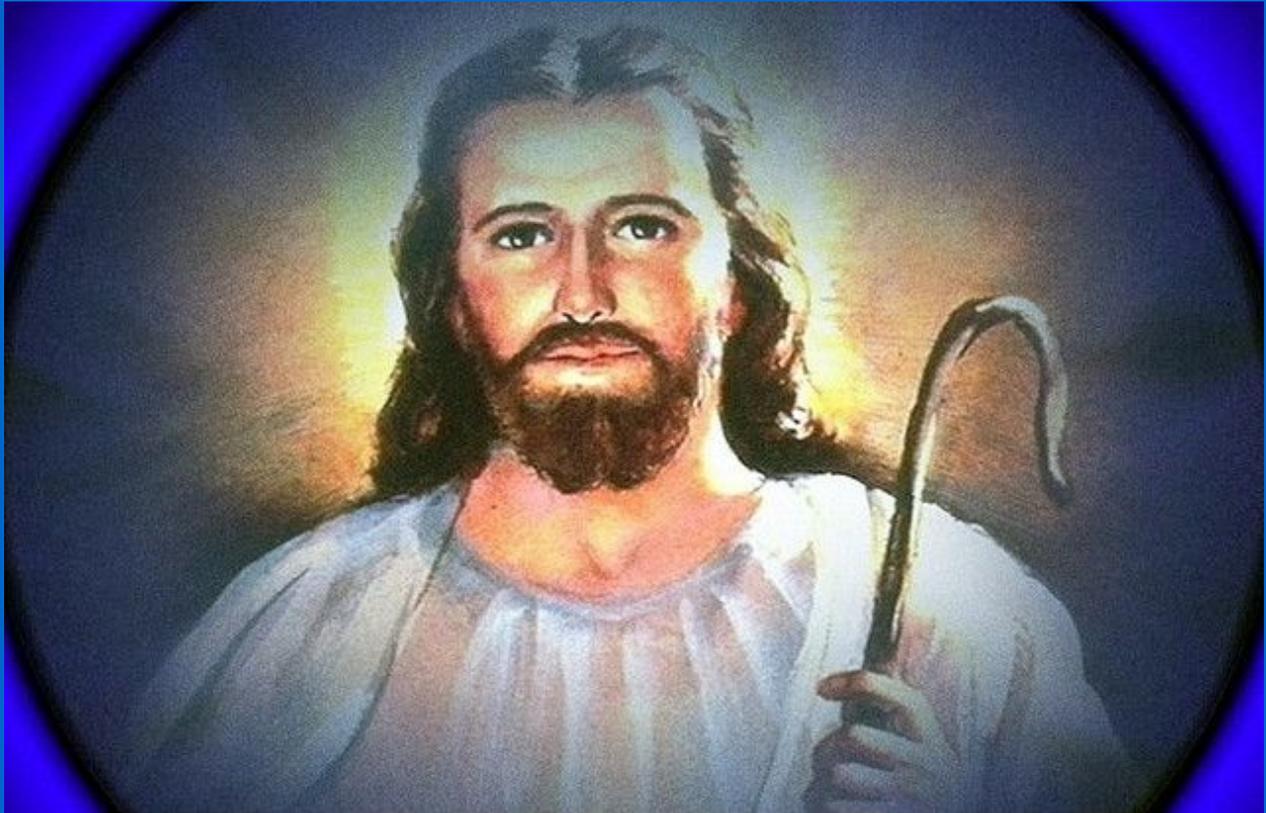




# Jesus The Lord Our Saviour

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**O Holy Virgin Mother Mary! You who bear The Holy One !**

**You who bring up The Holy One close to Your Heart!  
Mother dear! Turn Your gaze of love towards me as well! Show me the concern in Your eyes!  
Mother You who are the fullness of Motherhood and Holiness!**

**O Holy Virgin Mother! Have mercy upon me !  
The world that I live in and my surroundings all cause me endless pain Mother!  
There is no peace! Troubles, pain, tiredness and confusion fill my heart!  
Mother I give in to despair!  
O Queen! Mary who bear the Infant Jesus in Your arms! O personification of Fullness! We hail You!  
Turn Your gaze of love towards me!!Show me the face of the Fruit of Your Womb Mother !  
Hold and stretch forth His Hands towards me Mother !**

**Touch me and bless me Mother!**

**O Full of Grace! The reason for our Peace!**

**Grant me Your Peace Mother!  
Our entire family falls in surrender at Your Feet. Touch and comfort me O  
Mother!**

**I praise You alone !**

**O Virgin Mother!**

**AMEN ! THANKYOU !**

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# BELOVED IN CHRIST...



