

"Dear children! In this time of spring, when everything is awakening from the winter sleep, you also awaken your souls with prayer so that they may be ready to receive the light of the risen Jesus. Little children, may He draw you closer to His Heart so that you may become open to eternal life. I pray for you and intercede before the Most High for your sincere conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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

Official Commentary: AWAKEN YOUR SOULS WITH PRAYER

If we look around, we see that, although slowly, nature is awakening thus announcing the spring. In her message of 25 March 2009, on the feast of the Annunciation, Our Lady called us to awaken our souls with prayer so that they may be ready to receive the light of the risen Jesus. When Our Lady calls us to prayer, what first comes to our mind is to pray for the conversion of sinners, for this world, and the like. Only a few people realise that the call for prayer refers primarily to ourselves. The words of Our Lady are always permeated with love and again in her latest message she says: awaken your souls with prayer. These words are a call to change our attitude towards prayer that we have had so far. We have been called to pray primarily for our own conversion, and only then for the conversion of others. It is us that need to change first. Only then will our fellow men and the world start to change. When awakened in this way it will be easier for us to open ourselves to God and to receive the light of the risen Christ.

The pierced heart of Jesus is the utmost reflection of God's love towards man. In all cultures, apart from being an organ of our body, the heart is a symbol of love. That is why Our lady says to us: "May He draw you closer to His heart so that you may become open to eternal life." Jesus loved people so much that He did not spare Himself. He eventually exhausted Himself and became worn out in order to show people His love. However, in those times Jesus was not accepted. Neither is He accepted today. He is being insulted, hurt, killed with language, curse, slander, hatred. That is why with her tonight's message Our Lady calls to get closer to Jesus' heart not only us, Catholics, but the whole world, so that we may become open to eternal life. Will this call get lost yet one more time in the desert and wasteland of this world? Will we miss hearing yet another call of the Queen of Peace from Medjugorje?

It is a duty of all those who have experienced the love of God and the love of Our Lady to witness and show not only to Europe, but to the whole world the love that was crucified, that died on the cross, the love resurrected and alive today. Every new day is an opportunity for us to be witnesses of this love. May our greatest advocate, mediator and intercessor Blessed Virgin Mary – Our Lady help us.

Fr. Danko Perutina - Medugorje 26/03/2009. (Official English translation)

Message through Mirjana - March 2, 2009 "Dear children, God's love is in my words.

My children, that is the love which desires to turn you to justice and truth. That is the love which desires to save you from delusion. And what about you, my children? Your hearts remain closed; they are hard and do not respond to my calls. They are insincere" Mirjana relayed that at this point she begged Our Lady to stay longer and it was then Our Lady said, **"With a motherly love I am praying for you, because I desire for all of you to resurrect in my Son. Thank you."**

Mirjana's birthday apparition - 18th March, 2009 "Dear children! Today I call you to look into your hearts sincerely and for a long time. What will you see in them? Where is my Son in them and where is the desire to follow me to Him? My children, may this time of renunciation be a time when you will ask yourself: 'What does my God desire of me personally? What am I to do?' Pray, fast and have a heart full of mercy. Do not forget your shepherds. Pray that they may not get lost, that they may remain in my Son so as to be good shepherds to their flock." *Our Lady looked at all those present and added: "Again I say to you, if you knew how much I love you, you would cry with happiness. Thank you."* *See comment - page 4*

Fr. Jozo's reflection on Message of March 25, 2008

Dear brothers and sisters! Dear members of our big prayer family! We are well into Lent. This Lenten program is also the wish of the Church that is trying to interpret Christ's call and will for conversion and a radical change of life. One should die to oneself, one should get out of the old self. It is a dying that is directing us daily to the Risen Lord that we may walk in the light and hope to recognize Him alive, as the apostles did, in his Word and the sacraments through our humble prayer.

The Queen of Peace takes a picture from the nature without fear: the picture of spring. Winter deprived the nature of the appearance of life. Winter allows no vegetation. At the first sight everything is black and dead. All deciduous trees are without signs of life. On the outside no difference between a dead and a living tree can be observed. They are all alike, the same. But it is not so. Living trees are alive in winter conditions as well. This life is hidden to the eye, but it is real.

Springtime reveals this best. After winter months the sun appears and remains longer and longer in our sky with each day. Its warm rays awaken the dormant life in every tree, in every seed. This heliotropism hides in every even the least living grain and its delicate embryo, wakening it and directing it to grow towards the sun. In the heart of each of us hides a longing after God. In our soul there is an irresistible yearning after the Living God. As the nature awakes from the winter sleep, so the Queen of Peace wants us to awaken to a new life. The Resurrected Jesus, our Lord and God, is our sun that we are searching and irresistibly pining for. And we are all looking for him and we all need him. How is it possible to give up the dream?! Is it possible not to wake up and remain in sleep for Easter?! Yes, it can easily happen. This happens to those who in these times are busy hectically watching the Church and censuring it for lack of feeling and loyalty for others. They do not hear what is being preached to them and what they are called to. They dwell on weaknesses or disorganisation of the faithful which prevent them from giving more help, especially to the infirm and the poor. And indeed, Our Lady has no words of praise for us. She allows unbelievers to teach us a lesson, reminding us in this way that we are not perfect, that we have not by far responded to her call. A Christian who has ruined his family and his sacramental marriage by his haughtiness, is always on the lookout for somebody else's weakness to show the Church and other Christians that they are no better than him. How to wake up and turn to oneself? This is not possible without true conversion. And again, conversion cannot occur without persistent and humble prayer. That we may wake up in this holy Eastertide, let us watch the pictures of spring. Every bud is an untold life story. Every shoot, every flower is a miraculous sign before our eyes.

