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Dear Family:



Our Lady has asked us so many times to *“pray” “pray the Rosary” “fast for Peace”...*

What do we do before such urgent moments as these in which sectors of humanity are immersed in war and violence? What can we do to alleviate such a terrible scourge that is hitting people and also our Christian brothers and sisters so hard? What do we do before the terrible situation of the Christians in Iraq (especially in Mosul), whose only option is to abandon their faith, abandon their country, or to die? What do we do before the constant persecution and destruction of so many and so much in Syria? What do we do before such a painful war between Israel and Gaza? What do we do before the irresponsible choices of those who fire a missile at a passenger plane? What do we do before the terrible anguish lived by many in our Central American countries that lead them to make difficult decisions like sending their children to this country amid danger? What do we do when love of neighbor has become mere social arguments, politics, forgetting that it is our duty as Christians to seek solutions worthy of the human person

and an authentic remedy to the suffering of the weakest, the smallest, most abandoned, sickest, and most in need? What do we do before the evil we see crushing so many hearts and filling them with darkness and blindness? What do we do?

We must do what Our Mother has asked us for almost 100 years...Pray for peace, pray the Rosary for Peace...Fast for Peace! Make concrete acts to build Peace in our lives!

I would like to invite you all, to pray and fast for Peace. The land of Our Lord and Our Mother is at war...so many children die because of the choices of adults, so many are fed by the desire for violence and power, and they satisfy it forgetting what they destroy along the way: human life.

Those words that Our Mother spoke in the reported apparition of Our Lady Queen of Peace, seem today, 33 years later, to be an urgent call: *“Peace, peace, peace, and only peace....”*

Mother, we want to help you; we want to respond to your call...May your Heart triumph, Mother, we need a triumph of your Heart. We consecrate our hearts, our families, our nations and the world to your Immaculate and Maternal Heart. Obtain for us, Blessed Mother, the immense gift of Peace, the fruit of the conversion of hearts, of prayer, of sacrifice and of concrete acts of love!

May love always triumph!

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