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" The desire to pray more is a conscious decision taken by the individual!" Hence praying more is a grace given by God! This grace is granted to those who pray more and more. (Message of Mother Mary of Medjugorje.) Before Our LORD began His public ministry, He fasted and prayed for forty days. Having preached the whole day to the people, He kept Himself awake in prayer at night. Before He could choose His twelve apostles, it is mentioned in the Gospel of Luke that, " he spent the night in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12)

He advices His disciples saying, " Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." (Luke 22:40) Today at Medjugorje Our Blessed Mother tirelessly appears for 31 years and is calling us all to pray.

When several people point out the economic recession as the reason for the sufferings of our people, we should not forget- more than the economic recession, the spiritual dryness has overwhelmed our people and has attacked our families. The unity between the husband and wife gets ruptured and several break-ups! In this situation , the children get affected , their spiritual life is in tantrums they forget God selfishness and lust overrule their life and the welfare of the family is at stake. Ponder over this. Do you give God the first place in your personal life and in your family life?

Do you as a family together give God at least some time read the Bible, meditate upon It and pray together?

Family prayer, the Rosary prayed in union- will preserve the unity and peace in your family. Your heart will be brimming with Joy!

I wish you Joy!

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**“Mother ! are You happy with me?”**



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Ivan Dragicevic shared his experiences with the pilgrims who came on June 6th. This is the question he asks himself everyday in his mind, “ Mother! Are You happy with me?” Once he asked this directly to Mother Mary during the apparition: “Mother why me? Mother why did You choose me?” The response that Mother Mary gave with a smile: “ My loving child, I am not always looking only for the best.”

When Mother Mary appeared at Medjugorje on 24th June 1981, Ivan was a mere 16 years old. He was an ordinary student. He joined the seminary with the desire to become a priest. As he could not learn Latin well, he came home discontinuing his studies. There is a seminary run by the Jesuits at Dubrovnik. When I stayed there one day and conversed with the Rector, this is what he had to share.

“ As Ivan does not possess intelligence enough to learn Latin, we did not accept him in the seminary for priestly studies.” At that moment this is what came to my mind: I told myself, “Although he is not worthy of the Jesuits, yet isn't Ivan considered worthy by the Mother of God?” The Message given by Our Blessed Mother to Ivan was indeed a Good News. The mentality of Our Blessed Mother is not the same as that of human beings. Ivan himself reminds us of this truth in his conversation.

“ Mother, when there are so many who are greater, talented, cleverer, better and more intelligent than I , why did You choose me?”

The reply of Our Mother makes us think. From the 11th of April 1988 to the 22nd I participated in the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother along with this same Ivan. On that 13th April at around 5.40 p.m. Our Mother spoke to Ivan. I do not know what he heard in his ears. But a voice echoed uncontrollably in my heart.

“ My son, I love you. Words cannot explain the extent of my love for you. I have chosen you. I love you just as you are. I need you...”

I need you...

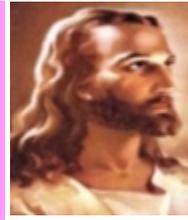
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Within my heart, “ Do you need me?” there was no other answer than tears in my eyes. I sobbed through the entire night.



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I stayed continuously for the next seven days with Ivan during the apparitions. I went through an inexplicable celestial experience. There are no words to explain it all. After seven days, I came from Medjugorje to the town of Dubrovnik and from there by ship to Bari in Italy. From there I travelled also to Rome, then to Germany and back to Chennai. From that day on, till now, not a single day passes without thinking about Medjugorje Mother, The Queen of Peace.

Having listened to the talk of Ivan given to the pilgrims, in June, I meditate along with you. Ivan listens to Our Blessed Mother’s Voice directly for years, even when he is in USA or when travelling to European countries and he meets several Prayer groups and priests. He shares the Messages of Our Blessed Mother. Ivan is very simple and humble. He is now married and has four children as well. Our Blessed Virgin Mother continuously gives message to the world through him. He acts as an instrument in the Hands of the Blessed Mother. He agrees that it is very difficult to stay faithful to the Blessed Mother every day. But he asks this question to himself every day.

“Mother, are You pleased with me?”

