

The Battle for the Soul of America

I Come to You, O Children of America, as a Last Resort



On September 27, 1956, Our Lady again appeared to me while I was at prayer. She held the world in her hands. From her eyes tears were flowing upon it, as though she longed to cleanse it from its guilt. It was then that I heard these words filled with sorrow and longing.

“Behold, O my children, the tears of your Mother! Shall I weep in vain? Assuage the sorrow of my Heart over the ingratitude of sinful men by the love and chasteness of your lives. Will you do this for me, beloved children, or will you allow your Mother to weep in vain? I come to you, O children of America, as a last resort. I plead with you to listen to my voice. Cleanse your souls in the Precious Blood of My Son. Live in His Heart, and take me in that I may teach you to live in great purity of heart which is so pleasing to God. Be my army of chaste soldiers, ready to fight to the death to preserve the purity of your souls. I am the Immaculate One, Patroness of your land. Be my faithful children as I have been your faithful Mother.”

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Fostoria, Ohio, Pg. 12.)

It is now 2013. Our Lady spoke these words to Sister Mildred Neuzil in 1957, fifty-six years ago, suggesting that the world has been in danger of God’s judgment for half a century. We believe God is the Lord of Nature and nothing happens but by His ordaining or permissive or conditional Will. Thus, the natural disasters, the political upheavals and the global economic crisis are no accidents and may well be viewed by God fearing people as part of the judgment of which Our Lady has warned us. At Fatima Our Lady stated that war is a punishment for sin. **What does Our Lady mean in this message when she says she comes to her children in America as a last resort?** Have other older, traditionally Christian nations failed to live by and uphold God’s supreme authority over them? Is Our Lady growing weary of America’s routine prayer for God to bless America when America, having already been so blessed, attempts to remove God from all the places where He belongs and from the hearts of our people? Sister Mildred was adamant that the sin of abortion which we have legalized here in the United States, denying a whole class of people, children in the womb, their God given unalienable human rights--the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness--was calling down God’s judgment upon America.

Why would God's judgment be looming over America? When we consider that America has been blessed with a rich Christian heritage and legacy of freedom, faith and godly hospitality to the poor of the world and has enjoyed that freedom without the oppression of atheistic dictatorships that claim divine rights and usurp all God-given rights from the people, must we not bend our knees in gratitude? Our unalienable rights define our belief in the sacredness of life, the unfathomable dignity of the human person and the right to worship God freely as beings dependent upon Him for our existence. The United States of America has been privileged to be the first nation to proclaim Mary under the title of her Immaculate Conception as our Patroness. The United States of America has now been greatly favored with the appearance of Our Lady under the title of our Nation in this new image as **"Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin®."** With America's heritage of welcoming the poor of all nations, this favor represents Our Lady's universal spiritual motherhood over her children who have come from all nations to America precisely to enjoy religious and political freedom. Our Lady speaks unequivocally about Heaven's mandate to America, the United States of America in particular, to lead the world away from this genocide of Holy Innocents that is abortion, and from its concomitant attacks upon life at any stage and upon marriage and family life as God has ordained it. God has ordained marriage to be between one man and one woman for the establishment of a stable family that provides every child with a father and a mother as proper growth and development demands. If we deny the very first unalienable right, the right to life itself, how can we logically fight for any other rights, for they all flow from this first one? Society isn't referred to as a **"culture of death"** without cause. Sins against life necessarily involve disobedience to God and man's playing at being god and lord of life, as well as some form of impurity of faith or life. If our hearts and minds and bodies and souls were truly chaste and pure, we would not be able to tolerate our contemporary fascination with guns, violence, the vulgarity of the tongue, the culture of the flesh and self indulgence, and even death itself.

