

FOR THE CONSECRATION OF OUR NATION by A Friend of Medjugorje

### The Eagle, The Cross, The Pine, Our Nation

No nation can abuse God's precepts and survive. Following the precepts of our Divine Maker assures us of His divine protection—not following them results in the loss thereof. When the dirt of sin dulls a nation as oil on a shimmering lake, the nation's heart becomes calcified and brittle. Renewal for a nation in such a state can only come through humbling itself in quiet submission to the Father and enduring a painful trial by way of the cross. During this time, we will be defenseless and Our Lady's mantle must be our cave of protection. It is the only path through this dark tunnel—the only way to peace. Our Lady has already given our nation the light, the hope, at the end of the tunnel, appearing near the pine as our sign of appealing to Heaven to be renewed.

"When the eagle's mighty wing feathers become heavy with oil and dirt and his beak and talons become calcified and brittle, he retires to a hiding place in a cave or rock out of reach of predators and experiences a period of renewal. With his great beak he pulls out his mighty wing feathers one by one, then he extracts each claw. Finally, he begins to smash his beak against the rocks, until it too is gone. Left defenseless, this peerless, unique bird waits patiently until beak, talons, and feathers have regrown, emerging in his renewed condition stronger than before."

#### Indian Folklore

**On The cover:** The eagle, representing our nation, rests in front of the Cross. It will be through the Cross our nation will be healed. The pine tree, representing an appeal to Heaven, will be the flag uniting our nation and its fifty states, represented by the fifty stars, back to God. It will be through the hands of Our Lady, She being the Patroness of our nation, represented by the crown of twelve stars, that our nation will be at peace with its God.

# Antriotic Rosary™

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#### AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN

A lone pine tree stands in a Field in Alabama. It is a site where many appeals to Heaven were made in prayers to heal our nation, sometimes in the middle of the night, and sometimes in the most difficult weather and circumstances. Continuously from 1985 to 1987, the ground where the tree stands was consecrated to Our Lady. It was done through earnest prayers from the heart, privately and with no intentions that any of the above would ever be known or with much importance placed on what was done other than of a personal nature.

Not even in the furthest imagination was it ever dreamed that the land where the pine tree stands would actually be visited and accepted by Our Lady Herself. On November 24, 1988, Mary of Nazareth, the Queen of Peace, appeared to Marija. Marija, the visionary from Medjugorje, who was in the United States at the time, was told by Our Lady the day before Thanksgiving that She (Our Lady) would appear out in the field near the pine tree, and She invited all to come. It was a day the Virgin Mary Herself chose. It was Thanksgiving Day, a day our nation is to look to Heaven with gratefulness for the "choicest of bounties" the Father has granted us. It

could be no coincidence that on the only official exclusively American holiday this nation has to give thanks to God, Our Lady answers an appeal to Heaven by its people, represented by a lone pine tree in a field.

By 1991 people were still coming, and in time, it began to be understood that our nation would be healed first through individual conversion that would then spread through the family and then to the nation. At the site nestled between two mountains, individual spiritual healing gave evidence to what Our Lady was doing. The appeal to Heaven was being heard and answered.

About this time, in 1991, three years after Our Lady appeared at the lone pine tree, information was uncovered from the past which helps one understand the present happenings and why and what God's providence has destined.

The Father's actions are almost always traced in history, so that many glorious events in the present might be understood. Sadly however, few grasp that which was long before told, and of those who do, some reject it just as what the prophets foretold was rejected. Man's nature has always been such.

In researching the founding of our nation, it was discovered that George Washington, through many of his orders, required holy actions of his men and dependence on Divine assistance. One of those orders deserves special notice. He ordered all navy cruisers to fly a white flag with an inscription at the top which was to read "Appeal to Heaven." He ordered underneath this inscription to be placed "a lone pine tree."

It is rather odd that a pine tree, which has little to do with the sea, served as the symbol of our "Appeal to Heaven" in the birth of our land. So, is it now again a symbol that God gives to show the future rebirth of our land? By Our Lady who is our "Appeal to Heaven?" Who was crowned with twelve stars? Who appeared by a lone pine tree where an appeal to Heaven for the rebirth of our nation was made?

Since that apparition in the Field, prayers have been rising from all over our land, appealing to Heaven, especially from those who have visited the site and received in their hearts the peace our nation so desperately needs — a peace that can only come when one is united to God — the peace our nation needs for its very survival, which it is now dying for the lack thereof.

But is Our Lady saying even more about Her appearances near the lone pine? Is it perhaps this nation, where sixty percent of its Constitution is derived directly from the Bible, that is to be a light to all nations? Has God chosen us to be the flag of a united and peaceful world? A light on top of a hill? In 1995, more evidence was given which traces God's hand in our past, revealing the present, which tells of our future.

