



## SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

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# Savior of the World Family



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Our Lord explained the image to her: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. ... Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

Jesus to St. Faustina

## With Love and Prayers

Dearest Family,

I most say we are glad-  
dened to bring you  
greetings in these trying  
times. I teach Our kids  
always to be kind to  
each other because no  
matter what, we are in-  
tertwined and intercon-  
nected to each other in  
one way or the other. I  
never understand the  
depth of these words  
until Covid19 came from  
china and infect the  
whole world now we are  
in fear, economies are  
going down, families and  
friends lost their loved  
ones, people lost their  
jobs and Kids lost their  
parents what a world?

We used to say 'together  
we stay strong,' but this  
is no longer true be-  
cause Covid19 change  
the rules and now, divid-  
ed, we survive. Nothing  
is permanent; every-  
thing is indeed tempo-  
rary. Our world truly

faced the test of time,  
but we know we will re-  
vive our Lord and Savior  
will intervene and mend  
the brokenhearted, heal  
the sick and heal the  
land that is what we be-  
lieved in as Catholics and  
as Christians.

We know the news from  
America is not pleasant,  
it breaks the heart and  
weakens the soul of how  
many lives this virus has  
taken and the extent of  
the destruction it has  
caused, but we want you  
all to know that you are  
always in our prayers.  
Our cases here are not  
so high, as of today the  
number of confirmed  
cases are 606 and 38  
death but come to think  
with a population of 7  
Million people, the num-  
ber is still high, and this  
has affected our poor  
souls tremendously. The  
Government is doing its  
best to control the

spread, and all schools  
have closed. Inter-  
province and interna-  
tional traveling has  
stopped. Locally grown  
food is costly because  
farmers are not allowed  
to bring their foodstuff  
to the city for sale ex-  
cept with a special per-  
mit because no one are  
allowed to sell in the  
open street markets.  
Foreigners and our Leba-  
nese businessmen have  
left the country, and this  
has caused a considera-  
ble impact on the land.  
Many people are left  
helpless, and the pov-  
erty level has gone high.  
But since we trust in the  
Lord, we know their  
most be a light at the  
end of the tunnel.

The Chicken farm is do-  
ing well. The chickens  
are producing enough  
eggs, but we lack sales  
because we are

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**Kadiatu helps unpack the container which arrived in May**

# *With love and prayers*

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prevented from selling in the market and people are looking for our staple foods of vegetables and rice, which they cannot obtain. Last week we had to throw away five cartons of eggs because they got rotten, and it smells the whole house. Right now, we have twenty more boxes of eggs. The kids are tired of eating eggs, but

that is all we have. The chicken feed cost is now more expensive than our selling profits. We don't think we can continue like this.

We are watching how the world has turned to a small village at this time, and then you went far and beyond to ship to us with beds, items of clothing, generator, and a lot of goodies. We were filled with joy, happiness, and prayers; you proved to us that you

are real families and friends may the joy we feel for these supplies fill your home, your life, and may you never lack. We say thank you for all that you have done for us and may our Lord through our most precious mother, Mary, heal the world.

*With much love and prayers ,*

*Louisa and Children*

**Picture proofs of your generosity and goodness!**



**Bins of clothing and supplies for the home**



**Happy children!**



**Replacing the old mattresses**



**New and beautiful places to sleep**



## Bring Forth the Fire

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior of the World Family,

The universal Church prays a novena that precedes the Solemnity of Pentecost. This novena was an express act of obedience to Jesus who told his Apostles to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

Indeed the act of “waiting” was not simply a “passing of the time” that many people think about when they are waiting for some scheduled event to happen or waiting to meet somebody. Mary and the Apostles did not take out their video games, or watch their favorite TV programs, saturate themselves with the latest fads in music, fashion, or film, drink their smoothest drink, search for their favorite snack, put on their makeup, spend more time sleeping, try to make themselves feel a passing pleasure, or brood about their missed opportunities to enjoy themselves.

When Jesus told them to wait for the coming of the Spirit, they understood how to obey Him: “waiting” meant to spend the time in prayer. Waiting means praying. Mother St. Teresa

and her Sisters exemplified this when they prayed the Rosary or a Memorare as they prepared for the poorest of the poor to come to their house for food and shelter. The Saint and her Sisters who walked in search of those who have been abandoned knew they must pray: the unloved, unwanted, and abandoned is Jesus in the distressing disguise. The Sisters always walk the streets in prayer.

Do we pray? Do we pray at every moment with the expectation that the Holy Spirit is going to give us a new energy, a new love, a new hope and a new life so that we never grow discouraged by anything that happens?