History recognizes Adolph Hitler as an evil man who exterminated six million Jews, a class of people he determined had no human rights--no right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He exterminated another five to six million non-Jews whose faith in God demanded that they try to save these people from death. Hitler's false exaltation of the Nazi Aryan race led him to **dehumanize** the Jews as vermin, unworthy of life, so he could rationalize his evil deeds in destroying them. So had Lucifer exalted his angelic nature as too superior to worship a God who would embrace such unimaginable humility as to assume a human nature so inferior to the Divine Nature and the nature of the angels. He, too, rationalized his refusal to serve His God in the Sacred Humanity. Hurlled from heaven to earth, Satan and his cohorts prowl the world seeking souls to destroy; they wage relentless revenge and war upon that Sacred Humanity and His Bride Who is one with Him, the Church. These demons seduce thousands away from the house of their Father and the arms of their Savior with lies that present sin so attractively through charismatic personages under demonic influence that many cannot resist. **Only the pure of heart can discern the spirits.** Satan cannot endure truth for he is a master liar; he cannot endure humility, for he is bloated with pride, the root of all sin. Satan and the demons flee when the holy names of

Jesus and Mary are prayed. These holy names, God's Word and humility are our surest weapons to gain victory over the devil and his demons.

January 22, 2013, marked the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in the United States, **exterminating over 54 million babies in America alone by, like Hitler, dehumanizing them, claiming they are not persons in the womb when for centuries we have known that they are.** Hitler's crimes pale in the light of these numbers. **Is Roe vs. Wade a valid civil law?** God is Creator and therefore has supreme authority over all creation and life itself. He is the author of the Laws of the Universe which keep all things in balance. God is the author of the Natural and the Moral Law which ensures human behavior will remain in perfect harmony in its relationship to God, to others and to itself. God is perfection, infinite goodness and purity; He cannot will evil nor do anything that is not good or is contrary to His own laws. He looked at all that He had made and saw that it was good. Sin, as a result of free will, destroys that harmony and goodness. As Creator, God is the source of all legitimate authority, civil and religious, and all authority is subject to His. So we must ask again, **can any civil law that is contrary to the Divine Law,** the Natural Law written into our very natures by the Creator, and the Moral Law revealed to us by God Himself as the norm for human behavior as befits our nature as persons made in His image and likeness and destined for union with Him, our true good, **be valid civil law?** Dare we be so foolish as to think we are higher than or better than or more knowing and good than God? **If civil law is not valid law in the eyes of God, do we not have a duty to disobey and oppose it and to do everything in our power to overturn it?** Obviously, mankind has decided, like Lucifer, to be its own god and to do its own will in defiance of God. Our Lady addresses this hardheartedness in sinful man when she expresses her sorrow over the darkness that is enveloping the world. Darkness is symbolic of evil and error. On February 11, 1981, Our Lady led Sister Mildred to understand that **"the Forces of Evil are enveloping the world. Their hatred, however, is now particularly focused on the United States because of the Divine Mandate given to it to lead the world to peace."** (Diary, Pg. 39.)

The Immaculate One is also the Mother of Mercy. In 1956 she begged us to turn to her and ask for that mercy with a sincere effort at amending our lives.

"The hour grows late. My Son's patience will not last forever. Help me hold back His anger which is about to descend on sinful and ungrateful men. Suffering and anguish, such as never before experienced, is about to overtake mankind. It is the darkest hour. But if men will come to me, my Immaculate Heart will make it bright again with the mercy which my Son will rain down through my hands. Help me save those who will not save themselves. Help me bring once again the sunshine of God's peace upon the world." ...

"Tell the Bishops of the United States, my loyal sons, of my desires and how I wish them to be carried out. Through him who is head over you, make known the longings of my Immaculate Heart to establish the reign of my Divine Son in the hearts of men and thus save them from the scourge of heaven, both now and hereafter."

“My daughter, will my children in America listen to my pleadings and console my Immaculate Heart? Will my loyal sons carry out my desires and thus help me bring the peace of Christ once again to mankind?”

“Pray and do penance, my sweet child, that this may come to pass. Trust me and love me; I so desire it. Do not forget your poor Mother, who weeps over the loss of so many of her children.” (Diary, Pg. 15.)

