



The Light of MARY

LM Prayer group newspaper

„To bring Jesus - the Light of Mary - to every human heart“

MESSAGE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

June 25, Medjugorje

to Maria Pavlović-Lunetti

“Dear children!

Also today the Most High gives me the grace to be able to love you and to call you to conversion. Little children, may God be your tomorrow and not war and lack of peace; not sorrow but joy and peace must begin to reign in the heart of every person - but without God you will never find peace. Therefore, little children, return to God and to prayer so that your heart may sing with joy. I am with you and I love you with immeasurable love.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

MESSAGE OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

July 2, Medjugorje

to Mirjana Dragićević-Soldo

“Dear children!

I am calling you to spread the faith in my Son – your faith. You, my children illuminated by the Holy Spirit, my apostles, transmit it to others – to those who do not believe, who do not know, who do not want to know – but for that you must pray a lot for the gift of love, because love is the mark of true faith – and you will be apostles of my love. Love always, anew, revives the pain and the joy of the Eucharist, it revives the pain of the Passion of my Son, by which he showed you what it means to love immeasurably; it revives the joy for having left you his body and blood to feed you with himself – and in this way, to be one with you. Looking at you with tenderness, I feel immeasurable love which strengthens me in my desire to bring you to a firm faith. Firm faith will give you joy and happiness on earth and in the end the encounter with my Son. This is his desire. Therefore, live him, live love, live the light that always illuminates you in the Eucharist. I implore you to pray a lot for your shepherds, to pray so as to have all the more love for them because my Son gave them to you to feed you with his body and to teach you love. Therefore, also you are to love them. But, my children, remember, love means to endure and to give, and never, ever to judge. Thank you.”

PRAYER
REQUEST FOR
THIS MONTH:

we pray to God

FOR JESUS'
VICTORY
OF PEACE,
ESPECIALLY
IN THE AREAS
WHERE THE WAR

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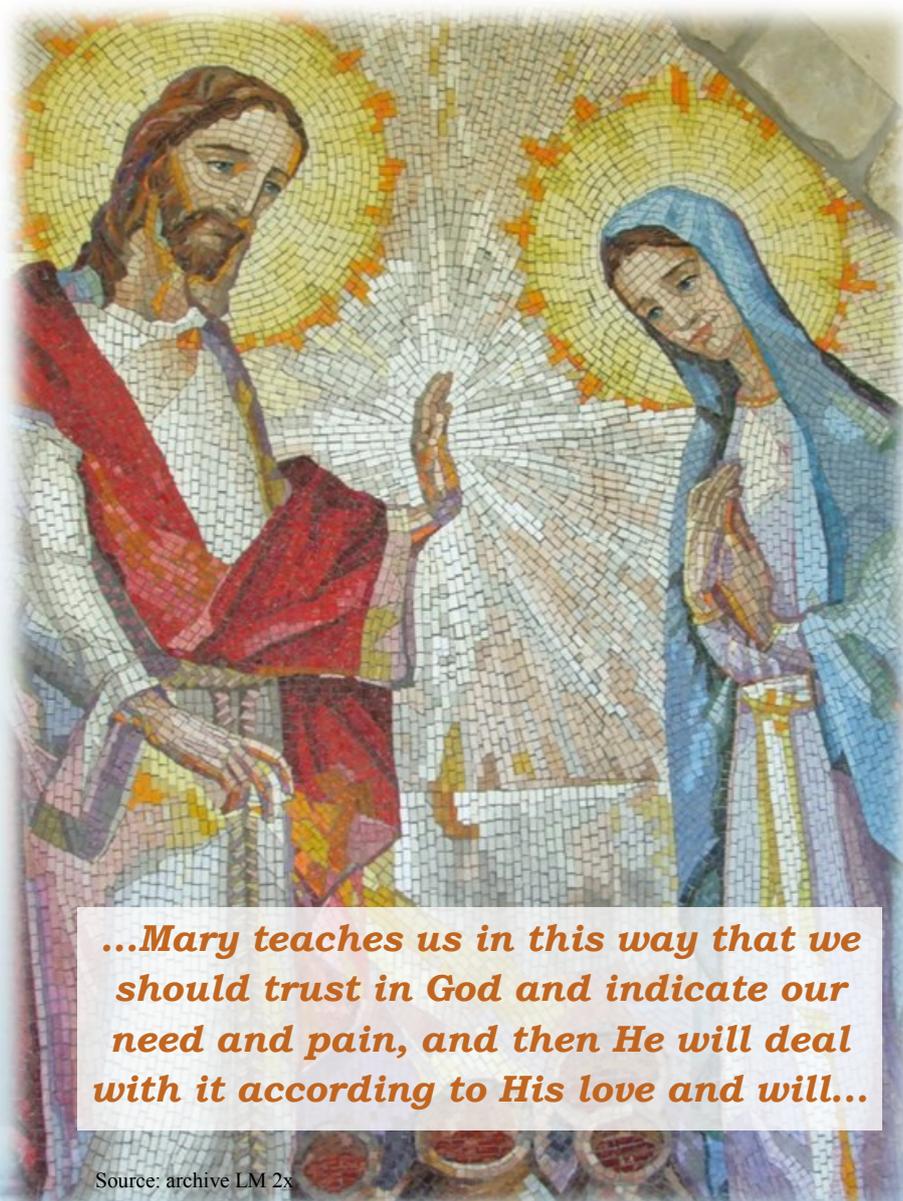
WITHOUT GOD THERE IS NO PEACE