Man often tries to make flowers, leaves, fruit and the like by imitating nature. From afar you think it is alive. But when you look closer or touch it with your finger, you see it is an imitation. It is no original. Only God creates and gives life. Only he renews it. So we are responsible for our life. We have been called to bear fruit. We cannot do it without God. It is a grace of God to be a fruitful Christian. It is no imitation of holiness, love, goodness, but a gift of God given to each of us. Learn from flowers. Learn from the least living creatures and they will teach you. Everything is a miracle and everything speaks of Him – their Creator. How is it possible to wake up in this springtime permeated by the Easter grace and light? Only through the inner activity. Let us start with prayer.

Let us prepare through prayer for Easter and the meeting with Jesus. These days all churches are full. Every believer is eager to give up his sin. Just think: Sin is our real death. Not a semblance of death. It is indeed our death. Go to confession in contrition, and like the prodigal son decide to return to the father. Who is the prodigal son and who is the father? A sinner is the prodigal son, and the father is the merciful God who is waiting for us. He is not sleeping. He is waiting for us awake. And he always feels compassion and is always sensitive to our tears, our repentance, and our decision to remain faithful to the Father.

Through the sacrament of reconciliation the good Father embraces us, and takes us to his feast. This feast is Holy Mass. Ever since the Lateran Council Easter communion has been a commandment of the Church and our obligation to feed on the food of immortality by God's grace. It is this light that shines from these divine sources. Freed from death and given eternal, immortal life to drink, a Christian receives the light of the Resurrected Jesus. Jesus became man, died and rose from the dead only that all

men may be saved.

This truth of salvation and our redemption brings us to his pierced Heart from where we got everything. That fortunate apostle Thomas, after having put his hand into the pierced heart, fell prostrate, confessing repentantly against all unbelief: "My Lord and my God!" And his new life started from this meeting. This is what happens to each of us when we kneel down in the confessional and, beating our chest, find his grace and salvation. This is the Easter light and his peace, the truth that never passes, that never devalues, because it is divine. To this grace do I open myself, and it secures eternal life for me. So, my God is alive, risen from the dead, and he is my peace. He is my eternal life. Already here did he plant into our souls this aspiration, this heliotropism after eternity. This is not an empty wish or a phrase of awkward preachers of old, but the truth of his Resurrection.

The Queen of Peace is in prayer for us and our conversion, i.e. our springtime of faith. Let us wake up and continue waking up others and preparing for the meeting with him. Here we have the prudent virgins to teach us. They took both the lamps and the oil, and were awake when the Bridegroom and the guests arrived. And they went in with him to the wedding feast. And the door closed. This is the time when we can wake up our neighbours and help them fill their lamps with oil. Let us turn in this holy and gracious Easter time to the Resurrected and his Mother, and let us recognize him in every brother. In this month of spring, April, we are going to pray for the following intentions:

1. For our successful and fruitful Assembly, that the Queen of Peace may instruct us this year, too, how to respond to the call and how to live her messages in a more fruitful way. 2. For all members of our fraternity – the prayer community of Visitation – that we may truly wake up, that our community may grow not only in numbers but also in holiness. 3. For the visionaries, parishioners, for all pilgrims, for all priests in Medjugorje and those leading the pilgrims, that they may do nothing out of habit, but that they may rather live and preach the grace of Our Lady's apparitions as witnesses.

Dear brothers and sisters! One more message and one more call, one more chance like spring stands before us. Let us be grateful to Our Lady for everything. I ask the Queen of Peace to instruct us in everything, to be close to us, lest nobody should fall off. I pray to the Resurrected Lord to come out into the paths and roads of our life and to liberate us from every fear and illusion, to plant us deep into his Easter truth. At the end I wish each of you a happy and blessed EASTER. With sincere greetings <:)))<<