Repeatedly Our Lady emphasizes the call to penance and reform of life through the imitation of the humility and obedience to God’s Will of the Holy Family, simple virtues that overcome those deadly vices of the world, the flesh and the devil. She calls us to live a deeply interior life in union with the Divine Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity made present in our souls with sanctifying grace. St. Augustine reminds us that the God Who created us without our consent cannot save us without our consent! The Church Fathers state that Mary’s “fiat” was necessary to give consent on behalf of mankind for God’s plan of salvation to take place, but each of us must speak our own personal “fiat” if the merits Jesus won for us are to be efficacious for our own salvation. **We must personally choose Jesus as our Savior, for God never forces our free will.**

In April of 1957, Our Lady gave this warning to us through Sister Mildred:

“My sweet child, unless my children reform their lives, they will suffer great persecution. If man himself will not take upon himself the penance necessary to atone for his sins and those of others, God in His justice will have to send upon him the punishment necessary to atone for his transgressions.” (Diary, Pg. 17.)

“My beloved daughter, what I am about to tell you concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them.

My child, there will be peace, as has been promised, but not until my children are purified and cleansed from defilement, and clothed thus with the white garment of grace, are made ready to receive this peace, so long promised and so long held back because of the sins of men. My dear children, either you will do as I desire and reform your lives, or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishments. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace. If you will not prepare yourselves, God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy.” (Diary, Pg. 21.)

How many times Our Lady begs us to reform our lives so God’s grace can fill us with true and lasting peace and happiness. Her voice is a prophetic one which always involves warning as well as promise, calls for repentance while giving promises of grace and mercy and hope! Scripture and the Christian life have shown us repeatedly that **prayer, penance and fasting can change the conditional will of God and reverse His judgment upon us.** How comforting to us are Our Lady’s words that there will be peace as promised, once we are purified and made ready for it. Have we in America been purified? Are we ready for peace? Our Lady, both by word and by the example of her own life, gives testimony to the need for suffering in the process of total transformation into the image of Christ.

“My child, nothing is accomplished without pain. Prepare to suffer much. You see the sword in the Heart of your Mother. Suffering completed the work of divine grace in my soul. He who refuses to suffer will never abide in the Spirit of Christ, will never be formed into His image.” (Diary, Pg. 23.)

It was on September 26, 1956, the pre-Vatican II feast of the North American martyrs who were so devoted to the Immaculate One and suffered martyrdom for their Faith in Jesus, that Our Lady first appeared to Sister Mildred as **“Our Lady of America®”** and entrusted her with this message to make known to her children in America.

“My child, I entrust you with this message that you must make known to my children in America. I wish it to be the country dedicated to my purity. The wonders I will work will be the wonders of the soul. They must have faith and believe firmly in my love for them. I desire that they be the children of my Pure Heart. I desire, through my children in America, to further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and nations. Let them come to me with confidence and simplicity, and I, their Mother, will teach them to become pure like to my Heart that their own hearts may be more pleasing to the Heart of my Son.” (Diary, Pg. 11.)

This is the favor and this is the mission! Our Lady calls on her children in America to help her further the cause of faith and purity among all peoples and nations. We must trust her unconditionally to work her wonders of grace in the souls of people everywhere, especially here in America where we need her so dearly if we are to fulfill this mission. Sister Mildred worried whether we in the United States of America were up to the challenge of the mandate Our Lady has given us as a nation and as a people **dedicated to her Immaculate Conception** and called to be **the Nation dedicated to her Purity**. On November 22, 1980, Our Lady put Sister’s fears about America’s ability to lead in this spiritual renewal, never before so urgent or so necessary, to rest with this promise.

“Beloved daughter, the United States is a small one among nations, yet has it not been said that ‘a little child shall lead them’? It is the United States that is to lead the world to peace, the peace of Christ, the peace that He brought with him from heaven in His birth as man in the little town of Bethlehem. The Savior did not come to enter this world in a big city but a small town, again, a little one among many. Dear child, unless the United States accepts and carries out faithfully the mandate given to it by heaven to lead the world to peace, there will come upon it and all nations a great havoc of war and incredible suffering. If, however, the United States is faithful to this mandate from heaven and yet fails in the pursuit of peace because the rest of the world will not accept or co-operate then the United States will not be burdened with the punishment about to fall.”

