

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 25, 2004

**“Dear Children! At this time, I call you all to pray for my intentions. Especially, little children, pray for those who have not yet come to know the love of God and do not seek God the Savior. You, little children, be my extended hands and by your example draw them closer to my Heart and the Heart of my Son. God will reward you with graces and every blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

### Preparing for Christmas

#### **A. The God Who Comes.**

1. The Welcoming Committee. In every November message Our Lady always gives us sound advice on how to spend Advent and prepare for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. In a sense, she gathers the children who are close to her, she lines them up in order and has them stand straight with attention, and she makes sure they are properly dressed for this important occasion through prayer, little sacrifices, and good works of charity – all designed to give Jesus an eager and joyous welcome.
2. The Secret of Advent. The secret of Advent according to St. Bernard is that Jesus is already present inside Our Blessed Mother and in the heart of every Christian. The program for Advent then is to nurture the growth of Jesus within and that His presence might be felt by others through our words and actions. Advent then is an opportunity to let the spirit of Christ, the spirit of Christmas, fill our lives and surroundings in advance of December 25. And so we are invited to fill the air with kind words, bless the lives of others with acts of love and peace, and be the support of the downtrodden with ready and helping hands.
3. Jesus is Coming. The Scripture readings of Advent constantly remind us that Jesus is coming, that He is coming with power, that He comes as Savior to save us from this dark and violent world with His Peace, and to Shepherd us on our way to the Father. The Church suggests that our constant prayer during Advent should be “Come, Lord Jesus” which makes eminent sense, because such a prayer, if prayed with complete confidence, ushers our Savior with His Peace into our world and gives Him occasion to unleash His power.

#### **B. Our Lady's Requests.**

1. Pray.... Our Lady needs a flicker of Faith from us to realize that she is the Seat of Wisdom. She knows exactly what is needed in our troubled world to bring about Peace, and she is the Queen of Peace. All she needs is docile children who respond energetically to her requests.
  - a. For My Intentions. Her intentions aren't all that mysterious because she has enunciated them so many times – for the Pope and Bishops, for the family, for youth, etc., but most particularly ourselves. She reminds us that she intercedes before the Father for each one of us that we be her faithful helpers.
  - b. For Atheists – a word she never uses (Mirjana) but rather describes them as “people who have not yet come to know the love of God.” She says that all the evils of the world come from such as these. To a certain extent even ourselves – we have not come to know the love of God if we attend Mass or come to prayer out of a sense of obligation and habit and not desire.
  - c. For Non-Seekers. When God comes, it is an extremely important matter; when He speaks to us, He is not making jokes but has serious and urgent things to say to us. Our Lady is concerned about all her children, especially those who are farthest away. She wants us to pray that they leave their trivial pursuits and turn towards their Savior who wants to help them.
2. Act...
  - a. Be My Extended Hands. “Help me...bring the above intentions to every Mass, every Holy Communion, every Rosary, every Adoration period, every aspiration.”
  - b. By Your Example...In everything you say and do fill the air with the perfume of the presence of Our Blessed Mother through your love, compassion, and peace.