..."

October 25, 2003 "Dear children! I call you anew to consecrate yourselves to my heart and the heart of my Son Jesus. I desire, little children, to lead you all on the way of conversion and holiness. Only in this way, through you, we can lead all the more souls on the way of salvation. Do not delay, little children, but say with all your heart: "I want to help Jesus and Mary that all the more brothers and sisters may come to know the way of holiness." In this way, you will feel the contentment of being friends of Jesus. ..."

Jan. 25, 1992 "...Pray, my dear little children, so prayer becomes your daily bread..."

April 10, 1986 "... I desire to call you to grow in love. A flower is not able to grow normally without water. So also you, dear children, are not able to grow without God's blessing. From day to day you need to seek His blessing so you will grow normally and perform all your actions in union with God. "

December 25, 1990 "...pray the Lord of Peace that He may protect you with His mantle and that He may help you to comprehend the greatness and the importance of peace in your heart. In this way you shall be able to spread peace from your heart throughout the whole world..."

December 1992 "...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"

October 25, 1990 "...Today I call you to pray in a special way that you offer up sacrifices and good deeds for peace in the world. Satan is strong and with all his strength, desires to destroy the peace which comes from God. Therefore, dear children, pray in a special way with me for peace. I am with you and I desire to help you with my prayers and I desire to guide you on the path of peace. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Do not forget to live the messages of peace. ..."

September 11, 1986 "... For these days while you are joyfully celebrating the cross, I desire that your cross also would be a joy for you. Especially, dear children, pray that you may be able to accept sickness and suffering with love the way Jesus accepted them. Only that way shall I be able with joy to give out to you the graces and healings which Jesus is permitting me. ..."

May 25, 1998 "...May your heart be prepared to listen to, and live, everything which the Holy Spirit has in His plan for each of you. Little children, allow the Holy Spirit to lead you on the way of truth and salvation towards eternal life..."

Jan 25, 1996 "...The fruit of peace is love and the fruit of love is forgiveness..."

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from IIPG www.iipg-queenofpeace.org : Ivan Speaks about Family Prayer

On **April 26, 2008**, Ivan Dragicevic spoke in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. I was blessed to have been present for his talk and the apparition of Our Lady. Although I have heard Ivan speak many times, I took notes anyway since there was no video or audio recording permitted, and there is always something I need to hear again. ..., I noticed that Ivan seemed to emphasise a central theme of family prayer.

Ivan said, "Prayer has evaporated from the family. Parents don't have time for one another any more." He lamented that there is too much infidelity in marriage and so many broken families. Too many young people live away from their families and the morals have gone down. He said to the parents, "Open yourselves to your children," and to the children, he said, "Open yourselves to your parents."

Ivan continued, "Prayer must return to families. Many times we are asked why there are no vocations to the priesthood. It is because there is no family prayer. If we pray in families there will be vocations, there will be fruits. If we return to prayer, our families will be healed. Our Lady said that our world today is spiritually ill. We cannot have bodily healing without spiritual healing. She brings 'heavenly medication' for our sores and wounds. She comes to us because She is concerned about our salvation."

Ivan said that Our Lady does not come to criticise us or tell us about the end of the world or the Second Coming of Jesus. She comes to bring hope to our families and to our Church. "The family must be a chapel where we start praying. Christ's words must be lived in the family itself. The world has a future only if it turns back to God. We are pilgrims travelling on this Earth."

Then Ivan spoke about the concrete things Our Lady asks us to do. "Our Lady calls for monthly Confession, Adoration, reading the Bible in the family and praying the Rosary in the family. The Bible should be spiritual food for our lives."

Ivan declared, "If you could see Our Lady for one second, I don't think your life would be interesting any more." He said the most important message of Our Lady is prayer from the heart. He advised, "Do not look at your watch when praying or answer the phone when you are praying."

He also mentioned that Our Lady would like us to form prayer groups, but we are not doing it. She wants us to pray for three hours a day, and that includes Mass, Bible reading, praying the Rosary, family prayer, helping others by good deeds. Ivan said, "How selfish we can get when it comes to prayer. to pray better is a grace given to those who pray more. When someone loves something they always make time for it." (**from IIPG www.iipg-queenofpeace.org)**

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[from June Klins on IIPG www.iipg-queenofpeace.org] I had the most grace-filled week last week and still am in awe of what I experienced. ... on Divine Mercy Sunday I saw Mirjana in Pittsburgh and then on Thursday I saw Ivan in Parma, Ohio, and then Saturday and Sunday I was blessed to have been able to attend the Totally Yours conference in Chicago where Mirjana was again a speaker along with many dynamic speakers. ...

One thing that Mirjana and Ivan stressed was PRAYER. Mirjana said many times that when you want to get the answer to a question you have you should pray about it, talk to God about it. I have a funny story to

share that Ivan told about this when I get some time, and a story about how I got an answer to prayer, but that will have to wait. But now I will share with you about Ivan's apparition on April 23 (2009) in Parma, OH. I recorded Ivan's talk on my camera and transcribed that part because it was so beautiful. I was surprised that we got a message because it was so close to the 25th. Ivan usually tells us that when it is close to the 25th there is no message. Here is the transcription. Where I have the dots I could not make out what the translator said. In both cases it is just a few words.

Message to Ivan in Parma, Ohio April/23/09 "This evening when she was with us, she was very, very happy. She greeted all of us, "Praised be Jesus Christ, my dear children." And after that she prayed above all of you with her extended arms above you. She came so close to us when she prayed, such great love came forth from her eyes and she was so close to us that she wanted to hug all of us and kiss all of us. Her eyes were full of tears of joy because she was looking at Her children who were praying. The Mother loves her children, and she blessed all of us this evening with her motherly blessing. Especially she prayed for those of you who are present and who are sick. Then Our Lady said, "Dear children, today your mother is calling you to answer to responsibility to live my messages. Dear children, pray in your families and renew prayer in the families. And today, dear children, , be my light and be my flowers. Dear children, know that the Mother will always be with you. The Mother prays for you. .. Dear children, persevere in prayer. Do not get tired of praying, and thank you, dear children, for having answered my calling." After that I prayed with Our Lady the Our Father and Glory Be and after that Our Lady spoke with me personally. And then again she prayed for all of us and in that prayer she left, and she leaves in a sign of light and the cross with the greeting, "Go in peace, my dear children."

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For May 2009:

General: That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favour a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person. **Mission:** That just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelisation and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

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Past messages - Why Our Lady is here so long? (USA dates mm/dd/yy)

I have stayed with you this long so that I may help you in your trials. (02/07/1985)

This long time that I am with you is a sign that I love you immeasurably and that I want each individual to be holy. (10/09/1986)

Dear children, it is for your sake that I have stayed this long so that I would help you realize all the messages which I am giving you. Therefore, dear children, for love of me, put into practice all the messages which I give you. (10/30/1986)

Dear children, you know that for your sake I have remained a long time so that I may teach you how to make progress on the way of holiness. Therefore, dear children, pray without ceasing, and live the messages which I am giving you, for I am doing it with great love towards God and towards you. (01/01/1987)

I bless you and I am remaining with you for as long as it is God's will. (01/25/1991)

I will inspire you as long as the Almighty permits me to be with you. (09/25/2006)

"God loves us the way we are but He loves us too much to leave us that way." ~ Leighton Ford

Misc. Footnotes:

"Happiness doesn't always come in pretty packages. Sometimes it is hidden deep within pain, just outside fear, or on the other side of darkness. But it is always there if you have faith." Bob Perks

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Intercessory prayer might be defined as loving our neighbour on our knees." ~ Charles Brent

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