I was afraid that the burden of leadership would be too great for the United States without some special help from heaven. Our Lady assured me that Michael and the whole army of Blessed Spirits will give their assistance at all times. As the Queen of Angels she has loving command over them and they accomplish whatever she wishes. This made me feel better and the fears that I had left me. (Diary, Pg. 38.)

Justice and mercy are both attributes of God which He possesses to perfection and which are in constant interplay in our lives. Some of the Church Fathers preached that when

Mary gave her fiat to God's plan of salvation, she spoke for all of us and at the same time became co-redeemer with Christ. As Jesus and Mary were of one mind and heart on earth, so are they of one mind and heart in heaven. The Fathers suggest that with Mary's "fiat" Christ divided His kingdom and took the half that had to do with justice for Himself and gave Mary the half that had to do with mercy. God made the law to honor one's parents, so Jesus as Mary's son dutifully honored and obeyed her on earth. As her Son, Jesus continues to honor and obey her in heaven. Anything she asks for He will grant her, especially on behalf of her spiritual children, us poor sinners. St. Bernadine of Siena claims God did not destroy the world after the first sin because of His singular love for this holy Virgin who was eventually to be born of Adam's race.

This message bears warnings of judgment and promises of miracles, not of the body but of the soul, miracles greater than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima, especially to us in America if we fulfill Heaven's mandate to us. We are reminded of the power of the Ark in the Old Covenant. Wherever it was carried, victory was won for the chosen people. That Ark was a figure of Mary who contained in her womb Christ, the living Bread Who came down from heaven, as the Ark contained the manna that fell from the heavens. With the mood of our culture growing darker and more godless, we are often tempted to lose hope in the promise of victory over Satan and the world, but Mary is our Hope, our Star on the tossed seas of confusion and corruption. She is our Ark and she is our Mother of Mercy, longing to wrap us up in her mantle of mercy.

When Mary, the Ark of the New Testament, was raised to the dignity of Queen of Heaven, hell's influence over human beings was weakened and scattered. It was revealed to St. Bridget that God made Mary so powerful against the devils that, whenever they assail anyone who begs her help, with one glance she terrifies them and they take to instant flight. They would rather have their pains in hell redoubled than fall under her dominion.

God guided His chosen people from Egypt to the Promised Land by day in a pillar of cloud, by night in a pillar of fire (Ex 13:21). This stupendous pillar was a type of Mary fulfilling a double office: as a cloud, she shades us from the heat of the sun of Justice; as fire, she protects us from the devil. As wax melts before fire, the devils melt away before all who keep our Lady's name in mind, devoutly invoke her, and work at imitating her.

(St. Alphonsus Liguori, THE GLORIES OF MARY, Catholic Book Publishing Corp., NJ, Pgs. 89, 92-93.)

So let us carry this Ark, our Queen, our Patroness, our Mother of Mercy in our hearts and minds and souls in this battle for the conversion and soul of America. Let us pray with passion and devotion and complete confidence to Mary as we lay our concerns for our Church, our Nation and our families at her feet. Let us beg her to intercede with her King Son for a revolution of the Spirit, an awakening of conscience, a full knowledge of our sins and a perfect contrition, so that this Nation of ours may return to its previous splendor as a leader among nations in faith and purity and in respect for God's authority and laws. Let us pray for a renewed understanding of the sacredness of life, the dignity of the human person

from the first moment of conception to the point of natural death, and let us pursue true peace and happiness and not the lies of Satan beguiling us in the pursuit of pleasure, self-worship and self indulgence. Let us pray that Our Lady may gain for every person in America and in the world the grace to break the chains of bondage to sin and darkness and gain for us clarity of faith and vision in the Light of Christ which leads us most assuredly toward glory with God in the Eternal City. Let us pray for those who have abortions and those who give them or traffick in or profiteer off them, and for those who play god as they pretend to be lords of life instead of the protectors of it. Let us pray for the conversion of America! And the deeper conversion of each one of us!

**O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

By thy holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil.

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