Forty years before the birth of Christ, a Roman pagan, Publius Verguil, wrote of the birth of Christ. He described the event as a divinely-born child who would come to bring peace to the world and a new age. It would center on a smiling infant son whose cradle was a cornucopia of flowers and whose birth would bring about freedom from fear of animals and mankind. All souls are created by God, and by some means and reason, God sometimes even reaches into a pagan's heart to speak of the future. He is capable of transcending boundaries which we cannot because of our blindness and our stubbornness in believing that God would not dare give a prophecy to a pagan. And yet, this has happened in history many times. It was through this way of God speaking that a further part of Our Lady's plans were uncovered and shown to us through a naturalist who founded the Rocky Mountain National Park and who died in 1922. One member of Caritas, while in Colorado in 1995, found a quote by naturalist Enos A. Mills in a small pamphlet.

bis is a beautiful world and all who go out under the open sky will feel the gentle, kindly influence of nature and bear good tidings. The forests of the earth are the flags of nature. They appeal to all and awaken inspiring universal feelings. Enter the forest, and the boundaries of nations are forgotten. It may be that sometime an immortal pine will be the flag of a united and peaceful world."

> Enos A. Mills (1870-1922)

What prompted Enos Mills to speak of a pine tree in the future that would be a sign of peace, calling it "immortal," thereby giving an importance that only Heaven has a right to give — an importance that would put it in the hearts of men because of what it symbolically stands for? It is not that man has made it so, but Our Lady Herself, by Her appearances, has made it so.

Can we not reason that "Nature's flag" is the "pine" and the "appeal?" And when he says "awaken inspiring universal feelings" that we understand it is "peace?" And when he says "boundaries of nations are forgotten" that it is Our Lady lighting up our nation for other nations? And does he not give a clear picture written in the beginning of this century about this last part of the century, a prophecy, when he writes:

"It may be that sometime an immortal pine will be the flag of a united and peaceful world."

Is it possible to claim what is written here is stretched to fit what is portrayed? Through the evidence of what Our Lady did, George Washington's orders, Enos Mill's words, God's actions speak loud and clear. Can one say these traces do not make sense? It would be easier to reject the happenings altogether than to go against reason! But how sad it will be for those who do. Our Lady has said:

March 18, 1996

#### "...Accept my messages that you may be accepted..."

But where is a message of the significance of Our Lady appearing by the lone pine? Our Lady states:

March 25, 1990

"...God wants to save you and sends you messages through men, nature, and so many things which can only help you to understand that you must change the direction of your life..."

Our Lady clearly tells us of various ways God is speaking to us during this time. She has told us repeatedly to go into nature.

April 25, 1993

## "...Go into nature and look how nature is awakening and it will be a help for you to open your hearts to the love of God the Creator..."

Our Lady tells us that one of the ways God wishes to speak to us is through nature. It is quite amazing how clear this voice is for those who wish to hear Him. Still, if one thinks, "Our Lady didn't say the above, She only did the above," then it is Our Lady's words which speak clearly that it is not just Her words She wants us to pay attention to but also Her actions.

On October 6, 1986, Our Lady was presented a question through Marija in Medjugorje in which She was asked that the same conversion that is taking place in Medjugorje be allowed to take place here (the Field where the pine now stands), and may it be divinely spread throughout the whole region. At this time in the apparitions in Medjugorje, Our Lady very rarely answered questions presented to Her. This was one of the few questions She responded to. These are the words of Our Lady:

October 6, 1986

"Pray and by your life witness. Not with words but rather through prayer will you attain what your desire is. Therefore, pray more and live in humility."

What a wondrous gift for our nation!

Join now in the Patriotic Rosary. Our Lady beckons to you from near a lone pine, calling you to the light — to be a light for all nations — that peace may reign throughout the region, beyond all boundaries.

#### PRAYER TO HEAL OUR LAND

ord, who are we as a people, having been given blessings in portions as no other nation before us? What has become of us, Father? We have spoiled your spacious skies with buildings and cities breathing with sin. The amber waves of grain are no longer viewed as our blessing but as our due. The awe and reverence due You when we gaze upon the purple mountains and their majesty is no longer held; rather, how much pleasure they can give us. Father, we have spurned You. We've blamed our problems on those who promote darkness, but You gave us time with Your Mother. Now our eyes have been opened by Her. Our lack of holiness, our not being light has allowed darkness to prevail. Indeed, our sins which we wrongly view as small have allowed those in darkness to commit great sins without shame. We now realize it's because of our failings as Christians. Father, Samuel told your people, "It is true you have committed all this evil, still you must not turn from the Lord, but worship Him with your whole heart. For the sake of His own great name, the Lord will not abandon his own people." Father, we come before You with our whole hearts and ask You to grant Our Lady Her intentions.

