

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF APRIL 25, 2009

“Dear children! Today I call you all to pray for peace and to witness it in your families so that peace may become the highest treasure on this peaceless earth. I am your Queen of Peace and your mother. I desire to lead you on the way of peace, which comes only from God. Therefore, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

I Desire to Lead You on the Way of Peace

A. Pray, Pray, Pray...for Personal Peace.

Our Lady has said that “Prayer is the only path to Peace.” Our Lady desires to be with us in every prayer we make so that we pray properly and arrive at the end possessing the fruit of prayer: peace.

1. In Rwanda. Our Lady spelled out the proper way to begin prayer so that we place our feet on the path that will lead to peace. She says:
 - a. “You must begin your prayers by offering to God all you conceal in your soul. God sees your every action and knows your every thought. Confess (acknowledge) all your transgressions of body, mind and spirit. Hold back nothing.”
 - b. “Beg God’s forgiveness from the bottom of your heart.”
 - c. “You can then speak to Him knowing your heart is clean and your conscience is clear.”
 - d. “Pray to Him fervently, make a petition, beg His favor.”
 - e. “And then ask for His blessing.”
2. In Medjugorje. Our Lady gave much the same teaching but in different words. She made the statement that many people end their prayer without ever starting to pray, i.e. they have not begun properly. She said:
 - a. “Give all your sins to Jesus.”
 - b. “Then give all your problems and concerns to me with total confidence that I will take care of them.”
 - c. “Now that your heart is empty unite yourself to me.”
 - d. “Then descend with me to the bottom of your heart.”
 - e. “Once there, pray earnestly for the grace of the Holy Spirit: no one can pray without the Holy Spirit.”

B. Witness Prayer in your Families.

God the Father, in His revelations to Mother Eugenia Ravasio (The Father Speaks to His Children), comments on family prayer:

1. “How great would be My joy to see parents teaching their children to address Me often by the name of Father, as indeed I am! How I would like to see infused into these young souls a trust and a filial love for Me! I have done everything for you, will you not do this for Me?”
2. “I would like to make My home in every family, as in My domain, so that all can say with absolute assurance: ‘We have a Father Who is infinitely good, infinitely rich and greatly merciful. He thinks about us and is close to us. He looks after us and supports us. He will give us everything we need if we ask Him. All His riches are ours; we will have everything we need.’ I am there precisely in order that you should ask Me for what you need. “Ask and you will receive.” In My fatherly goodness I will give you everything, provided that all regard Me as a true Father, living among His family, as I indeed do.”
3. “I make you a promise which will have an eternal effect. It is this: Call Me by the name of Father, with confidence and love, and you will receive everything from this

Father with love and mercy.”

C. Pray for Peace in the World.

Our Lady has given at Fatima the means to achieve peace in the world:

1. Daily recitation of the Rosary; 2. Penance – fasting and sacrifices; 3. Personal, Family, Parish and World Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 4. The Five First Saturdays; 5. Devotion to the Holy Eucharist: Mass and Adoration.

-Rev. Robert Hughes, S.M.