This question makes us also think. It is good for us who read and listen to the Messages of Our Blessed Mother, to ask this question for ourselves and meditate upon it. We pray to Our Mother for such long time. We lift up our petitions to Her for our needs, that we should be filled with a lot of goodness, and that our sufferings should be removed. But we fail to ask Her, “Mother are You pleased with me?” It is worth while to consider whether our thoughts, speech, actions and relationships are pleasing to the eyes of Our Lord and of Our Blessed Mother. This will strengthen us in wisdom.

**Mother Mary told Ivan thus:**

“ My child, it is not as if I choose only the best of every one.” These words are a great consolation to us. Our Mother does not expect difficult tasks from us. She loves us just as we are. Ivan explains the messages of Our Blessed Mother and underlines certain important points.

1. Peace
2. Conversion
3. Prayer with the heart
4. Penance and Fasting
5. Strong Faith
6. Love
7. Forgiveness
8. The Holy Eucharist
9. Confession
10. Reading the Holy Scripture
11. Message of Hope



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**Our Mother explains these messages mentioned here, in a simple manner. She invites us to listen, take it to heart and to live accordingly. When Our Blessed Mother speaks to us again and again, She in no way frightens us. But She comes to us as the Mother who gives us Hope. During the initial days of the apparition , the six visionaries stood in awe in a transcendental state. As they were unable to mention that The One appearing to them was the Mother of Jesus, they called Her 'Gospa'. She called in Croatian. One of the six visionaries, Vicka asked Our Mother several times, " What is Your Name?", but She merely smiled at Her and disappeared.**

**Once she brought a note book and pen and requested, " Please write Your Name and in this book." That day Mother Mary smiled and said, " I am the Queen of Peace."As Ivan mentioned, when asked, "Who are You and what is Your Name?" This was the reply given:**

**“ I am the Queen of Peace. Loving children, my Son has sent me to help you. And so , I have come to you. Loving children, peace, peace, peace, only peace! Peace should reign through out the world. Dear children, between God and human beings and between the human beings, peace should reign.”**

**Dear children there is a very big danger lurking for this world and for humanity. There is a danger of the world wiping out itself. This was how Our Mother’s words were in the early days. Peace is the ardent wish of Our Blessed Mother. Our Mother comes from the King of Peace. Who else realises better that this tired world stands so much in need of peace? This restless world has lost its hope and is longing for peace. How much we need peace. There is no peace in the families. There is dearth of peace amongst the youngsters. We cannot find it even in the Church. Our Mother comes to meet us as the Mother of the Church and as the Mother of us all.**

**Our Mother says,“Dear children , if you remain steadfast, then the Church will remain steadfast. If you remain weak, then the Church will also remain weak. Dear children, you are my living Church. You are the lungs to my Church. Hence , I call you. Pray in your families. With every family turned into a small Church, you pray there. Dear children, without the families that breathe and live, there is no Church that breathes and lives.”**

**Our Blessed mother’s wish is made very clear to us in this. We should renew our prayer life in every family. This is very important. If there should be a spurt of vocations in the Church, we should pray in our families. This is a divine call. Priests are born in praying families. A praying family is a living family. The society today is such that without spiritual life the world has grown weaker. Families should be healed. This is why Our Mother speaks to us.**



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She helps us as a Mother , and encourages us so, comforts us. When She stresses on a point drawing a line She corrects us from that which would be beneficial to us. She wishes to lead us in a beneficial path. The heavenly medicine that She wishes to give us will heal us from all pain. Our beloved Mother’s tenderness and embrace will heal our wounds. She wishes to lead us on a peaceful path towards Her Son. Our Blessed Mother and Her Son are our Peace. This is one of the Messages given by Our Mother:

“ Dear children, our world is facing a very great crisis compared to the days of yore. This big crisis is the loss of hope in God. As you stand very far away from God. The world of today, the humanity is marching towards a Godless future. Dear children, there is absolutely no prayer in the families.”

There is no time for the parents to look after the children. There is also no time for the children to interact with the parents. There has come about a dearth of love in the families. Fidelity in marriage has become a thing of the by-gone era. There is no decent living with good habits. How many fragmented families live amidst us.

Our Divine Mother tells us with Motherly Love,“ Dear children, give God and your families the first place.” Move towards the future clinging on to Him. Then there will be peace. There will be unity. Our Mother comes to meet us. She wishes to show us the path by segregating us from darkness. She ,longs to lead us on the path of Life and the path filled with Hope. She comes to us as The Mother of Hope. She wishes to solely give the world hope. A Message given by Our blessed Mother:

“My little children, unless there is peace in the hearts of the people, unless man is at peace with himself, dear children, peace cannot reign high in the world. Dear children, this is why I call you. Instead of talking peace, live peace. Do not talk about prayer. Instead live prayer. Dear children, only when peace and prayer take possession of the family, can your families be healed spiritually.”