Even after thirty-four years, Mary as mother does not stop speaking, inviting, and loving her children. She does not come to us to take something from us or to bereave life of joy. She is full of God, she is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and she is entirely drawn to God. This is the fundamental attitude of her soul. Immersed in God, she sees us with all our miseries and loves us, with love that she receives from Him, to the depth of our being, to the source, there where our origin is. It is love that touches us most deeply. Mary sees God, is nourished by God, is entirely permeated by God. Her *fiat* – let it be – was spoken for the entire human race. In her Amen is heard every amen which has been spoken on earth. Committed to God, Mary unites us all. Hers was not only an answer to God, but a response to God's love for humanity. This is her maternal role. She helps us to give our aspirations and prayers to God. It is a support for us that the Highest will take heed of, because she elevates us, the one to whom it was said that she had found favor with God.

The Virgin Mary comes to us with Jesus

in her heart, she comes to us with the love of a mother. Firstly she wants to give us love, and then she invites us to conversion. Whoever feels that he is loved is able to respond to the invitation. Whoever opens to love, experiences conversion and is freed from all that is not God, so that he can accept God.

Mary knows that the only way that leads to God is prayer. She herself has prayed. At Cana in Galilee she turns to Jesus: 'They have no wine.' She does not do anything herself. She



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highlights the hardship of a married couple and leaves everything to Jesus. In this way she shows that only He alone can help us in our needs. Mary gives us a very specific lesson of how to pray. Her simple words are the model of Christian prayer for all times. She does not tell Jesus what should be done. She does not have any personal plans that she would like to see Jesus carry out. She only shows the need and nothing more. Mary teaches us in this way that we should trust in God and indicate our need and pain, and then He will deal with it according to His love and will. We cannot determine how or when He will help us. Only confidence and submission are required of us. Only in this way will we be able to have and enjoy the fruit of our prayer. When God gives, he gives in abundance.

In other messages of Our Lady, she says that without God we cannot find peace. Our world is full of war, unrest and fear, as we seek to build a world without God by our own strength.

Let us pray:

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and prayer Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus the King of Peace, we ask you who invite us to pray for peace, to pray for us so that we can surrender our lives and the world into God's hands. Obtain for us, Mother Mary, grace, so that we can pray with confidence and perseverance, the way you prayed together with the apostles at the Last Supper. The fruit of your prayer with the apostles was Pentecost, by which the Church was born. By the power of God's Spirit a transformation took place in the hearts of the frightened apostles, who then became keen witnesses of the risen Christ. Thank you Mother, that you have not abandoned us during all these years. Thank you for your motherly care and love with which you also love us today. Let our hearts become hearts of flesh, hearts ready to open up and accept the gifts of peace and joy. Amen.

Fra Ljubo Kurtović

...In her Amen is heard every amen which has been spoken on earth. Committed to God, Mary unites us all...

GOD – YOUR TOMORROW

Again we hear the profession of the love of Mary – “I love you with immeasurable love”. Her words pronounced with love have the power to touch us and to move us to tears of repentance. God fills our hearts in Medjugorje with the tender love of Mary. Recently a pilgrim said – “In Medjugorje I have experienced heaven touching my soul.” When we feel more heaviness than usual, we need a tender touch of love.