Mary, we do not deserve to even be heard, yet we know Your Son's passion merits that we are. Mary, we call You as You have called us. Please, intercede before God to forgive us, to heal us, to heal our families, and to heal our nation.

Father, grant Mary's intentions and hear Her pleas for us. We know you are justly irritated with us but we beg and plead for forgiveness through our repentance from our hearts. We realize our nation is headed toward disaster by so many signs You have given us. Holy, Holy, Holy God, grant Mary Her requests that we may again be your people, not a nation above God but one nation humbled and under God. Amen.

### Antriotic Rosnry™

#### Consecration of Our Nation

Several years ago, the founder of the Community of Caritas was visiting Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the actual site of the birth of our nation. Feeling that this was holy ground, he prayed a Rosary for our nation and felt the Holy Spirit's powerful presence. This Rosary led to the discovery of many facts concerning Our Lady's involvement in the birth of America which are all contained within the booklet entitled **American History You Never Learned.**\*

Since this happened, Our Lady has led the community back to Philadelphia on several occasions. In the fall of 1995, almost the entire Community of Caritas gathered outside of Independence Hall to pray the Rosary. It was 11:00 at night, and very few people were out and about. Everyone present was struck deeply by the powerful sense that Our Lady was with them as the Rosary was being prayed. It would become an unforgettable moment for each one of them.

Two months later, a smaller group from the Caritas Community again found themselves at Independence Hall praying a beautiful Rosary that the founder put together with a meditation he had written for the Fourth of July. This Rosary was added to a special meditation Rosary that is prayed in the Field every Fourth of July. As only Our Lady can do, She wove the two together to create a powerful prayer for the consecration of our entire nation to Her Immaculate Heart.

<sup>\*</sup> Most frequent comment after reading: "Astonishing; Highly recommended by all who read it; A must for all Americans." Order a free copy, made possible to you by contribution of our Field Angels, call 205-672-2000 ext. 315, 24 hours a day.

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Come Holy Spirit

For the Conversion of our Nation's Capital

The Apostle's Creed

For the **Holy Father**Our Father

For Bishops, Priests, Religious

Three Hail Mary's

For the **Conversion of our Country**Glory Be

The First Mystery: (Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, Glorious)

"No one can rejoice more than I do at every step the people of this great country take to preserve the Union, establish good order and government, and to render the nation happy at home and respectable abroad. No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means, and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us, so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass. The Great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far on the road to happiness and glory, to forsake us in the midst of it. By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost."

George Washington, June 29, 1788

For the **Presidency of the United States of America**Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: "We plead the Blood of Jesus over Alabama (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."

Alabama Arkansas Connecticut Georgia Alaska California Delaware Arizona Colorado Florida

### For the **Conversion of our Country**Glory Be

Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

We recommend the singing of all the verses of the songs after each decade of the Rosary. You will discover by doing so, that the songs become prayers in and of themselves and it deepens the prayer of the whole Rosary.

#### **AMERICA**

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,

And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song: Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we pray.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King.

#### The Second Mystery:

"It may be the will of Heaven that America shall suffer calamities still more wasting and distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect, at least: it will inspire us with many virtues, which we have not, and correct many errors, follies, and vices, which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in states as well as individuals. And the new governments we are assuming, in every part, will require a purification from our vices, and an augmentation of our virtues or there will be no blessings... But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence; in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe."

John Adams, July 3, 1776

### For the **Supreme Court of the United States of America**Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: "We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."

Hawaii	Indiana	Kentucky	Maryland
Idaho	Iowa	Louisiana	
Illinois	Kansas	Maine	

### For the **Conversion of our Country**Glory Be

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#### THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

#### Refrain

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on. **Refrain** 

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel; As ye deal with my contempters, so with you my grace shall deal; Let the "Mother of the Savior" crush the serpent with Her heel; Since God is marching on. **Refrain** 

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat. O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. **Refrain** 

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea; With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free. His truth is marching on. **Refrain** 

#### The Third Mystery:

"Review the great scenes of history: you will find mankind has always been obliged to pay dear for the blessings they enjoyed...The struggles of a great people have almost always ended in the establishment of liberty...Such a people are spoken of with admiration by all future ages..."

"Their souls glow with gratitude for the virtue and self-denial of their forefathers. They consider them as patterns for their own conduct on similar occasions and are continually pointing them out to the reverence and imitation of their children. These are the glorious effects of patriotism and virtue. These are the rewards annexed to the faithful discharge of that great and honorable duty, fidelity to our country...I pray to God that the fair character I have described may be that of America to the latest ages."

James Iredell, May 1, 1778

### For the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America

Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: "We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."

