



The Unity of Christians and the Lady of All Peoples

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“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt 4:17). Such is the resounding call from Christ that, crossing the ages, still challenges every Christian today. To reform one’s life, to be “delivered from evil”, as Jesus taught us to ask, in order to turn to our Father of heaven, there you have the essential of that conversion to which Jesus invites us in His Gospel of today, the Sunday of prayer for the unity of Christians. For it is first of all in each one of us, in the truthfulness of our relationship with Christ, that this unity of Christians, so longingly sought for, finds its foundation, its vitality, its strength.

Speaking of the Week of the Unity of Christians during his audience of last January 19, Pope John Paul II told us that “this year, the theme sets before us a basic truth for every ecumenical commitment: Christ is the Church’s one foundation. The Council strongly recommended prayer for unity as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement (cf. *Unitatis Redintegratio*, n. 8” (Vatican web site).

To establish this unity through a common prayer to Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, asking Him to at last send His Spirit of unity and truth upon earth and into the hearts of all peoples, such is the means given our time in order to hasten the return to unity of the sheep, a single flock under the crook of the divine Shepherd.

Ought we to be astonished to see the divisions that still exist today between Christ’s disciples? Even in his time, Saint Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians remarked this painful setback existing among Christians. “Has Christ, then, been divided into parts?” (1 Cor 1:13), he asked. We have no choice but to recognize that without a profound transformation of heart and thought the unity with Christ of each Christian, lay or pastor, always remains fragile, and that only sincere and humble prayer validates the audacious hope for the unification of all peoples, through Mary, in one single Community of faith, love and truth.

In his audience of January 19, the Pope went on to say, “Since the reconciliation of Christians ‘transcends human powers and gifts’ (*ibid.*, n. 24), our prayer expresses the hope that does not disappoint us and the trust in the Lord who makes all things new (cf. Rom 5:5; Rv 21:5). This prayer, however, must be accompanied by the purification of the mind, sentiments and memory. It will thus become an expression of that ‘interior conversion’ without which there can be no true ecumenism (cf. *Unitatis Redintegratio*, n. 7). In short, unity is a gift of God to be tirelessly implored with humility and truth.” (Vatican web site)

“The reconciliation of Christians transcends human powers and gifts.” Neither pious discourses nor grand projects,



however noble and elaborate they may be, bring about the unity sought for. Saint Paul experienced that numerous times, and so he could, in all truth, affirm to the Corinthians that only conformity with God’s call to each one, to the Church and to all peoples, “not with ‘wordy’ wisdom, however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning” (1 Cor 1:17), makes possible the attainment of that unity to which he exhorts all Christians, “united in mind and judgment” (1 Cor 1:10).

The divine Wisdom always surpasses, infinitely, that of men. “The ways of God are not ours,” as the all too shortsighted views of humans see them. And yet, in the divine and Marian project for the renewal of the Church in its refound unity, the ways of God are ours and urgently call out to us. He today gives to His Church and all the peoples Mary, the Lady of All Peoples, the divine Shepherdess, to gather them together in unity. Do we have it in us to rise above the language of human wisdom in order to receive the grace that visits us and the cross which, today as yesterday, is its necessary seal and which gives it all its meaning?

“The Church is the Community of peoples which will adore and glorify the Lord and Creator, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,” said the Lady of All Peoples in her messages. “All those who have been constituted superiors

and placed at the head of the Community will have to watch over the Church...”

“The time has come.... The Church – Rome – has its chance now. All Christians of this time will be held responsible in the eyes of posterity....

“One single Community: that is what the world will become thanks to this simple Prayer....”

“The Church – Rome – must concern itself with the peoples of this world. The sheep must be brought together in one single flock” (*The Lady of All Peoples*, messages presented by Raoul Auclair, 39th apparition).

Prayer of the Lady of All Peoples

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all peoples, that they may be preserved from corruption, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Peoples, who once was Mary, be our Advocate! Amen.

"You, Christians, let each one take the Cross in hand for himself. With this Cross in hand, you will possess the Kingdom. With this Cross in hand, you will go forth to meet your fellow men. With this Cross in hand, you will overcome your enemy. And the Christians of the world will know, then, that they are one, with the Church and with the Cross" (39th apparition).

