

“Dear children! At this time, in a special way I call you: ‘pray with the heart’. Little children, you speak much and pray little. Read and meditate on Sacred Scripture, and may the words written in it be life for you. I encourage and love you, so that in God you may find your peace and the joy of living. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Our Lady’s monthly message to the world on 25th February 2012 through Marija.

Message to Mirjana, 2nd March 2012 [pray for ‘unbelievers’ on 2nd of the month.] “Dear children; Through the immeasurable love of God I am coming among you and I am persistently calling you into the arms of my Son. With a motherly heart I am imploring you, my children, but I am also repeatedly warning you, that concern for those who have not come to know my Son be in the first place for you. Do not permit that by looking at you and your life, they are not overcome by a desire to come to know Him. Pray to the Holy Spirit for my Son to be impressed within you. Pray that you can be apostles of the divine light in this time of darkness and hopelessness. This is a time of your trial. With a rosary in hand and love in the heart set out with me. I am leading you towards Easter in my Son. Pray for those whom my Son has chosen that they can always live through Him and in Him – the High Priest. Thank you.”

Past messages: February 28, 1985 “Dear children! Today I call you to live the word this week: “I love God!” Dear children through love you will achieve everything and even what you think is impossible. God wants this parish to belong completely to Him. And that’s what I want too. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

March 25, 1988 “Dear children! Today also I am inviting you to a complete surrender to God. Dear children, you are not conscious of how God loves you with such a great love because He permits me to be with you so I can instruct you and help you to find the way of peace. This way, however, you cannot discover if you do not pray. Therefore, dear children, forsake everything and consecrate your time to God and God will bestow gifts upon you and bless you. Little children, don’t forget that your life is fleeting like a spring flower which today is wondrously beautiful but tomorrow has vanished. Therefore, pray in such a way that your prayer, your surrender to God, may become like a road sign. That way, your witness will not only have value for yourselves but for all eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.

February 25, 1990 "Dear children! I invite you to surrender to God. In this season I specially want you to renounce all the things to which you are attached but which are hurting your spiritual life. Therefore, little children, decide completely for God, and do not allow Satan to come into your life through those things that hurt both you and your spiritual life. Little children, God is offering Himself to you in fullness, and you can discover and recognize Him only in prayer. Therefore make a decision for prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call." **August 25, 1992** “Dear children! 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 for having responded to my call.”

April 25, 1995 “Dear children! Today I call you to love. Little children, without love you can neither live with God nor with brother. Therefore, I call all of you to open your hearts to the love of God that is so great and open to each one of you. God, out of love for man, has sent me among you to show you the path of salvation, the path of love. If you do not first love God, then you will neither be able to love neighbour nor the one you hate. Therefore, little children, pray and through prayer you will discover love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

25, November 2010 “Dear children! I look at you and I see in your heart death without hope, restlessness and hunger. There is no prayer or trust in God, that is why the Most High permits me to bring you hope and joy. Open yourselves. Open your hearts to God’s mercy and He will give you everything you need and will fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace and your hope. Thank you for having responded to my call.” **March 02, 2011** “Dear children; My motherly heart suffers tremendously as I look at my children who persistently put what is human before what is of God; at my children who, despite everything that surrounds them and despite all the signs that are sent to them, think that they can walk without my Son. They cannot! They are walking to eternal perdition. That is why I am gathering you, who are ready to open your heart to me, you who are ready to be apostles of my love, to help me; so that by living God’s love you may be an example to those who do not know it. May fasting and prayer give you strength in that and I bless you with motherly blessing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Thank you.” Our Lady was very sad.

Prayer: "Dear God, in all my conflicts please help me to see first of all what I may be contributing to the situation, then give me the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to do it, whatever it is. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

Prayer: "God our Father, open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope Your call holds for us. Pour out the overflowing gifts of Your Spirit so that we, Your Church, may become a people of hope for our world. We ask you this, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Our Lady, Mother of Hope, pray for us. St Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us. St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us"

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Saint Valentine's Day: The Reminder To Love and Be Loved

To Love is our only duty. To be loved is our greatest need. This is why we pray.

God is love. Exposure to God in prayer is exposure to love. Prayer is really allowing God, watching God, love you and love me. If we do not love ourselves enough with legitimate self-love, it is probably because we have not exposed ourselves sufficiently to the God of love and the love of God in prayer.

We must love ourselves. It is the fulfilment of a commandment: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself!" Love yourself physically by eating the proper food, getting the necessary rest and exercise, doing what your physician has asked you to do to maintain your health. Love yourself intellectually by cultivating habits of reading and study and thinking. Love yourself emotionally by sharing your feelings with a trusted friend. Love yourself spiritually by giving yourself the time and the space to pray and to be silent. When you love in this way, it is not selfishness. It is God's will for you - - just the opposite of selfishness and sin. Most of the sinning that we do is the result of not caring for ourselves in a balanced way, like the irritability that comes from lack of sleep. If we burn out in our commitments to and relationships with others, it is most likely because we have not prayed enough. If a person admits that he has been unkind, impatient, and selfish, invariably that is caused by his failure to let God love Him enough in prayer. No one confesses sins against charity who in the same breath does not confess missing his time for God in prayer.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be loved as to love. If we pray, we won't have to seek excessively the love of others. They will love us freely because God makes us loveable in prayer. Then there will be no end to the generosity that we will be capable of. Nothing will be too much for us. No sacrifice will be too hard or demanding. We will have been energised into life and love.

Isn't that what saints are? People who love God very much? But even before that: Saints are people who are absolutely convinced that God loves them. Remember: There is only one sadness in life; and that is, not to be a saint.

Man, woman's greatest weakness is the love of power. Man, woman's greatest strength is the power to love. Lord, teach us to love and to be loved. Teach us our duty!! Fulfil our deepest need!!

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March 2012:

General Intention: That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society.

Missionary Intention: That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

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Footnotes: 1. "In time of sorrow and of trouble cease not from the good works of prayer and penance which thou art in the habit of doing for Satan is striving to make thee uneasy and then to abandon them on the contrary do thou apply thyself thereunto more earnestly than before and thou shall see quickly our Lord will come to thy succour" ~ St Teresa of Avila

2. In the midst of her own difficulties, St. Faustina wrote: "When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyse or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one [thing] to Him: "You can do all things." And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and, as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him." ~ (Diary of St. Faustina, 1033).

3. "To be free is to be in love, is to be in the truth of God. The one who loves because made free by the truth of God, is the most revolutionary person on earth." ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1932

4. "If it were not for hope, the heart would break." ~ Thomas Fuller

5. "Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation." ~ Henry Ward Beecher

6. "If we really think that home is elsewhere, and that this life is a 'wandering to find home,' why should I not look forward to the arrival?" ~ C. S. Lewis

7. "Hope is the word which God has written on the brow of every man." ~ Victor Hugo

8. "God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters." ~ J. H. Jowett

9. "A man can't be always defending the truth; there must be a time to feed on it." ~ C. S. Lewis

10. "Joys are our wings, sorrows our spurs." ~ Jean Paul Richter