

The ERA of

Peace

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“If people do as I ask, there will be peace.” These words of hope spoken by Our Lady of Fatima preceded a long litany of the misfortunes that she predicted would come upon the world if her requests were not taken seriously. It is imperative to realise that her assertion still holds: there definitely will be peace, if people do as she asks. If, even now, during the *“last warnings”*, we respond with repentance, letting our hearts be cleansed of sin by God’s forgiving grace, there will indeed be peace: peace first in each person’s heart, then throughout the whole world in society, initiating an Era of Peace, which she prophesied would inevitably arrive.

Had we listened at the beginning, or at any time over the years she was remonstrating with us, we could have averted *“wars, famine, persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father.”* Many good people would have been spared martyrdom, hunger would not have ravaged nations, Russia would have already been converted, and never would she have been able to *“spread her errors throughout the world.”* The Second World War would never have happened.

But these afflictions did take place. Has peace been lost forever? Will the human race obliterate itself with global nuclear war? Is peace a dream, an illusion?

“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph ... and an Era of Peace will be given to the world.” This promise is unconditional. Peace is coming. It will be the peace that Jesus gives, not that which is given by *“the world”*. People will finally do as she asks, and there will be peace. Peace, an era of peace, is surely on its way. It is not an illusion to believe this. The Mother of God has predicted it. Despite human considerations and doubts, failures and sins, wars or punishment, her prophecy will come true *“in the end.”*

The Era of Peace awaits The Triumph. Measuring the time that remains before peace arrives is not possible, since the coming of peace depends on The Triumph happening in us beforehand. We must first hold in our hearts the sinlessness of the Immaculate Heart before peace can come. Repentance must route sin before any peace can be ours. Love must override every other consideration, reconciling us all in gentleness, before we can see peace come. Families and neighbourhoods, towns and cities, countries and nations must be reconciled before there can be peace. Above all, Christians must be brought together again in one Body which is the Church, before peace can descend on us from heaven. And the peace must be from heaven. Our Lady referred to this by



assuring us that peace will ***“be given”*** to the world. It will come from God.

Thus the Era of Peace must wait until The Triumph is complete. Already it has begun in those who have heard the message of Our Lady and have changed their lives, striving daily to become holy and pleasing to God, seeking to imitate the Immaculate Heart of Mary with their own hearts. The Warning will tear untold millions from their sins; in them especially, The Triumph is gaining a foothold. The Miracle will confirm their decision for them and convert many more to follow Jesus. The grace of repentance flowing from these events may well so advance The Triumph that the Punishment will never happen. ***But the Era of Peace will not arrive until the Triumph of the Immaculate heart is so complete that the hearts of all of us will have already been converted to peace.***

Peace is a gift for the heart, and if a heart is at peace, it can give away peace. Peace in me can make the world around me a more peaceful place for others. By my peace, I am ready to be in friendly relationship with everyone I meet. Peaceful nations are made up of peaceful persons who have chosen peace as a way of life for themselves. There can be no war between nations full of peaceful men and women. A heart transformed by one's own inner peace can give to the world the peace that the world cannot give itself. It is those who share, through repentance and conversion, the peace of Jesus, who will inaugurate the Era of Peace promised to us all.

For these reasons, we must wait, we know not how long, for the Era of Peace. It can be hastened by people of peace, delayed by people who reject peace and embrace sin. We only know that it will certainly come, this mysterious ***“peace”***. The Immaculate Heart of Mary has promised it.

The Era of Peace can arrive very soon. We can hope for a short interval between The Miracle and the Era of Peace, and that The Punishment will not intervene. Should the world be rapidly converted by the marvellous events we have begun to experience in The Warning, it is possible for the Era of Peace to come quickly. After all, ***“nothing is impossible with God.”*** Perhaps the great wave of intercessory prayer that will well up in the faithful for the conversion of the world will be so effective that The Era of Peace will come without delay. But we have to admit that a longer, even a much longer interval is also possible, and perhaps more likely (given our record of poor response to the messages), and that it may take many hard years before The Triumph is complete and the Era of Peace begins. We simply have no knowledge of how long it will be, after the Miracle for The Era of Peace to be given to us. Peace may in fact appear only after The Punishment, which God surely will not be eager to see us suffer. We can hope The Era of Peace will come soon, so that through repentance, no punishment will be necessary to bring peace. May the peace of the Lord be with us all by the intercession of Mary, Mother of God.

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now”
in our times, that we may know world-wide peace again, in the Heart of Jesus and your Immaculate Heart.

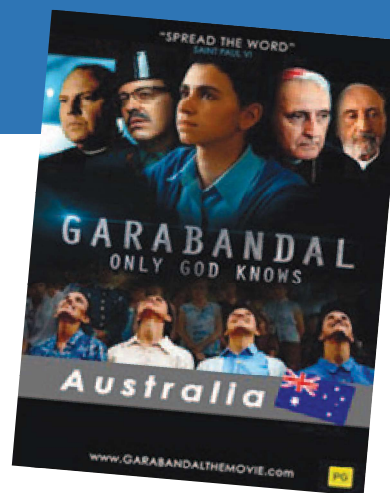


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