The Lady insists: *"Christians must unite throughout the entire world"* (36th apparition). Is she not simply echoing Jesus' prayer for unity? *"That all may be one ... that they may be one, as we are one..."* (Jn 17:21-22).

"A day will come when men of ALL THE PEOPLES will be united. They will be ONE," she affirmed (27th apparition).

"I make a new appeal to all Christian peoples: 'It is already late; unite!' And you, ... transmit this message. Tell the world that it was the Lady of All Peoples who told you this.... Because the world aspires to unity in all that concerns the affairs of this world, the Lord and Master desires to bring spiritual unity to the peoples of this world. That is why He sends Myriam – or Mary –, and He sends her as the Lady of All Peoples" (36th apparition).

"To be one, unity; and over and above this unity, the Lady of All Peoples. One Community. Peoples, I emphasize these words: one Community. Think of the future.... It is she who has received the power to gather her peoples into one great and single Community. All the peoples gathered together in one great Community; that is what this world and this time must work for" (51st apparition).

"... That their unity may be complete. So shall the world know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me," prayed Jesus (Jn 17:23). This prayer embraces all the centuries, unveiling little by little the very mystery of this unity which must be perfected and is referred to in His words, along with the way that leads to this unity. Thus the Lady of All Peoples warns us:

"It is not a new doctrine that I bring.... I repeat: 'I do not come to bring new doctrine.' It already exists.... Transmit faithfully this: the Father, the Lord and Master, has given to the world the Handmaid of the Lord, as Myriam, or Mary. She was chosen from among all women as Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate.... It is now that the Church of Rome has its chance. The Church will see its strength grow progressively as the struggle intensifies. It is before the Cross, set up at the central point of the world, that the Lady of All Peoples stands. It is in this time now that she comes; and she comes under this name: Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate. And it is under this title that she will enter into Marian history. The new dogma, the dogma of Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix, will be the last in Marian history" (38th apparition).

Through her Prayer said in the Church and by the Church,

the Lady has promised to help us. We cannot really grasp the urgency and effectiveness of this simple prayer, the confident recitation of which attests to the obedience of the heart that calls upon the action of the True Holy Spirit in the heart of all peoples and opens the way to the unity of Churches and peoples, brought together under one single Shepherd, thanks to the assistance of the Lady, our Advocate in such a noble and saintly cause.

In her messages, Mary is clear and her maternal invitation pressing: *"This Prayer must be propagated in the churches, and by your modern techniques"* (38th apparition). *"The Lady of All Peoples will assist the Church of Rome. But the Church of Rome, the Community, has to ask it of Mary, the Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, and call upon her under her new title: the Lady of All Peoples"* (47th apparition).

"Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light" (Mt 4:15-16). Who among those in the Temple at the time could have foreseen that from the obedience of a little Mary would shine forth the Light of the Peoples which would fulfill Scripture? Who could have foreseen "in this time which is Our Time" that Heaven would have indicated, on March 25, 1958, to one of our countrymen: *"You will be another Mary"* (*Life of Love*, vol. II, chap. 5, p. 31), and that God would have informed her of the following on November 21, 1978: *"Come, I am taking you now for my Church"* (*id.*, vol. XV, chap. 62, p. 447), in order to accomplish the plan of love of the Co-Redemption, for on January 28, 1985, the Lord had said to her: *"'Life of Love' is the Work of the Lady of All Peoples"* and we could add, "in view of the unity of Christians".

God's ways are not our ways"... and yet they are really ours because they are the only ones that draw their prophetic inspiration and their divine power of realization from Him, for no human genius could have foreseen this or brought it to fulfillment. Yes, in all honesty, He alone is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6), and blessed are we if we listen to His voice.

At the dawn of the Kingdom, let us recognize the Star, quickening our pace in her Light. Mary, the Lady of All Peoples, is leading us to unity in the renewed Church, her Community. May we be among those who, "not with wordy wisdom" are "united in mind and judgment" in order to withstand this final combat which is not our battle but hers, the one of the victory of the Light over darkness. May the Light of Christ the Redeemer beam resplendently upon all the peoples called upon to become the Community of all the Christians gathered together in His name through Mary Co-Redemptrix, Mother and Lady of All Peoples.

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