

Reflections

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Do Not Hide Love and Goodness!

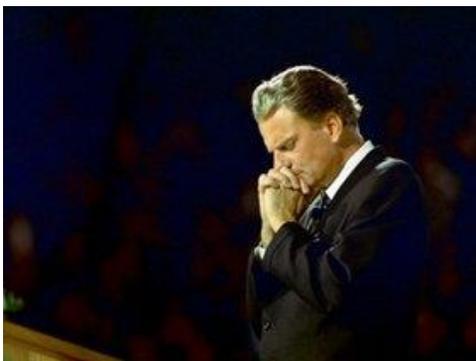
Blessings to All:

How would you describe the signs of the times today? The signs in the world; the signs in our country; the signs in our families?

Each of us can relate to these questions and many would say that something is terribly wrong in the world. Love has been replaced by killing babies in the womb; world leaders ruling their country with malice and without love; political parties brewing false agendas as real truth...So many times we see the meanness and division that exists in the world without love and goodness.

To many of us that have been to ¹Medjugorje and felt the call of God in our hearts, our souls has been enriched by the experience. The messages Our Lady gives to the world, speaks about her wish and prayer for our conversion. To return to the gospel and be examples to others living in a world full of hate and darkness.

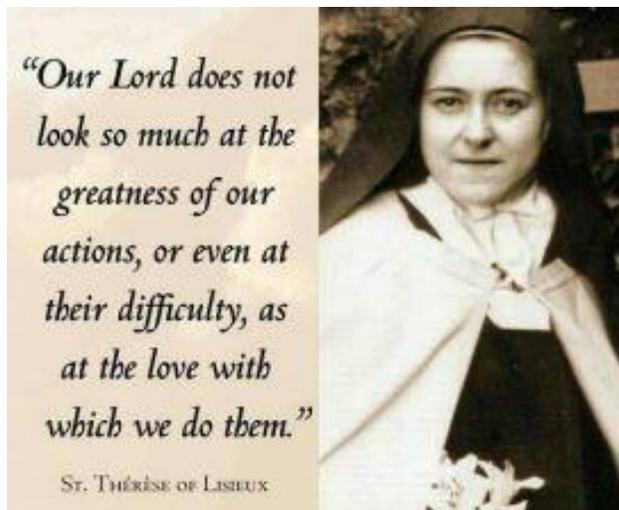
Has God called you to help in the conversion of others? Do you feel the need to pray more? Your response to these tugging's in your heart do not need to be big things. The small things you do... to change the way you treat others...or offer small sacrifices for the souls of others...or the smile you give to others... all of these things become ways in which God can work through your life to help others.



I believe a great calling has gone out from Heaven to amass souls in the battle against evil. You are part of this battle and each of us are given different roles and graces by God to be used in the salvation of souls. Evangelist like Billy Graham, have been calling millions to accept the word of God, which is Jesus Christ. "To change whatever is taking you away from God. To accept forgiveness through Jesus and to treat others with dignity and respect. For we are all God's children."

¹ Church leaders have not decided on the authenticity of the Apparitions at this time.

St Therese of the Child Jesus...Create Love and Goodness



Examples of creating love and goodness in life, can be seen in simple souls who became great examples. The Little Flower of Jesus had such an experience in her life.

Thérèse has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. Together with Saint Francis of Assisi, she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church. Pope Saint Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern

times." Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes written by theologians.

Yet St. Therese died when she was only 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called "Story of a Soul."

Below are several quotes of hers:

- **"A WORD OR A SMILE IS OFTEN ENOUGH TO PUT FRESH LIFE IN A DESPONDENT SOUL."**
- **"AND IT IS THE LORD, IT IS JESUS, WHO IS MY JUDGE. THEREFORE, I WILL TRY ALWAYS TO THINK LENIENTLY OF OTHERS, THAT HE MAY JUDGE ME LENIENTLY, OR RATHER NOT AT ALL, SINCE HE SAYS: "JUDGE NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE JUDGED."**



In a world needing love and forgiveness, start by doing small things with love to all you meet. A smile...a word of encouragement...a shoulder to cry on...avoid arguments...do not judge others no matter what the circumstances... it is Jesus' job to do the judging.

