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Our Lady's Message is:

Pray and Fast

Frequent Mass

Monthly Confession

Daily Rosary

Love People

Use Blessed Objects

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Message Given to Marija Pavlovic-Lunett October 25, 2019

*"Dear Children! Today I call you to prayer.
May prayer be a balm to your soul, because the
fruit of prayer is joy, giving and witnessing God
to others – through your life. Little children, in
complete surrender to God, He will take care
of everything and will bless you; and your
sacrifices will have meaning. I am with you
and bless all of you with my motherly blessing.
Thank you for having responded to my call".*

Commentary on the October 25, 2019 Message

Again today, Our Lady calls us back to prayer. She wants prayer to be "a balm for our soul". She reminds us that if our prayer is consistent and pure, it will bear great fruit—joy, generosity

and witness to our faith in God through the virtue emanating from our lives. As a response to this message, let us examine the quality of our prayer lives to determine if our prayer truly is 'balm' – a fragrant preparation of healing and soothing for our souls.

St. Padre Pio said that prayer is the key that opens the heart of God. St. John of the Cross said that prayer is the search for Divine union with God.

Vocal Prayer:

Do the distractions of our schedules, troubles, thoughts of people, places and things overwhelm our prayer time? Do we pray the rosary, chaplet, novenas, consecrations and other vocal prayers fully centered on what we are saying? When we talk to God from our hearts, do we try to bargain with Him? Do we tell Him about our will rather than accepting His will? Are we in control or is God? How many I's do we use in our conversations with the Almighty?

Contemplation is touching God with the totality of our being. This form of prayer is sitting silently in God's presence in poverty of spirit totally aware of our smallness and God's omnipotence. How often do we go before God in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and just "be" – without words or books? How often in our prayer life are we consumed with love for God, filled with wonder and awe? How often in our prayer time are we in perfect conformity to the will of God for our lives?

Prayer of Union is being transformed into the perfect image of Jesus. This form of prayer is referred to this month as "complete surrender to God knowing He will take care of everything and will bless us".

We must begin prayer with the proper attitude – in humility and honesty. Our Pastor told a story in his homily today about an elderly man in a nursing home who demonstrates for us a humble and honest prayer experience. A new priest in the area went to visit the old man at the request of his daughter. When the priest arrived, he found the elderly man sitting in his wheelchair adjacent to an empty chair. Thinking that the man was expecting someone, he asked the man if someone was coming. The old man smiled and told the priest the empty chair was for Jesus. Every day he talked to Jesus and Jesus talked to him! He never told anyone else his method of daily prayer. When the old man died, he was found resting his head on the seat of the empty chair.

The cry of the poor in spirit is the richest prayer. The Lord's response is the greatest joy!

Mother Mary, teach us how to pray – with the right attitude, in honesty, in humility, with great joy.

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's Message
Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo
October 2, 2019**

"Dear children, the will and the love of the Heavenly Father make it so that I am among you, that I, with a motherly love, may help the

growth of faith in your heart, for you to be able to truly comprehend the purpose of earthly life and the greatness of the heavenly one. My children, the earthly life is the way to eternity, to truth, and to life - to my Son. I desire to lead you on that way. You, my children - you who always thirst for more love, truth, and faith - need to know that there is only one spring from which you can drink. It is trust in the Heavenly Father; it is trust in His love. Abandon yourselves completely to His will and do not be afraid. Everything that is best for you, everything that leads you to eternal life, will be given to you. You will comprehend that the purpose of life is not always to want and take, but to love and give. You will have true peace and true love. You will be apostles of love. By your example, you will make it so that those children who do not know my Son and His love may desire to come to know Him. My children, apostles of my love, adore my Son with me and love Him above all. Always strive to live in His truth. Thank you."

Come, Pray the Rosary!

Join us every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary. St. Mary's Church, 25 Center Street. Waterloo, NY. All are welcome!

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