

THE END DAYS

Climbing the Stairway to Paradise is hard

(Note: The words are from Our Lord Jesus Christ to Maria Divine Mercy, unless otherwise indicated. References: The first number is the order of the messages, the last three pairs of numbers are dates of the messages in month, day, year)

1. How hard it is to climb the stairway to Paradise

The stairway to spiritual perfection is a very long one. Souls will take one, two and more steps backwards for every single step they take towards Me. I ask you My daughter to tell all My followers to prepare carefully for this stairway which is essential before the top step is reached. In My message of **November 24th 2010** when I first told you about this stairway I explained how some people climb these steps much too quickly. But you know that would be a mistake. Be aware that it is I who guides you along the steps the entire time.

Children of mine, you must now climb every step of the spiritual stairway before you reach the top steps to the door of Paradise. Be patient. Do not be disappointed when you fall. Simply stand up again and begin climbing all the way. (182 09-3-11)

2. The worst suffering of all is the spiritual emptiness where you cannot feel one ounce of love for Me, your Jesus

This is a form of spiritual abandonment where I seem to be so far away that you can no longer reach out to Me.

What you do not know is this. **This is a Gift, a grace from Me. It raises you up in My Eyes and the trials and sufferings you endure is allowed by Me because of your generous and pure love to save blackened souls.** Only those with pure humble hearts, with no personal regard for themselves, when they place Me before all that is of this earth, can endure My pain. Such souls are chosen carefully by Me and will work with Me, through their gift of suffering, to help Me in My Plan of Salvation.

Trust in Me when you feel a longing for Me, which cannot be satisfied or quenched, no matter how hard you try to communicate with Me. Know when this happens that I am much closer than you realize. Know that it is at these times that I elevate you to become a true soldier, a true fighter in My battle to save souls. (472 07-03-12)

3. Loving your neighbor as yourself is much more difficult than you think

If you, My followers, **love Me, you will Love My Father.** In turn, if you are genuine in your love for My Father, you will love your brothers and sisters. You must especially show love to those who may offend you through their behavior. Some will insult you, mock you and damage your reputation which may hurt you and your family. They may be known to you personally or they may hurt you by their actions which can badly affect your ability to clothe and feed your families. **No matter how much people hurt you** I ask you, in My name, to follow My lead. **Pray for them**

especially those who harm you. For when you pray for them you dilute the hatred spewed by Satan. A hatred that could spring forth thoughts of revenge ... **This is one of the most difficult of all My teachings.** Love thy neighbor as yourself. It is much more difficult than you think. When you can achieve this act of great generosity you will help Me fulfill My plan to save more souls. (184 09-04-11)

4. Classic Error made when trying to become closer to Me

Then there are the souls who do understand the truth. They make a classic error when trying to become closer to Me. It is easy for them to ensure that once their material goods are secured, they can then move forth on their own spiritual journey. But that is not how it works. **You must, by all means, protect your families and your homes. You must feed those who depend on you. After that you must put Me first before all worldly goods. That will be your passport to Heaven. Man is nothing without God.** No material luxuries will, or can be, substituted for the love of God. Nor can they be retained or the same value placed on them if you want to really embrace Me in your heart. (196 09-18-11)

5. Stairway to spiritual perfection

For My faithful followers, you must understand this. I, despite the loneliness you may experience, am never far away. All of these episodes have one goal, to strengthen your faith in a such a way so as to ensure that you move a new step towards Me each time. This is what is called the stairway to spiritual perfection that is Heaven. It is a long stairway and can take a very long time to reach the upper steps. Each step can represent a new revelation into what lessons you must experience before you can attain the graces you need to elevate your souls to the spiritual perfection needed to enter My Father's Paradise... Some climb these steps quickly while others take their time... You must never assume that because your faith is strong that this is all your doing... You must, in order to reach the top step, be humble in your love for Me. Show virtue at all times. (19 11-24-10)

6. Meaning of suffering in this life

When you suffer in this life, you are carrying My cross. You have two choices. If you reject My cross, moan and are bitter because of it then the suffering increases unabated. On the other hand **if you accept the cross and offer up your suffering to save souls then this is a wonderful gift to Me.** If you accept this suffering, the trials and tribulations with joy, then your load will become lighter. I will help you carry it. The pain will then ease and peace, love, joy and pure happiness will reign in you. (41 01-16-11)

Sorrow a gift from God

When speaking to Me, as a child, understand this. If you open your hearts and place all your trust in Me I will direct you when you suffer sorrow on this earth... While it is excruciatingly painful, My children, consider sorrow a gift from God. A Blessing. Because **it is through sorrow and suffering that purification takes place.** Offer your sufferings to Me... **The Purification which takes place when you accept sorrow or suffering, no matter how bad, when offered up with joy for the salvation of mankind cannot be truly understood by you, My children.** But as you draw closer to Me by opening your hearts, abandoning your will to Me and completely surrendering to Me, you will understand more. You see, **it is only by doing this that you will be in union with Me.** And when you do, your trials and suffering on earth will ease. In time you will accept suffering with joy in your hearts. Especially when you offer this as gift to Me.

Suffering is a gift from God and is permitted. *The souls you will help save guarantees you a place in My Father's Kingdom.* (40 01-14-11)

7. You do not have to understand the Ways of God – you must simply accept them

I ask that you come to Me and spend more time in quiet contemplation with Me. When you do this, I will reveal Myself to you more clearly and you will know in your hearts what it really means to serve Me truly. (1,128 05-23-14)

8. Mother of Salvation: For every step you take to come closer to my Precious Son, you will take two steps backwards

because of the way in which the evil one will taunt you. He will never cease to try and pull you away from Christ, for he has made it his vile mission to pull you in the opposite direction. So when you fall along your journey you must pick yourself up again and start all over. (1,149 06-18-14)

9. When a person says he loves Me, he will do all according to My Holy Will

He will place everything in My Holy Hands and he will forget his own needs and desires. Then he will say to Me *“Jesus everything I say and do is according to Your Holy Will – do with me according to the Will of God.”*

The man who lives in Me and I, in him, will surrender all according to that which gives Glory to God. He will have no selfish motives; no hidden desire to please himself and will do everything he can, in this life, so that he is in full union with Me. He will hand over to Me every thought; every movement; every step and every action so that I can act within his soul. He will trust in Me, completely, and he will know that everything I do, everything that I allow and everything I carry out, in order to purify the earth, will have only one objective and that is to give Glory to God.

To prepare for life in Me, you must remind yourselves that all that is good comes from God. Man, by his own intellect and determination, can never attain peace until the day he offers himself to God, in mind, body and soul. By offering Me, Jesus Christ, the gift of his full trust, I will reside in that soul and he will become part of all My Glory. I will elevate such souls. What joy will flood their hearts! Fear of the unknown will bother them no more. *In this way I will prepare the world for My Great Glory – My New Glorious Kingdom, where all life will be lived, according to the Will of God, on earth as it is in Heaven.*

When My Will becomes engrained within the souls of those who live their lives according to My every desire, they will never experience hatred in their hearts, of any kind, again. For this would be impossible. **I Am** incapable of hatred and if **I Am** permitted to live in your soul, then nothing can remain within you, which does not come from Me. (1,197 08-25-14)