Past messages: All begin, "Dear children!" **Suggestion, insert your name.** All except 18/03/08 **end,** "Thank you for having responded to my call." **April 25, 2003** > "Dear ... I call you also today to open yourselves to prayer. In the foregone time of Lent you have realised how small you are and how small your faith is. Little children, decide also today for God, that in you and through you He may change the hearts of people, and also your hearts. Be joyful carriers of the risen Jesus in this peaceless world, which yearns for God and for everything that is from God. I am with you, little children, and I love you with a special love..." **June 5, 1986** > "Dear ... Today I am calling on you to decide whether or not you wish to live the messages which I am giving you. I wish you to be active in living and spreading the messages. Especially, dear children, I wish that you all be the reflection of Jesus, which will enlighten this unfaithful world walking in darkness. I wish all of you to be the light for everyone and that you give witness in the light. Dear children, you are not called to the darkness, but you are called to the light. Therefore, live the light with your own life..." **July 10, 1986** > "Dear ... Today I am calling you to holiness. Without holiness you cannot live. Therefore, with love overcome every sin and with love overcome all the difficulties which are coming to you. Dear children, I beseech you to live love within yourselves..." **October 9, 1986** > "Dear ... You know that I desire to lead you on the way of holiness, but I do not want to compel you to be saints by force. I desire that each of you by your own little self-denials help yourself and me so I can lead you from day to day closer to holiness. Therefore, dear children, I do not desire to force you to observe the messages. But rather this long time that I am with you is a sign that I love you immeasurably and what I desire of each individual is to become holy..." **January 25, 1996** > "Dear ... Today I invite you to decide for peace. Pray that God give you the true peace. Live peace in your hearts and you will understand, dear children, that peace is the gift of God. Dear children, without love you cannot live peace. The fruit of peace is love and the fruit of love is forgiveness. I am with you and I invite all of you, little children, that before all

else forgive in the family and then you will be able to forgive others...” **December 4, 1986** > “Dear ... Today I call you to prepare your hearts for these days when the Lord particularly desires to purify you from all the sins of your past. You, dear children, are not able by yourselves, therefore I am here to help you. You pray, dear children! Only that way shall you be able to recognize all the evil that is in you and surrender it to the Lord so the Lord may completely purify your hearts. Therefore, dear children, pray without ceasing and prepare your hearts in penance and fasting...” **March 18, 2008** > “Dear ... I come to you as a Mother with gifts. I come with love and mercy. Dear children, mine is a big heart. In it, I desire all of your hearts, purified by fasting and prayer. I desire that, through love, our hearts may triumph together. I desire that through that triumph you may see the real Truth, the real Way and the real Life. I desire that you may see my Son. Thank you.” <:)))<<

April 3rd on IIPG: Fr. Neil Buchlein’s comment on message 2nd April ‘09 (Mirjana) ... What a “Wake-Up Call” ... we received today: “And what about you, my children?” I could see myself being asked those words by my Mom with the exception that it was personalised; “And what about you, Neil?”

Well, as we get ready to enter into Holy Week we are asked an extremely important and significant question. If we don’t spend time in examining ourselves so that we can really enter into the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, then we really are delusional and a bunch of “Medjugorje Want-a-bees.”

How have we spent this season of Lent? Have we really grown closer to our Lord? Did we thirst like the Samaritan woman for that “Living Water?” Have we had our eyes opened so that we can really see? DID WE GO AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION? The Church teaches that this is our Easter Duty. . . once a year unless a mortal sin is committed. Many of us probably don’t even pay attention to Our Blessed Mother when she says to go monthly. It is easy to come up with so many excuses. Well, think of what our beloved Pope JP II said that Medjugorje was the closing chapter of Fatima. If you cannot remember when to go. . . GO ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH!

My priestly life is constantly changing. . .thankfully for the better. . .Praise God! I strongly believe in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and don’t miss an opportunity to preach about it when the Gospel gives me “an open door” to go for it. This past Monday there were four priests for the sacrament. I do not know when the other three left/were finished but we started at 7PM and I still had one penitent waiting at midnight! That penitent (who served their penance in advance by waiting for two + hours) set an appointment. I have never spent that much time hearing confessions but it was AWESOME! I walked home totally “on fire and full of energy” and thanked the Lord for having so many people come and open their hearts and minds to experience the mercy and love of Jesus. I heard His voice throughout my body say, “Neil, you told them to come and ‘dump’ and ‘dump’ they did!” Praise God! Our Blessed Mother’s message today is certainly about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If we go, as she suggests, how can our “hearts remain closed?” Even if we are failing with the 4 other “Stones” we can still confess them.

Notice how she uses the words “resurrect in my Son.” She is pointing to Holy Week and Easter. But, where will we be during next week? Will some of us choose to bury ourselves into our own tombs early and refuse to come out?!?! We need to get rid of the barriers that are blocking ourselves from getting to Jesus. If you have yet to get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; DO IT NOW! Don’t let the “clock tick away” valuable time where you can lose. . .lose eternity (if your sins are mortal). Look at the world and what is going on. . .do you really think God is pleased with humanity?!?! How long will we be on the receiving end of these “Love Letters” from Our Blessed Mother. I don’t want to sound pessimistic but I think Jesus is beginning to run out of patience and may say to His Mother soon, “Mom, they are not listening to you or me. Its time. . .“ Do we really want “to push the envelope?” Notice that She did not end with “THANK YOU FOR HAVING RESPONDED TO MY CALL.” Well, is it any wonder?! We are so delusional and worried about the economy and world economy that we are foregoing our own spiritual lives. This is what needs our attention if we believe in the messages of Medjugorje. Our lives should be different. Put on the spiritual armour and get ready to walk with Our Lord this week. . .will you go with Him and die with Him on Calvary? Peace and Goodness, Fr. Neil www.iipg-queenofpeace.org

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions For April 2009:

General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitise the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world. **Mission:** That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.