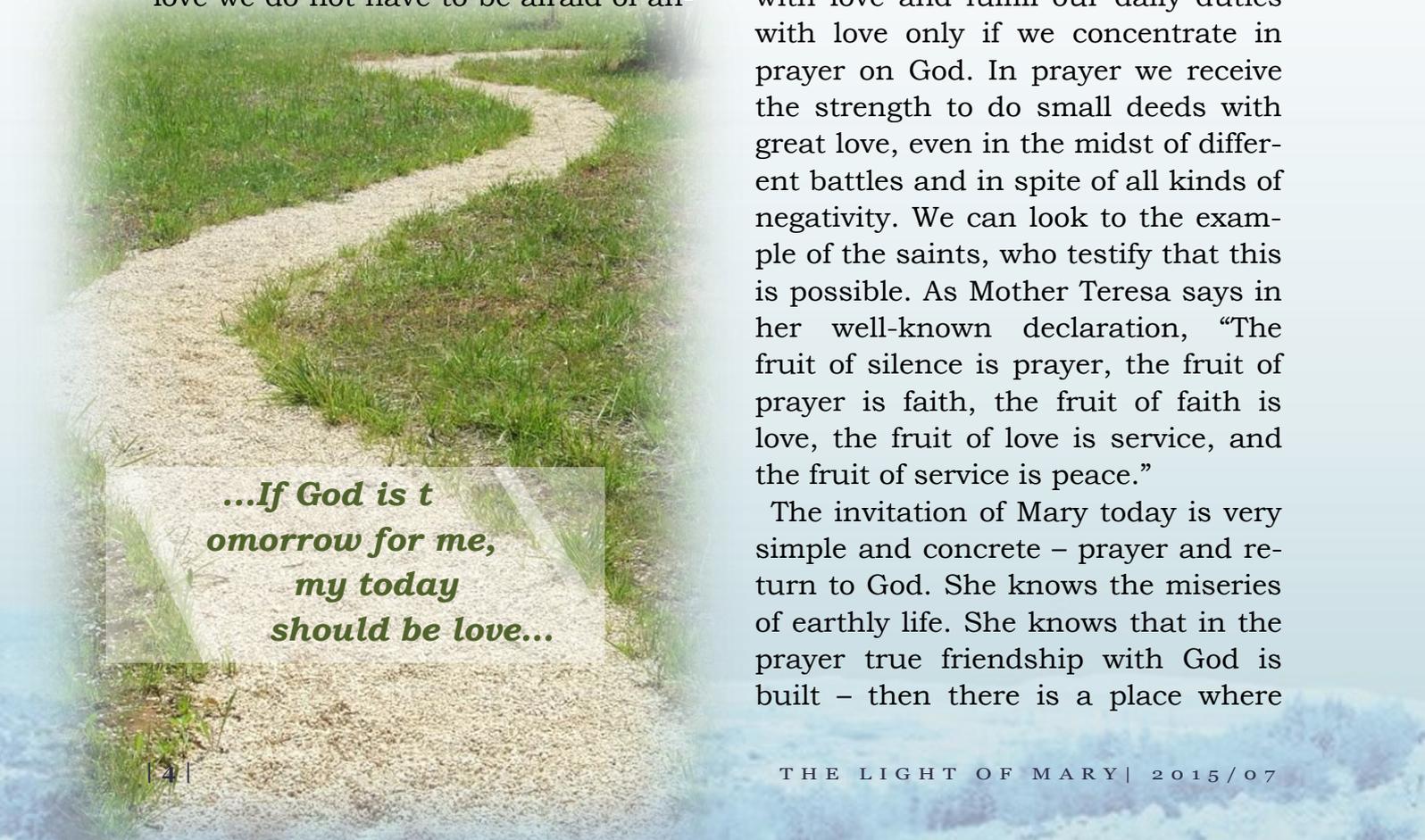
Even the hardest things are solvable with love and suddenly we see a way out of a difficult situation. Every day we absorb news about riots and wars, and so our conception of the future is rather pessimistic. But Mary also comes to us every day to encourage us with setting a goal: “May God be your tomorrow.” If God is tomorrow for me, my today should be love. After all, it is only that which we do with love that will remain. When we stay in love we do not have to be afraid of an-

thing. The decision is ours to make. We are choosing what we fill our days and our tomorrow with. Are we choosing sadness, unrest, and war, or trust in the victory of the love of God?

Our heavenly Mother, in her motherly way, calls us to be attentive in the same way that Jesus does: “Watch out that no one deceives you. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, many false prophets will appear, and because of the increase of wickedness, the love of many will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.” (Mt 24)

For already 34 years some simple techniques have been expounded in the messages of Mary, of how we can endure in love until the end. There is prayer with the heart, fasting, daily reading of the Word of God, the Eucharist, the sacrament of confession. We are able live the present moment with love and fulfill our daily duties with love only if we concentrate in prayer on God. In prayer we receive the strength to do small deeds with great love, even in the midst of different battles and in spite of all kinds of negativity. We can look to the example of the saints, who testify that this is possible. As Mother Teresa says in her well-known declaration, “The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace.”

