

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF MAY 25, 2007

“Dear children! Pray with me to the Holy Spirit for Him to lead you in the search of God’s will on the way of your holiness. And you, who are far from payer, convert and, in the silence of your heart, seek salvation for your soul and nurture it with prayer. I bless you all individually with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

The New Pentecost

A. Pray With Me.

1. Mary. For those who do not know it, Our Lady is the secret “key” to unlock all the treasures and graces contained in the messages. So to pray with her is to locate ourselves dead center in the bull’s eye of the target of Gods Plan and Will. There we will come to understand the fullness of the messages coming from God and how to live them. There we will come to realize the central message of Fatima: “God Wills and my Son wants (the promotion of) devotion to my Immaculate Heart. United with her in mind and heart in prayer, we will come to realize as Jesus did what a wonderful mother we truly have.
2. Mother. How often in her great humility has Our Blessed Mother tried to be our mother by gently insinuating herself into our lives. She kept placing herself at the end of almost every message: “I am with you,” “I am close to you,” “I bless you,” “I intercede for you,” “I carry you in my heart,” “I desire to lead you,” etc. Emphatically she said at the very beginning: “God sent me here to help you; I would like to guide you!” Finally, with time so short, like a good and vigilant mother, she takes the matter into her own hands and says bluntly: “Pray with me.”
3. Queen. Our Lady said once: “I am the only one that can help you.” She was alluding to the fact that God the Father called His chosen people continually throughout the Old Testament, sent His Son only to see Him crucified, then to send the Holy Spirit and after 2000 years to see how cold-hearted people are today. So as a last resort He gives the world as a gift to Our Lady and entrusts to her the peace in this world. So she comes as Queen of Peace and begs us to pray with her because if we unite our prayers with hers God will accept our prayers as coming from her, and they will be efficacious. As Pope John Paul II said: “The Son cannot refuse His Mother.”

B. To the Holy Spirit.

1. Permanent Icon. This is a perfect follow-up to the Feast of Pentecost that we recently celebrated. And we have to recall those prophetic words of Pope John Paul II at the turn of the century: I entrust to the people of the Third Millennium a permanent icon that they should always hold in view and never lose sight of:

The Apostles united with Mary in the Upper Room!

That image says it all – a continuous, uninterrupted prayer in union with Mary. And why is this permanent icon so important?
2. New Pentecost. Pope John Paul II said repeatedly that continual prayer in union with Mary gives us all great hope as we look forward to a New Pentecost in the Church by which the Holy Spirit will renew the face of the earth. We read in the Book of Revelation: “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev 21:1) which is a symbolic description of the new hearts of the people of God filled with the Holy Spirit.
3. Purification. Ivan says the illumination or purification of hearts by the Holy Spirit is already taking place. So the New Pentecost is coming little by little like the waves of the ocean lapping against the seashore. Union with Mary in prayer brings this purifying Spirit into our hearts continually.

C. For Him to Lead You in the Search of God’s Will.

1. Holiness. “This is the Will of God: your sanctification.” (I Thess 4:3) When Our Lady entered a new phase or stage in her apparitions, moving from weekly messages, which fostered our

complete union with her, on to the monthly messages by which she wanted to incorporate us more completely into her plan, she made the astounding statement of January 25, 1987:

“Dear Children:

1. I want you to comprehend that God has chosen each one of you, to use you in a great plan for the salvation of mankind.
2. You are not able to comprehend how great your role is in God’s design.
3. Therefore, dear children, pray so that in prayer you may be able to comprehend what God’s plan (Will) is in your regard.”

What she is saying is to fulfill the Will of God means that we have to be conscious continually of the great mission God has called us to and given us, and as we strive each day to accomplish our mission, we are achieving our sanctification. If our mission is so great, so also will be our sanctification!

2. Will of God. In his Encyclical Mother of the Redeemer, Pope John Paul II has a long section on the words of Elizabeth to Mary at the time of the Visitation: “Blessed is she who believed.” And the Pope comments:

“In this expression we can rightly find a kind of “key” that unlocks for us the innermost reality of Mary.”

The Pope praises the great trust and subsequent surrender of Mary in saying her “Fiat” or “Yes” to God’s plan for her. She knew that God could do anything, even the impossible, and that He would be with her helping her every step of the way through the Holy Spirit.

3. The Search. The search for God’s Will comes through prayer with Mary and the Holy Spirit. Our Lady said several times: God’s Will is revealed to us in prayer. She has also said that she knows what God’s Will is for us, since she is our mother.
 - a. Carrying out the Divine Will means living in such a way so as to:
 - 1) Know, love, and serve the Father with all our hearts;
 - 2) Enter into a deep and loving intimacy with the Son;
 - 3) Respond to the Holy Spirit’s efforts to bring us to Jesus;
 - 4) Let Our Blessed Mother be our mother in all this.
 - b. Jesus, in His dealings with the saints, always insisted that they speak first and tell Him everything that is in their heart. Then Jesus would speak, commenting on what they said, and then He gave some of His own thoughts.
 - c. Pope John Paul II said that real prayer starts when we start listening, and what comes to mind are the very last words she said on this earth: “Do whatever He tells you.” That means: keep saying “Yes.”

D. How to Start Living This Message.

1. Resolve immediately always to pray in union with Mary.
 - a. Pause before each prayer to place yourself in her heart.
 - b. Ask her to lead you and guide you in the prayer.
 - c. Consult her during prayer as to what she thinks.
 - d. Always be ready to say: “How can I please you.”
 - e. In the end, ask her to bless any resolution you have made.
2. Stay with Mary after prayer; i.e., continue the prayer.
 - a. Ask her to stay with you.
 - b. Walk with her and talk with her.
 - c. Do not do anything without first consulting her.
3. The Holy Spirit.
 - a. Purify your heart before each prayer.
 - b. Beg Him to come deeply into your heart.

-Fr. Robert Hughes, S.M.