Massachusetts Mississippi Nebraska New Jersey Michigan Missouri Nevada Minnesota Montana New Hampshire

### For the **Conversion of our Country**Glory Be

Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

#### AMFRICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

#### The Fourth Mystery:

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism."

"All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness."

"Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them."

Jedediah Morse, 1799

For the office of the **Governors of the United States of America**Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: "We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."

New Mexico North Dakota Oregon South Carolina New York Ohio Pennsylvania North Carolina Oklahoma Rhode Island

### For the **Conversion of our Country**Glory Be

Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

#### THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh! say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh! thus be it ev'r when freemen shall stand Between their loved home and the war's desolation, Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land Praise the pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto, "In God is our trust." And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

#### The Fifth Mystery:

"Soldiers! Let us humble ourselves before the Lord, our God, asking through Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, beseeching the aid of the God of our forefathers in the defense of our homes and our liberties, thanking Him for His past blessings, and imploring their continuance upon our cause and our people."

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray - to really pray."

"Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight - all through the day. Let us pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for the churches."

"Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and His redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice."

General Robert E Lee, 1863

### For all County and Municipal Offices of the United States of America

Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail Mary: "We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."

South Dakota	Utah	Washington	Wyoming
Tennessee	Vermont	West Virginia	
Texas	Virginia	Wisconsin	

### For the **Conversion of our Country**Glory Be

Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

#### GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America.
Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America.
My home sweet home.

God bless America My home sweet home.

Hail Holy Queen

The SITE NEAR BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA where Our Lady appeared to Marija (Pavlovic) Lunetti, one of the visionaries of Medjugorje on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1988. During the apparition, Our Lady appeared with 12 stars around Her head. Our Lady promised from this spot to carry all our intentions to the Father. She gave a message to Marija saying:

## "...I will intercede for you to God for all your intentions."

Since then, tens of thousands have pilgrimaged to this spot with their intentions. Many report receiving special graces and answers to their prayers.



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The author of this book is also the author of the books Words From Heaven, How to Change Your Husband, I See Far, Look What Happened While You Were Sleeping, It Ain't Gonna Happen, hundreds of booklets, and other publications such as the Words of the Harvesters and the Caritas of Birmingham Newsletter. He has written more on Medjugorje and its messages than anyone in the world, producing life-changing writings and spiritual direction to countless numbers across the world, of all nationalities. He wishes to be known only as "A Friend of Medjugorje." The author is not one looking in from the outside regarding Medjugorje, but one who is close to the events - many times, right in the middle of the events about which he has written: a first-hand witness.

Originally writing to only a few individuals in 1987, readership has grown to over 250,000 in the United States, with additional readers in over one hundred thirty foreign countries, who follow the spiritual insights and direction given through these writings.

The author, when asked why he signs only as "A Friend of Medjugorje," stated:

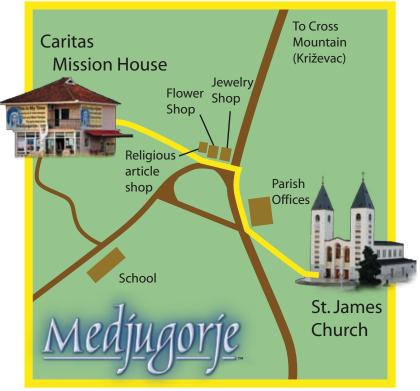
"I have never had an ambition or desire to write. I do so only because God has shown me, through prayer, that He desires this of me. So from the beginning, when I was writing to only a few people, I prayed to God and promised I would not sign anything; that the writings would have to carry themselves and not be built on a personality. I prayed that if it was God's desire for these writings to be inspired and known, then He could do it by His Will and grace and that my will be abandoned to it.

"The Father has made these writings known and continues to spread them to the ends of the earth. These were Our Lord's last words before ascending: "Be a witness to the ends of the earth." These writings give testimony to that desire of Our Lord to be a witness with one's life. It is not important to be known. It is important to do God's Will."

For those who require "ownership" of these writings by the author in seeing his name printed on this work in order to give it more credibility, we state that we cannot reconcile the fact that these writings are producing hundreds of thousands of conversions, if not millions through grace, and are requested worldwide from every corner of the earth. The author, therefore, will not take credit for a work that, by proof of the impact these writings have to lead hearts to conversion, have been Spirit–inspired with numbers increasing yearly, sweeping as a wave across the ocean. Indeed in this case, crossing every ocean of the earth. Our Lady gave this author a direct message for him through the visionary, Marija, of Medjugorje, in which Our Lady said to him to witness not with words but through humility. It is for this reason that he wishes to remain simply "A Friend of Medjugorje."

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#### Don't Miss a Visit to the Caritas Mission House



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Follow this road past a row of Pansions until you reach the

Caritas of Birmingham Mission House.

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