The invitation of Mary today is very simple and concrete – prayer and return to God. She knows the miseries of earthly life. She knows that in the prayer true friendship with God is built – then there is a place where



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love has matured, where the heart is filled with joy. “You cannot have peace if your heart is not at peace with God. That is why, little children, pray, pray, pray, because prayer is the founda-

tion of your peace. Open your heart and give time to God so that He will be your friend. When true friendship with God is realized, no storm can destroy it“, she told us on 25th June 1997.

Let us pray:

Thank you Our Lady that also today you are coming to us and with the power of the immeasurable love of God, lifting us on to our knees and to the heavenly heights. You are putting a goal in front of our eyes – return to God and to prayer. Pray for our endurance and that we will decide for love in spite of all kind of battles. May our heart sing with you words of thankfulness for everything that God is doing in our lives. We consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart and ask that God’s plans of peace may be realized, especially there where there is sadness, unrest, war or fear. Through our sincere dedication to you, may the power of your motherly love be effective. We are abandoning ourselves to you fully. Amen.

Terezia Gaziowa

In this month of July

Let us pray for

**FOR JESUS' VICTORY OF PEACE,
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„...Little children, Jesus is peace, love and joy; therefore now decide for Jesus. Start to pray. Pray to Him for the gift of conversion. Little children, only with Jesus can you have peace, joy and a heart filled with love...“

December 25. 2005

„...I call you to prayer. By means of prayer, little children, you obtain joy and peace. Through prayer you are richer in the mercy of God. Therefore, little children, let prayer be the life of each one of you...“

August 25. 1989

„...I encourage and love you, so that in God you may find your peace and the joy of living...“

February 25. 2012



Source: medjugorje.com.ua

„...Therefore, little children, today in a special way, peer into your hearts and ask yourselves if the peace and joy of the birth of Jesus have truly taken hold of your hearts. Little children, do not live in darkness, aspire towards the light and towards God's salvation. Children, decide for Jesus and give Him your life and your hearts, because only in this way will the Most High be able to work in you and through you...“

December 25. 2013

„...Little children, when you are in the holiness of God, He is with you and gives you peace and joy which come from God only through prayer. That is why, little children, renew prayer in your families and your heart will glorify the holy Name of God and heaven will reign in your heart. I am close to you and I intercede for you before God...“

May 25. 1997



Source: archive LM

III. Fasting and its fruits in the prayers of the church

There is an old rule in the Church: ‘the law of prayer – the law of faith’ (lex orandi – lex credendi). This meant: what was believed and done was expressed in prayer; then the faithful prayed again and what was expressed in prayer was actually realized in life. When we look at the prayers and hymns of the Church during Lent, it is very evident what the Church has done, prayed and believed. Even at first glance, such prayers reveal what fasting meant and what it should mean for Christians.

“Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this day holy by our self-denial.” (Ash Wednesday, opening prayer)

Fasting, prayer and good works are a means through which we are strengthened against the spirit of evil and by which we persevere in good works.

Fasting is a means that gives us strength to change our lives and to discover God’s love and mercy. That is why in the antiphon to the blessing of the ashes on Ash Wednesday we pray:

“Come back to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes, and turn

FAST WITH THE HEARTH

to God with tears and fasting, for He is slow to anger and ready to forgive.”

In the prayers of the Ash Wednesday Mass, fasting is understood as a remedy against evil desire and a cleansing from sin – as medicinal for us and pleasing to God.

“Lord help us to resist temptation by our Lenten works of charity and penance. By this sacrifice may be prepared to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour and be cleansed from sin and renewed in spirit.” (Ash Wednesday, prayer over the Gifts)

“...Lord, through this communion may our Lenten penance give you glory and bring us your protection.” (Ash Wednesday, prayer after Communion) *“Father, you increase our faith and hope, you deepen our love in this communion. Help us to live by your words and to seek Christ, our bread of life, who is Lord for ever and ever.”* (First Sunday of Lent, prayer after Communion)

This means that the life with bread, to which Our Lady calls us, helps us to live from every word that comes from God’s lips. Fasting means discipline for the body and a freeing of the soul so that it can yearn for God.