Let your light of grace shine on others like a star that fills the voids in heaven. Love and Goodness will follow.

Sings of the Times and of Hope



Our Lady of Medjugorje has spoken several times about "the signs of the time." Here are six messages in which she speaks of the signs of the times.

Monday, July 16, 1984

"I pray for the priests and the parishioners, that no one may be troubled. I know the changes which will take place soon, (in the parish clergy). At the time of the changes, I will be there. Also, do not be afraid; there will be in the **future signs** concerning sinners, unbelievers, alcoholics, and young people. They will accept me again."

January 25, 1993 "Dear children! Today I call you to accept and live my messages with seriousness. These days are the days when you need to decide for God, for peace, and for the good. May every hatred and jealousy disappear from your life and your thoughts and may there only dwell love for God and for your neighbor. Thus, and only thus shall you be able to discern the **signs of the time**. I am with you, and I guide you into a new time, a time which God gives you as grace so that you may get to know him more. Thank you for having responded to my call."

August 25, 1993 "Dear children! I want you to understand that I am your Mother, that I want to help you and call you to prayer. Only by prayer can you understand and accept my messages and practice them in your life. Read Sacred Scripture, live it, and pray to understand the **signs of the times**. This is a special time; therefore, I am with you to draw you close to my heart and the heart of my Son Jesus. Dear little children, I want you to be children of the light and not of darkness. Therefore, live what I am telling you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

June 2, 2007 "Dear children! Also, in this difficult time God's love sends me to you. My children, do not be afraid; I am with you. With complete trust give me your hearts, that I may help you to recognize the **signs of the time** in which you live. I will help you to come to know the love of my Son. I will triumph through you. Thank you."

May 2, 2009 Mirjana, Our Lady was very sad. She only gave a message and blessed us.

"Dear children! Already for a long time I am giving you my motherly heart and offering my Son to you. You are rejecting me. You are permitting sin to overcome you more and more. You are permitting it to master you and to take away your power of discernment. My poor children, look around you and look at **the signs of the times**. Do you think that you can do without God's blessing? Do not allow darkness to envelop you. From the depth of your hearts cry out for my Son. His Name disperses even the greatest darkness. I will be with you; just call on me, 'Here we are Mother; lead us.' Thank you."

March 8, 2006 "Dear children! In this Lenten time, I call you to interior renunciation. The way to this leads you through love, fasting, prayer, and good works. Only with total interior renunciation will you recognize God's love and the **signs of the time** in which you live. You will be witnesses of **these signs** and will begin to speak about them. I desire to bring you to this. Thank you for having responded to me."

My reason for posting these messages is not to indicate that this foreshadows the second coming of Christ as mentioned in the bible. No one knows the time or date but the Father. But I believe they serve as a 'wakeup call' to be a light to others wondering in darkness. **Our examples speak louder than any words we can say**. The signs of our times are times of hate, murder of the unborn, and evil of great proportions throughout the world. Our Lady wants us to spread love and goodness by our examples rooted in Christ.

We have recently heard Vice President Pence quoting a bible verse on TV. It is 2 Chron: 14..." if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

If our most senior elected leaders will quote the bible to us, then it is also a **sign of our times**. Heaven and earth are calling out to us to change our ways. We can do our part by our prayers for our leaders; our families; our friends; for lost souls and by praying for those who believe that killing our babies in the womb is okay.

The evil that is upon the earth is sign of the times and will cast its dark shadow upon more of the earth if we sit back and do nothing. We are called to be lights to a world living in darkness. Pray, fast and use the gifts God is giving you to show love, goodness and forgiveness to everyone.

A Letter from God

I was looking through one of my favorite website for people who like to fish and found a remarkable true story of a little girl and her dog. I felt that this was a story to share with others. Here is the original posting of a Father whose little 4-year-old daughter suffered the loss of her dog named Abbey. The Father was cleaning out some old files that had accumulated when he found this letter that was written by "God" many years ago to his young daughter. Enjoy!