This world , this humanity stands in need of being healed spiritually. Economic melt down alone is not the problem today. But the neglect and back seat for spirituality is the biggest problem. The spiritual neglect is the main cause of the fall down of all other aspects, in our families and in our souls. Our Blessed Mother comes to us. She wishes to raise the humanity fallen in the deep pit of sin. She is concerned that we should all receive Redemption.

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Hence Our Mother calls us:

**”Dear children, I am with you. I come to meet you. As I wish to help you. I wish to bring peace to your families. Therefore loving children, I need you. Only with your help can I establish peace. Therefore loving children, you should decide strongly for the Truth and for what is good. You should fight against evil and against sin.”**

Our Blessed Mother speaks to us in a simple manner. Certain times She repeats what She already said. She never tires. Aren't many mothers among you like that? How many times, you mothers correct your children. Be careful. Study well. Don't be lazy. Be respectful towards the elders. Do this, don't do that- this is the way you mothers speak to your wards a hundred thousand times, don't you? You never get tired of doing it, do you? Can one mother among you say that it is sufficient for you to say something to your child just once and that he immediately does it? That you don't have to repeat it the second time, and that you are very happy because of that? Such a child is very seldom found! All mothers repeat the same thing again and again. It is in this similar manner that Our Dear Mother repeats what She told Her children, again and again. The children shouldn't forget , isn't it?

Our Mother does not come here to frighten us, or to punish us or to accuse us and not even to speak about the end of the world or about the Second coming Of Jesus. No, our Mother is a Mother of Hope.

Among the Messages that our Blessed Mother gives, I here wish to reiterate the one on Peace. We should learn how to forgive. We should practice forgiving our own selves. We should also learn to forgive others. We thus open the door of our hearts and give way for the Holy Spirit. For, we cannot be healed without forgiveness. If we wish to be healed in our body, spiritual life of in our feelings, then we should know how to forgive. This is why Our Mother calls us to pray and to Pray with the heart. It is not enough to pray with our lips. It is not enough to pray just as a traditional practice. Our Blessed Mother teaches us the way to pray with our whole heart. Do not pray looking at your watch, waiting desperately when the prayer would get over.

What Our Mother tells us is that we shouldn't say that we are doing it only for the sake of God(as God does not benefit from our prayers.) When Our Mother asks us to pray with the heart, She invites us to do so. The first meaning of this is to Pray out of love. May the love from the heart be the driving force to pray. May this strong prayer of ours be the relationship with Jesus. That is to say that we commune and relate with Jesus in prayer.

When we pray with the heart, joy and peace will fill our hearts. This is what Our Mother said:

**“May prayer alone be your joy. Loving children, if you wish into this school of prayer, then there is one thing you should know. In this school of prayer there is neither week-end holidays nor is there a period of rest. You should be present in this school of prayer every day. Dear children if you wish to pray better then pray more. Because to pray more is always a personal decision, and to pray better , that is a grace. It is a grace given to those who pray more. Many among us say that we don't have the time to pray. The work load is such that we don't have the time to pray.**

**But Our Mother tells us, “Never say that you don't have the time to pray. Dear children, time is not the problem, but the problem is love. For dear children, when you love , when you go seeking for something, you will definitely allocate time for it. But when you don't like something, when you don't love something, then you wont take the time for it. Where there is love, everything is possible, you will always take the time for it.”**

Just as a person gets inactive when he is in a stage of coma and is in his death bed, so too has our world become inactive in spiritual matters. Our Mother wishes to save this world from this state. She wishes to keep us strong in faith and in prayer . Pay heed to the invitations given by Our Blessed Mother and listen to Her Messages. Thus we would all in unison be people who join our hands together in creating a world filled with all goodness. This world belongs to the children of God. The seeds we sow is bound to fall on good soil and produce fruits manifold. This is the time for us to be responsible people. By being responsible people, we are bound receive God's Word and also spread it through out the world.

By participating in prayer, let us decide, all through, the families and the world will experience. We shall stand by God's side. We have our True Peace in God alone. I thank you! Praise be God!

**(A beautiful Message given by Ivan Dragicevic to the pilgrims who came to Medjugorje . Fr.V. Ignatius has translated it with his comments.),**