WHERE THERE ARE RELIGIOUS, THERE IS JOY

A new liturgical year began on 30th November 2014 which the Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated to consecrated life. It will end on 2nd February 2016 on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

In our prayer groups we would like to respond to the invitation of the Holy Father and reflect on this gift of the Heavenly Father, the call to consecrated life. We will be taking ideas and thoughts for these meditations from Church documents, the Apostolic letters of the Holy Father, and the lives of the saints. We want these reflections to help us to live this time in union with the Church, and with gratitude and love.

Pope John Paul II said that consecrated life is a gift of God the Father to His Church through the Holy Spirit. Decades later and there are men and women who respond to this invitation and initiative of the Father, they choose this way of specifically following Christ. Just as the apostles did, they leave everything to be with Him and to serve God and their neighbour – to live the Gospel in concrete, everyday life, which means to give a testimony of how Jesus lived on this earth.

The foundations of consecrated life can be found in the Gospel, in those special relationships Jesus built with some of his disciples during his life on earth. He invited them not only to open their lives to enter God's Kingdom, but also to surrender their lives in such a way that they leave everything and faithfully follow the life of their Master. And such life is, according to Jesus' example, only possible thanks to a special vocation and strength through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

At the opening of the Year of Consecrated Life Pope Francis said: "Together let us thank the Father who called us to follow Jesus by ful-



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ly embracing the Gospel and serving the Church, and poured into our hearts the Holy Spirit, the source of our joy and our witness to God's love and mercy before the world."

The Holy Father recalls that the Year of Consecrated Life concerns not only consecrated persons, but the entire Church.

"So I invite every Christian community to experience this Year above all as a moment of thanksgiving to the Lord and grateful remembrance for all the gifts we continue to receive, thanks to the sanctity of founders and foundresses, and from the fidelity to their charism shown by so many consecrated men and women. I ask all of you to draw close to these men and women, to rejoice with them, to share their difficulties and to assist them, to whatever degree possible, in their ministries and works, for the latter are, in the end, those of the entire Church. Let them know the affection and the warmth which the entire Christian people feel for them."

The Holy Father invites us to experience this year with appreciation for

so many of our brothers and sisters who consecrated their lives to God and Mary. By this invitation the Holy Father Francis ends His Apostolic Letter saying: "I entrust this Year of Consecrated Life to Mary, the Virgin of listening and contemplation, the first disciple of her beloved Son. Let us look to her, the highly-beloved daughter of the Father, endowed with every gift of grace, as the unsurpassed model for all those who follow Christ in the love of God and service of their neighbour.

I join all of you in gratitude for the gifts of grace and light with which the Lord graciously wills to enrich us, and I accompany you with my Apostolic Blessing."

Source:

- *Apostolic Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to all Consecrated People on the Occasion of the Year of Consecrated Life;*
- *Apostolic Exhortations of the Pope John Paul II Vita consecrate.*

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„JESUS, HOW CAN I PLEASE YOU?“

„From June 9th to 16th I participated, along with my son Vyacheslav, in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. At the beginning of the pilgrimage, I felt as a random man among the many pilgrims. The truth is that I am a believer, but I go to church only occasionally or for the funeral of family or friends. But gradually I understood that common prayer and conversion to God, are very close to my heart and soul.

I was really struck by the ascent of Mount Križevac, and the contemplation of Father Arnis about Christ's suffering, that he accepted for us. Until then, I did not even know that I had so many sins. Climbing the mountain I felt that I had a lot of strength, but when I came down, I realised it was almost gone. Then my wife called and said that because of the health of our son Slavik, we need to ret-

think our family relationships. At the time I was sitting and thinking about the same thing. Probably God inspired us both, even though we were over two thousand kilometers apart.

The second moment which I particularly remember, was the meeting with Tereska. When she spoke about the fact that Our Lady said that nobody comes to Medjugorje by accident, I understood that it really is so. I felt warmth, goodness and love, as if the Virgin Mary herself was there. It meant that God had directed me to go on this journey, so that I could orientate myself and find the right way.

Thank you to all organizers of pilgrimages for the opportunity to visit holy sites.

Anatoly, Latvia

Hello there! Vitalij Drozd is writing to you. I am an invalid – blind. This was my first visit to Medjugorje. The pilgrimage was memorable not only for me, but also for my mother. Mama is raising me herself. My father left as soon as he learned about my vision problems. Mama works a lot, and the pilgrimage to Medjugorje was an exceptional rest for her. We really appreciate those who organized it – everything was excellent.

