

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF JUNE 25, 2010

“Dear children! With joy, I call you all to live my messages with joy; only in this way, little children, will you be able to be closer to my Son. I desire to lead you all only to Him, and in Him you will find true peace and the joy of your heart. I bless you all and love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

June 25, 2010 11:00 p.m. Apparition to Ivan on Apparition Mountain

Ivan: Our Lady came in a gold dress so joyful and happy – more than ever.

“Dear Children. Also today the Mother calls you with joy. Dear children, be my carriers, carriers of my messages. Spread my messages in this tired world

Dear children, I desire for you to be my sign, my living sign. Therefore, also tonight, I call you to accept the message which I gave you today. Live it. Know, dear children, that the Mother always prays with you and prays for you to Her Son. Thank you, dear children, that also today you have accepted my messages and for living my messages.”

Live My Messages with Joy

A. Joy Says It All.

1. **The Vital Sign.** When a doctor is called in to check the health of a failing patient, he looks for vital signs: is there a heart-beat, is the patient breathing? A heart-beat and breath means that there is hope for the patient to return to full health. It is the same in the spiritual life.
2. **Joy** is that vital sign spiritually. Joy is the fruit of love, and joy is the sign that the person has a heart full of love and a living relationship with the Lord. That only comes from a person praying with the heart. That is why Our Lady says that “prayer is love.”
3. **Love.** “God is love” (I John). The only way to have an encounter with such a God is to meet Him on His own terms, that is, by loving Him. That is why Our Lady says that prayer is “a meeting of hearts” – her Heart, Jesus’ Heart, and our heart united in love.

B. Conversational Prayer is The Key.

1. **Conversational Prayer** is what Our Lady calls “personal prayer.” Personal prayer occurs when we open our heart and reveal everything: what concerns us, what problems and difficulties we have, the joys we have experienced, what makes us happy, what makes us sad, the sorrows we have experienced, what help we need, what hopes we have for the future, etc. This is sincere prayer, real prayer, because we are saying what is exactly in our hearts.
2. **Conversation is a two-way street,** so we have to let the other person say what is in that person’s heart. That is why Our Lady says that “prayer is listening.” We have to give Jesus a chance to comment on what we have said and then to listen closely as He shares with us what is in His Heart. When we have finished, we have had a real encounter with the Lord, a meeting of two hearts.
3. **The Fruit is Love.** When we pray this way, we get to know the other person better. And the more we pray, the more bonding takes place. Love grows through knowledge of the other person and Jesus reveals Himself more and more in all His gentleness and love. That is why Our Lady says that every day we have to ask Our Lord to reveal His love for us. And the more He does, the more our love grows in response producing the joy of prayer. The more joy in prayer, the more we want to pray and so the goal of Our Lady’s efforts at Medjugorje is achieved: union with God through unceasing prayer.

C. The Result: Living the Messages with Joy.

1. The joy of **FAITH** is that we have discovered our true goal in life.
2. The joy of **FASTING** releases our attachment to this world and re-attaches our heart to the real world of the spirit that lasts forever.
3. The joy of **CONVERSION** – we can’t get enough of Jesus; we turn to Him always.
4. The joy of **PEACE** – the security of being in the hands of God.
5. The joy of **PRAYER** – the discovery of the God of love.