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Dear children! In this time, I call you all to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon every baptized creature, so that the Holy Spirit may renew you all and lead you on the way of witnessing your faith – you and all those who are far from God and His love.

I am with you and intercede for you before the Most High.

Thank you for having responded to my call

Thoughts on the Message

The message for this month is very appropriate : it is the time of Pentecost, when the Apostles prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and we are invited to do the same - to 'pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit'.

It is easy to just regard this as a timely request - after all, the effects of the Holy Spirit was so different to what happens now, so is it just a reminder of this early event in the life of the Church ?

Do we feel the coming of the Holy Spirit was just a one-off event ? Does it really have any relevance for us in the 21st century ? These are important questions, so I will take them one by one.

Was it just a one - off event ? The only answer to this must be 'No', otherwise why would the Gifts of the Spirit be just a starting boost to the Church - it could not have lasted for over 200 years if that were so - no, the Holy Spirit is active in the life of the Church and all its people, even me, even you. This brings me to the second question.

Does the Holy Spirit have relevance in our times ? The answer to this must be 'Yes' - as already stated, the Spirit of God is active in the Church and in our world, and this is what we are reminded of in this message.

In so many of Our Mother's messages we are asked to be open to God's will in our lives, and this includes being open to the Holy Spirit. In what way can we be 'open ' ? By allowing ourselves to be guided by the Spirit, by following what we are called to be - here Our Mother calls us to witness to our faith in our lives, and the way in which this will happen will depend on use being faithful to our own individual calling : what is right for you is different to any other person. I remember a reflection called 'You are Special', in which we are told that nobody can replace us in the task God has set out for us, that we each have an individual part to play in our world.

That can be scary, can't it ? But Our Mother is 'with us and intercedes for us'

Dear Mother, help me to truly respond to the Holy Spirit in my life, starting right now. Help me to say a complete 'Yes', as you did.