

“Dear children! With joy, also today I call you to open your hearts and to listen to my call. Anew, I desire to draw you closer to my Immaculate Heart, where you will find refuge and peace. Open yourselves to prayer, until it becomes a joy for you. Through prayer, the Most High will give you an abundance of grace and you will become my extended hands in this restless world which longs for peace. Little children, with your lives witness faith and pray that faith may grow day by day in your hearts. I am with you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Our Lady's monthly message to the world on 25th January 2012 through Marija.

Message to Mirjana, 2nd February 2012 [*pray for 'unbelievers' on 2nd of the month.*]

“Dear children; I am with you for so much time and already for so long I have been pointing you to God's presence and His infinite love, which I desire for all of you to come to know. And you, my children? You continue to be deaf and blind as you look at the world around you and do not want to see where it is going without my Son. You are renouncing Him - and He is the source of all graces. You listen to me while I am speaking to you, but your hearts are closed and you are not hearing me. You are not praying to the Holy Spirit to illuminate you. My children, pride has come to rule. I am pointing out humility to you. My children, remember that only a humble soul shines with purity and beauty because it has come to know the love of God. Only a humble soul becomes heaven, because my Son is in it. Thank you. Again I implore you to pray for those whom my Son has chosen - those are your shepherds.”

Medjugorje Statistics for 2011 - 2,027,900 Holy Communions given in the church, and a total of **41,094 priests** that concelebrated at Holy Masses. www.medjugorje.hr/en/

Past messages: January 25, 1996 ‘Dear children! *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.* Thank you for having responded to my call.’

Mark Twain: ‘Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.’

Mahatma Gandhi: ‘The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.’

Lewis B. Smedes: ‘To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.’

George Herbert: ‘He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.’

Paul Boese: ‘Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future’

Roberto Assagioli: ‘Without forgiveness life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.

Josiah Bailey: They who forgive most shall be most forgiven.’

Gilbert K. Chesterton: ‘To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.’

Alexander Pope: ‘To err is human; to forgive, divine.’ *R. T. Kendall* ‘The ultimate proof of total forgiveness takes place when we sincerely petition the Father to let those who have hurt us off the hook -- even if they have hurt not only us, but also those close to us.’

Jesus: Then Peter went up to Jesus and said, “Lord how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?” Jesus answered, “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.” Matthew 18 : 21-22

January 3, 1985“ Dear children! These days the Lord has bestowed upon you great graces. Let this week be one of thanksgiving for all the graces which God has granted you. 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.”

January 25, 1989 “Dear children! Today I am calling you to the way of holiness. Pray that you may comprehend the beauty and the greatness of this way where God reveals himself to you in a special way. Pray that you may be open to everything that God does through you that in your life you may be enabled to give

thanks to God and to rejoice over everything that He does through each individual. I give you my blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

February 25, 1992 “Dear children! Today I invite you to draw still closer to God through prayer. Only that way will I be able to help you and to protect you from every attack of Satan. I am with you and I intercede for you with God, that He protect you. But I need your prayers and your - “Yes.” You get lost easily in material and human things, and forget that God is your greatest friend. Therefore, my dear little children, draw close to God so He may protect you and guard you from every evil. Thank you for having responded to my call!” **July 25, 1994** “Dear children! Today I invite you to decide to give time patiently for prayer. Little children, *you cannot say you are mine and that you have experienced conversion through my messages if you are not ready to give time to God every day.* I am close to you and I bless you all. Little children, do not forget that if you do not pray you are not close to me, nor are you close to the Holy Spirit who leads you along the path to holiness. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

January 25, 1997 “Dear children! I invite you to reflect about your future. You are creating a new world without God, only with your own strength and that is why you are unsatisfied and without joy in the heart. This time is my time and that is why, little children, I invite you again to pray. When you find unity with God, you will feel hunger for the word of God and your heart, little children, will overflow with joy. You will witness God’s love wherever you are. I bless you and I repeat to you that I am with you to help you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

March 25, 1998 “Dear children! Also today I call you to fasting and renunciation. Little children, renounce that which hinders you from being closer to Jesus. In a special way I call you: Pray, because only through prayer will you be able to overcome your will and discover the will of God even in the smallest things. By your daily life, little children, you will become an example and witness that you live for Jesus or against Him and His will. Little children, I desire that you become apostles of love. By loving, little children, it will be recognised that you are mine. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

January 25, 2002 “Dear children! At this time while you are still looking back to the past year I call you, little children, to look deeply into your heart and to decide to be closer to God and to prayer. Little children, you are still attached to earthly things and little to spiritual life. May my call today also be an encouragement to you to decide for God and for daily conversion. You cannot be converted, little children, if you do not abandon sins and do not decide for love towards God and neighbour. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

June 25, 2003 “Dear children! Also today, I call you with great joy to live my messages. I am with you and I thank you for putting into life what I am saying to you. I call you to renew my messages even more, with new enthusiasm and joy. May prayer be your daily practice. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

April 25, 2006 “Dear children! Also today I call you to have more trust in me and my Son. He has conquered by His death and resurrection and, through me, calls you to be a part of His joy. You do not see God, little children, but if you pray you will feel His nearness. I am with you and intercede before God for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

February 25, 2010 “Dear children! In this time of grace, when nature also prepares to give the most beautiful colours of the year, I call you, little children, to open your hearts to God the Creator for Him to transform and mould you in His image, so that all the good which has fallen asleep in your hearts may awaken to a new life and a longing towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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via IIPG www.iipg-queenofpeace.org - From Father Beyer’s book, ‘Medjugorje Day by Day’, reflection for January 12, on Our Lady’s message about defeating satan with the Rosary in hand’. He says, of course, that faith and prayer are essential, but also knowing satan’s strategies will help us: “**Five Ploys of Satan:** - **Doubt:** Tempts us to question God’s Word and His goodness, forgiveness, and love. - **Discouragement:** Tempts us to focus intently on our problems rather than entrusting them to God’s care. - **Diversion:** Tempts us to see the wrong things as attractive so that we will want them more than the right things. - **Defeat:** Tempts us to feel like a failure so that we don’t even try. - **Delay:** Tempts us to procrastinate so that things never get done.”

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Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for February 2012: **General Intention:** That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life. **Missionary Intention:** That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world’s poorest regions.

Footnotes: 1. “Swallow your pride occasionally, It has ZERO calories!! “ ~ anon
2. “How does one become a butterfly? You must want to fly so much that you are willing to give up being a caterpillar.” ~ Trina Paulus
3. An old Cherokee told his grandson, “My son, there’s a battle between two wolves inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies & ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy & truth. “The boy thought about this & asked, ‘Which wolf wins?’” The old Cherokee replied, “The one you feed”.
4 “Make the most of the present moment. No occasion is unworthy of our best efforts. God often uses the humble occasions and little things to shape the course of a man’s life.” ~ James Garfield