I want to share my impressions and thoughts. Before, when I was with my friends I wanted to be with them and play, but they did not accept me, saying, that I was not like them and that I would not manage. But in Medjugorje I participated in everything and I did not feel that I had any health issues. Sometimes even my mother doubted. When we were to climb the mountain she said to me: „We will not go, it's hard,“ but God always helps and he strengthened



me too.

I took my mother's hand and told her that we must go and that everything would be fine. Well, I managed. Not only did I have the strength to make the way myself, but also to help my mother. We felt good. We received God's grace! When we were at the top, I had these thoughts:

*„... On top of a cliff,
I look earnestly into heaven
and I admire
what wonders love can do.
What is beauty and peace of mind
and the heart beats
with no worries,
with love perhaps without barriers
to walk countless roads.
She knows how to soothe
and give you warmth and joy.
Love is like honey –
it has only sweetness.
And you become as birds
flying like a missile into the heights.“*

When I returned home, I told my friends about my pilgrimage. All were silent and listened. Medjugorje is a place where all people are friendly, kind and good. I would like it to be so everywhere. I did not want to leave. Thank you to all.

Vitalij, Latvia

My name is Mary Štejnberg. I'm from Eglajne, a first class invalid – „disabled person in a wheelchair“. I am 62 years old. It was my fourth trip to Medjugorje. I want to share my impressions from this pilgrimage to Medjugorje in June 2015.

It's a wonderful place. A place where heaven touches earth and you feel it. Everything is imbued with love, peace,



Source: archive LM 2x

and joy. Here you find yourself filled with joy, just like that, for no reason. Pains that torture you in everyday life, literally become dull and recede into the background. Joy has the first place in the heart.

I had already felt the special touch of Mary in Krakow, and then again when praying the rosary at the foot of the mountain. During adoration I felt the real presence of Jesus, which I cannot express in words. I asked him: „Jesus, what do you expect of me, what should I do in this life, what would please you?“ The answer was short: „To serve“. I wanted to scream, „What are you? How? What can I do?“ I wanted to ask for something easier. At that moment it seemed to me that to serve was unrealistic, but I know that God will not give me more than I can manage...

I sat and cried, knowing that Jesus cleanses me, exempts me from my doubts, my indecision. I said to Jesus, „Yes, Jesus, the way you want. I love you.“

Marija, Latvia

You can find more photos and testimonies at: www.svetlomariino.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming seminars:

- ♦ **20th International Seminar for Priests**
6th-11th July 2015
- ♦ **16th International Seminar for Married Couples:**
12th-15th July 2015

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we invite you to continuously pray
the rosary for peace in the world
and for the realization
of Virgin Mary's plans.

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Peace be with you!



The Light of MARY

„To bring Jesus - the Light of Mary - to every human heart“

Who are we?

The Light of Mary is a prayer group, which members want to walk on the path of holiness, led by Our Lady is in this special time. Through witness of their lives, in the spirit of the Gospel and messages of Our Lady they want to bring Jesus - the Light of the world, to this world; to renew the life of faith in their parishes.



„Dear children! Today also, joy is in my heart. I wish to thank you for making my plan possible to become reality. Each of you is important therefore, little children, pray and rejoice with me over every heart that has converted and become an instrument of peace in the world. Prayer groups are powerful, and through them I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call.” June 25, 2004



Prayer groups SM

Prayer groups usually meet in prayer every wee. If possible, the meetings are held at church. Program of each meeting is simple, the prayer consists of rosary prayer, reflection on the Bible and messages of Our Lady, sharing, prayer for the intention of Our Lady, for the needs of the neighbors and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

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FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

We usually meet in prayer on the first Saturday of each month. If possible, the prayer meetings are held on this day. We pray three rosaries, attend Holy Mass, Adoration and read reflections from the newspaper. We all pray for the intentions given in the newspaper, for the period of a whole month.

Through our newspaper we unite in prayer with our brothers and sisters from prayer groups mostly from the eastern countries – Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldavia, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, but also Pakistan, India, Slovakia, Czech Republic, USA, Germany, Austria.

IN OUR LIVES WE ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW THE MESSAGES OF OUR LADY:

- to pray three rosaries a day
- to fast every Wednesday and Friday
- to confess monthly
- to attend Holy Masses, often receive Holy Communion and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- to pray for the priests and Church
- to meet in prayer groups at least once a week, according to agreement of the members
- to help and serve our neighbours in a specific way



If you want to join us in prayer or receive our newspaper, please send an email to: gospa3@gmail.com

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