

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 25, 2008

**“Dear children! In a special way I call you all to pray for my intentions so that, through your prayers, you may stop Satan’s plan over this world, which is further from God every day, and which puts itself in the place of God and is destroying everything that is beautiful and good in the souls of each of you. Therefore, little children, arm yourselves with prayer and fasting so that you may be conscious of how much God loves you and may carry out God’s will. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

### Pray for My Intentions

#### **A. Stop Satan’s Plan over This World.**

- 1. Which is to break our relationship with God.** Our Blessed Mother said once that just as a child in the womb is attached to its mother through an umbilical cord, so every person that God creates is attached to the Father by a spiritual umbilical cord that can never be broken. Each person is and forever will be a child of God.
- 2. And remove the world away from God to go on its own.** So Satan tries to obscure that spiritual umbilical cord by blowing smoke in everyone’s eyes so that the person forgets where he came from and Who is its Father. Satan does this by attracting people to material things of this world so much so that they lose sight of their origin and destiny.
- 3. So that man may think he is ruler over the world.** Losing the sense of the presence of God, man tries to run his life apart from God, which never works. The result is that man through his selfishness ruins himself and everything he touches, fomenting greed, war, and violence. The world drifts further and further away from God and is headed to its own self-destruction, as Our Lady tells us.

#### **B. Move Back to God.**

- 1. Through Fasting,** which breaks our connection to this world. Privation of the body liberates the soul so that a person can give attention to God, the true source of all our blessings. Every little sacrifice helps to sever our attachment to the world and to ourselves and opens up the door to the light from above.
- 2. And through Prayer.** The purpose of prayer is to unite ourselves to God. Prayer is a continual exercise and experience of the presence of God. Through prayer we look at everything through God’s eyes and come to realize the way things really are. All our bubbles pop and all our illusions disappear, because with Faith there are no illusions. Through prayer we rediscover our spiritual umbilical cord; everything falls into place and we begin to enjoy again true peace – the first fruit of prayer.
- 3. Made in Union with Our Blessed Mother.** Mary is essential to prayer because Jesus is born in our hearts during prayer. United with Mary in prayer, we are realizing the triumph of Mary’s Immaculate Heart, because we are listening to Jesus and Mary and not the powers of darkness.

**C. We are Made in the Image of God.**

1. **And it is that that makes us beautiful and good**, especially in prayer when Faith, Hope and Love light up our image as we are more and more united with God.
2. **Through prayer we realize how much God loves us**, because we get to know Him and realize just how much of a loving Father He really is and has been to us and we thank Him more and more for His Goodness, Love and Mercy towards us.
3. **And we are led more and more in wanting to do His Will**, because we have put Him first in our Life and come to realize that in doing His Will we make Him happy and His blessings flow into our life in abundance. We experience joy and this makes us desire to converse with Him more and more.

-Rev. Robert Hughes, S.M.