

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF JANUARY 25, 2009

**“Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. May prayer be for you like the seed that you will put in my heart, which I will give over to my Son Jesus for you, for the salvation of your souls. I desire, little children, for each of you to fall in love with eternal life which is your future, and for all worldly things to be a help for you to draw you closer to God the Creator. I am with you for this long because you are on the wrong path. Only with my help, little children, you will open your eyes. There are many of those who, by living my messages, comprehend that they are on the way of holiness towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

### The Way of Holiness is the Will of God

#### **A. So I Call You to Prayer.**

1. **Reminder.** We always have to remind ourselves of the one thing that Ivan has said so often: in all the messages that Our Lady gives us, there is only one real message and that is prayer. Even if Our Lady never mentions prayer explicitly, it is hidden behind all the words she uses. Our Lady has really only one intention and that is to put us in contact with God.
2. **The Reason** is that God has created us for a specific purpose: to help Him realize His plans. And at this time when the whole of Scripture is being realized at once, we have a mission that is so great that we cannot possibly comprehend its importance – or so Our Lady has said.
3. **Our Lady's Message** of December 2, 2008 to Mirjana expresses this so beautifully:  
“Dear children! God has chosen you, little ones, to realize His great intentions. My children, be humble. Through your humility, with His wisdom, God will make of your souls a chosen home. You will illuminate it with good works and thus, with an open heart, you will welcome My Son in all of His generous love.”

In prayer we seek to be with God Who calls us and our basic attitude is “I come to do Your Will.”

#### **B. With Me.**

1. **The Secret of Success** in prayer is to be united with Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Grace. As Pope Benedict said once, there is not a grace that Abraham ever received that has not come through the hands of Our Blessed Mother. God has entrusted the Peace of this world to Our Blessed Mother, and if we seek peace in our hearts and in this world we have to get close to her.
2. **The Necessity** of being united with Our Blessed Mother in prayer is clearly expressed in this message: “Only with my help, little children, you will open your eyes.” In prayer, Our Lady graces us with the faith to see God and to see what God sees: the real world, and our role in it. With Our Lady we will be able to see what God is specifically calling us to do today and every day.
3. **The Seed.** “The seed that you will put in my heart, which I will give over to my Son Jesus for you, for the salvation of your souls” is our “YES.” As Our Lord told St. Faustina: there is no greater gift that you can possibly give Me than your willingness to accomplish My Will. And this will be our salvation and our glory – to accomplish the mission that God created us for.

#### **C. So That You Fall in Love with God the Creator, Your Eternal Life.**

1. **Our Lady asked a Question** recently: “Why do you pray?” And she answered her own question. “We pray in order to be with God. We pray to experience His presence. We pray to feel Him within us.” We pray to feel the warmth of His love within us, to experience His compassion and understanding, to sense His awareness and caring, to be touched by His overwhelming desire to help us to hear His voice,

His desires, His Will, to receive His grace and blessing.

2. **Jesus said once**, when you live in My Presence you are living in heaven and serving Me; when you lose the sense of My Presence, you are living in this world of yours and serving the Prince of this world, the Prince of Darkness.
3. **So the Key of Holiness** is to live our consecration by being united with Our Lady in prayer; she embraces us with love and brings us immediately to Jesus.

-Rev. Robert Hughes, S.M.