Here is the letter Meredith sent to God.

Dear God, will you please take care of my dog Abbey?

She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I'm happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play



with her. She likes to swim and play with balls.

I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog.

I really miss her.

Love, Meredith

The letter was put in an envelope with a picture of Abbey & Meredith, addressed it to God/Heaven. They put their return address on it. Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office.

A few days later, Meredith asked her Mother if God had gotten the letter yet. "I told her that I thought He had."

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, '**To Meredith**' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, '*When a Pet Dies.*'

Taped to the inside front cover was the letter that we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right away. Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog.



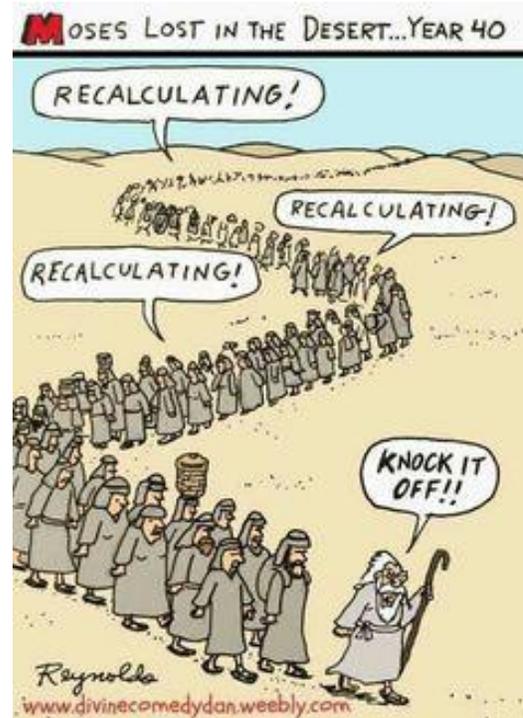
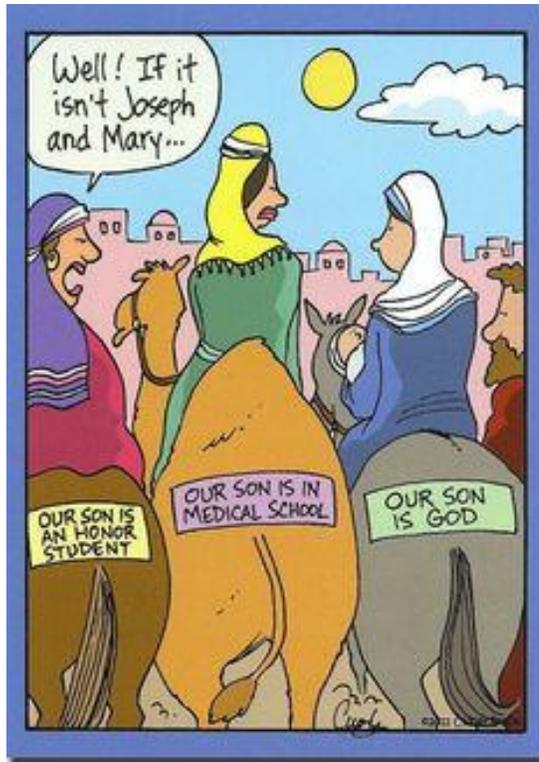
Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by. Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I'm easy to find.

I am wherever there is love.

**Love,
God**

Little Humor Section



God Calls and Qualifies the Called

Jacob was a cheater, Peter had a temper, David had an affair, Noah got drunk, Jonah ran from God, Paul was a murderer, Miriam was a gossip, Martha was a worrier, Gideon was insecure, Thomas was a doubter, Sarah was impatient, Elijah was depressed, Moses stuttered, Mary Magdalene was a prostitute, Zacchaeus was short, Abraham was old and Lazarus was dead. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.



Our mission statement is to motivate people to pray and to be Christian examples in their work, home and with others, for those needing the Light in a world of Darkness.

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HE IS RISEN

