

From the Blue Book 'Abandon yourselves totally to Me'

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The family must pray together and read the Bible

At this time of January, after Christmas, we could say that all Our Lady's messages spoke of satan: beware of satan, satan is strong, he is angry, he wants to destroy my plans....

(In January, the Madonna delivered this message through Vicka (14th January 1985): *"My dear children, Satan is so powerful that he wishes, with all his strength, to obstruct my plans which I started with you. Pray, only pray and never stop, not even for a second. I shall pray My Son that all the plans I have started will be accomplished. Be patient and persevere in your prayers and do not let satan discourage you. He acts very strongly in the world. Be careful !"*)

And She asked everyone to pray for all those who were tempted. Each one of us is tempted, but above all, the people responsible for these events. So it is necessary to pray hard. A fortnight ago She said: *"Pray so that all the trials that come from satan might serve for the glory of the Lord."* She also said that it was easier to disarm satan with ardent prayer and humble love. These are the arms to use to disarm Satan without any difficulty, just like Our Lady prayed and loved.

Last Thursday (14th February) She said: *"I am sad because there are still many who are not following this path, even in the Parish."* And She also said: *"You must pray in your families and you must read the Bible."*

I have already remarked at other times that we do not come across many messages where Our Lady says: "you must." This is what She said to Marija, 'you must'.

The messages of the apparitions are always an invitation - "if you wish". But this time She said "you must." I think She also wanted to prepare us for Lent. For example, if a mother takes a three-year old child by the hand to teach him to walk, at a certain moment she will let go of his hand and say : 'You must walk alone ...' It is not a command. He has grown up and so she says: 'Now you must, because you can.'

We can say this because little Jelena, who has internal locutions, explained the difference between Our Lady's way of speaking and that of satan. (She has at times heard and has been tried by satan.)

Jelena said that Our Lady never says: 'You must' and She does not anxiously wait to see what will happen. She offers, She invites, She lets us be free.

On the contrary, when satan proposes anything or looks for something, he is nervous, he does not wait, he has no time: he wants everything immediately, he is impatient.

And so I think that if Our Lady says: "You must," then we really must !

We shall see what Our Lady says this evening. Every day there is something, or a message for us ...

You see, the general message is not peace, it is Our Lady's presence. If She has not said anything, if, for example She has only appeared for a second, it is the general message: "I am with you." And from Her presence everything receives a special force.

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