

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

“Dear Children! In love I call you: convert, even though you are far from my heart. Do not forget, I am your mother and I feel pain for each one who is far from my heart; but I do not leave you alone. I believe you can leave the way of sin and decide for holiness. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Convert: Come Closer To Our Lady

A. I Call You With Love To Convert.

1. I Call You.

- a. This is a time of grace when Our Lady's call goes out and is able to be heard. Therefore, it is a time of possibility and hope, a time of adjustment and change, a time when our response will be welcomed and embraced.
- b. Our Lady is calling because there is a storm brewing and when it hits we will find great difficulty in finding safe refuge and security. Her call is more a plea than a simple request.

2. With Love.

- a. There is always a fear in the eye of a mother who foresees danger and cannot convince her children to come running to her. She stands and waits as her calls become more and more urgent.
- b. Our Lady's love and concern for each of her children is as strong and personal as her love for Jesus. She is Mother and is continually preoccupied with the welfare of her children, especially those who have drifted away from her.

3. To convert means...

- a. to put God first in our life and to surrender our all to Him daily;
- b. to choose Jesus as the center of our lives and as the source of all our blessings;
- c. to let Mary be our Mother, to have her take care of all our needs, to let her teach us and guide our steps.

B. I Am Your Mother. Reflect on these statements by Our Lady:

1. “How happy I am when you call me ‘My Mother!’ How lovely it would be if I could be your real Mother and you my children.” (10-25-85).
2. “Now, right now, you have to be my children. Not tomorrow or after tomorrow, but now! If you have a problem, give it to me, for I am your Mother. I am always here for you and I love you.” (12-15-85)
3. “How long it has been since you encountered me as your Mother! Meditate on this over the next few days and decide to change something.” (7-28-85)

C. I Feel Pain for Each One Far from My Heart.

1. “I burn with love. I burn entirely with love. But no one wants my love, no one, no one. I am inflamed completely by this love, but no one wants it.”
2. “So it burns within me because no one wants it. I suffer because not even you want it. My burning will not cease until you convert.”
3. “I will burn until you understand that I am your Mother. I am your Mother and I will always be your Mother. I will show you that I truly am.” (11-22-84)

D. I Will Not Leave You Alone.

1. Our Lady’s mission in life is to be our Mother and to bring us and all her children to her son, Jesus. “I invite you to grasp the importance of my coming and the gravity of the situation. I want to save all souls and present them to God.” (8-25-91)
2. Leave the way of sin – which is, as St. John says, anything that is not of God. It is to walk in our own world of darkness and cease to be “children of light.”
3. Decide for holiness – which is to seek the Will of God, accept it, and live it. In a special way, Our Blessed Mother is sent into our lives as God’s unique gift in our time to help us and to lead us to Jesus, to heaven. “I will be with you and I will teach you how to place Jesus first, to love Him and to belong to Him completely.

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