After Mary, the Apostles, and all of the persons who gathered with them to devote themselves to nine days of silence and prayer completed their novena, they received the fullness of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. This was the first time anyone received the sacrament of confirmation. As with any sacrament, the Blessed Trinity acted through visible signs in order to give the invis-

ible grace of God the Holy Spirit.

The first visible sign was that of a powerful, invigorating wind – in fact the word for “Spirit” in the language of Jesus, ruah, also means “breath” or “wind”. In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, God the Word addresses Ezekiel and asks: “Can these dry [dead] bones live?” Ezekiel answered as someone who prays, “You know the answer to that one, Lord.” Then God the Word spoke to Ezekiel: “Command the Breath to come into these bones... The Lord Yahweh says this: ‘Breath, come from the four winds; breathe on these dead so that they come to life!’” By the power of the Breath, all came to life. This is what happens in the sacrament of confirmation. There is still another visible sign: the fire of the Holy Spirit as gentle tongues of flame that were not meant to scorch them, burn them or annihilate them but rather energize them with a new ardor, the ardor of a love that knows no frontiers. It is a Catholic love: all the nations in the known world were represented on the Day of Pentecost

and everyone understood what the apostles were saying in their own languages: it was the language of saving love, the language of the Holy Spirit.

The people who listened faithfully to the Word of God in the Old Testament knew that God communicated his ardent love – the love that is capable of suffering and the love that is capable of saving – through the visible sign of fire. Moses met God in the burning bush: this was a fire that did not destroy, but it was a fire with a voice that needed to be listened to. God had seen the pain of his people; he had heard their cries of anguish.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, God speaks from the midst of the fire and gives gifts: he gave the Ten Commandments, so that all who would keep them might live

The Fire of God filled the Temple in Jerusalem when Solomon addressed God with the plea, “Do not turn away the orphan, the widow or the foreigner who comes into your house, O God, but answer their prayer.” God responded to Solomon’s prayer

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# Bring Forth the Fire

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with a glorious fire that filled the temple consuming thousands of sacrifices and leaving everyone peaceful and joyful: "The faithful love of our God is everlasting."

After Elijah pleaded with God to send forth fire as a sign that he, God, was winning the hearts of the people, this same fire descended upon Elijah's sacrifice on Mount Carmel. The people responded: "Yahweh is our God."

It was the same fire that burned in the heart of

Elijah, when God came to him as a Breath. From the silence of the gentle Breath, God asked him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah responded, "My heart is full of fire for Yahweh, God Sabaoth..." and then Elijah shared with God his pain and suffering.

It was the fire that Elijah thought is a destructive force against God's enemies. When the Samaritans were on their way to see a psychic, Elijah called down fire from heaven to destroy them.

But in fact God does not wish to destroy: He is

neither in the tempest, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire. He is a gentle fire of Pentecost that rests upon the heart as a living breath of love.

It was the same fire that carried Elijah into heaven: God did not intend to destroy people with the fire. Rather, the fire was a love that can only be measured by God's own methods of measuring.

It was the same fire, the fire of the sacrament of confirmation that St. John was to call down upon the Samaritan people to energize them, grace them, give them

hope and the promise of eternal life.

If you spend time paying attention to God – in the Sacred Scripture, in the prayer of the Rosary, in the Litanies, in the Memorare – especially listening to God and adoring the Holy Spirit who desires ardently to live in your heart, you will find that God is capable of carrying you through the dark valleys of your daily life to the invigorating heights from which you see what is beautiful – God is capable of carrying you into heaven.

*Fr. Umuhozanimana*

## **Divine Mercy and the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

***"I set neither limit nor measure to My gifts of grace for those who seek them in My Heart!"***

**Our blessed Lord commanded that all who wish to take up the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus go to Confession and receive Holy Communion often, especially on the First Friday of each Month, with the intention of making reparation and render atonement and to rejoice in the Heart of our Savior. He also asked that we keep the devotion by venerating an image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

### **Jesus Made Twelve Promises to Those Who Hold a True Devotion to His Sacred Heart:**

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.**
- 2. I will give peace in their families and will unite families that are divided.**
- 3. I will console them in all their troubles.**
- 4. I will be their refuge during life and above all in death.**
- 5. I will bestow the blessings of Heaven on all their enterprises.**
- 6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.**
- 7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.**
- 8. Fervent souls shall rise quickly to great perfection.**
- 9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored and will imprint My love on the hearts of those who would wear this image on their person. I will also destroy in them all disordered movements.**
- 10. I will give to priests who are animated by a tender devotion to my Divine Heart the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.**
- 11. Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.**
- 12. THE GREATEST PROMISE - I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they will not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.**