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A Day of Prayer for Forgiveness and Protection with Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, The Mother of Jesus, The Mother of a Victim of Violence

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

—ISAIAH 55:8

*For this is the message you have heard from the beginning:
you should love one another, unlike Cain who belonged to
the evil one and slaughtered his brother.*

—1 JN 3:11-12

When Evil believes that it has won a major victory in human history when Evil is convinced that it has crushed significant possibilities for joy, truth, mercy, care, compassion and holiness when Evil recognizes that it has successfully planted the seeds of perversion that will ensure a full cup of misery for many tomorrows—when it has done these things, Evil then always tries to top off its triumph by blatantly mocking the Holy One.

How self-satisfied with their own mocking cleverness the soldiers who tortured Jesus must have been when they “crowned” Him with thorns, while contemptuously referring to Him as King of the Jews. What an experience of sadistic pleasure it must have been for these soldiers to make fun of Jesus by throwing a royal scarlet cloak over His tortured body and then bowing down before Him, parodying their own cowardly obsequiousness toward the masters of this world. One can only imagine the spirit of superiority that motivated the shaming slaps on the Divine face, followed by the sneering challenge, “Prophesy! Who struck you?” And, in the end, there was the mockingly haughty taunt on Golgotha: *He saved others but cannot save himself. So he is King of Israel!*

Sacrilege

Technically, a sacrilege is a violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred. The word is derived from the Latin, *sacrilegus*, that is, “stealer of sacred things.” By the time a person or a society reaches this stage of spiritual malaise, it is certain that he, she, or it has activated realities on the invisible side of existence which will do them great harm, that is, bring judgment, etc.—the natural consequences of participating in evil—into their lives, unless there is an authentic return to the Divine via repentance: metanoia, “change of mind.”

To be clear, it is neither that the Holy One is petty, nor that God must lash out with fury at being insulted. It is rather a question of what the person or group engaged in the sacrilege has become by the time he, she, or it would even conceive of trampling on the Holy. When this point is reached, only prayerful repentance can short circuit the current of evil let loose among the galaxies that lie below the surface of visible existence. If these movements are not interrupted, they will eventually erupt into the conscious life of the person or group as an utterly unanticipated, but precisely directed, catastrophic bolt of lightning—seemingly coming from out of the blue.

Destroyer of worlds

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in that moment—did such an idea arise? Did it arise merely from an awareness of the real possibility that, as of that moment and henceforward, politicians and military personnel could initiate a nuclear holocaust? Did this scientific genius—who knew that he knew almost nothing about the vast complexities of sub-molecular reality—sense that perhaps then-unseen and then-unknowable dimensions of existence had been lethally altered, and that therefore ecosystems of life, human and non-human, had been hurled into extreme jeopardy? We will never know for certain from what mysterious chamber in the deep space of his

psyche this strange sentence gushed into explicit consciousness. All we do know is that this is the chilling thought that flashed into the consciousness of the Father of the atomic bomb, when the first atomic explosion flashed before his eyes and pockmarked the face of the earth.

Since that historic day in the New Mexico desert—when the surface of this planet was made literally as hot as the surface of the sun—1,949 of these unnatural lacerations have disfigured

the earth's face. Most of these nuclear explosions have been hundreds and thousands of times more powerful than the original atomic fireball of 1945. But, from Washington to Moscow, from London to Paris to Jerusalem to New Delhi to Beijing, it has been and continues to be the publicly presented operating assumption that the only significant destruction that results from of a nuclear explosion is that which occurs within the perimeter of what can be currently measured—despite the fact that evidence contradicting this assertion accumulates daily.

Cainism

The atomic bomb came to be in the context of a humanity long ensnared in the diabolical spirit that gained control over Cain, and in its monstrous and freakish offshoot—state-sanctioned Cainism—i.e., war. All sides in World War II were engaged in the indiscriminate, religiously justified, very profitable (for a few), destruction of human beings en masse. The United States happened to develop THE BOMB

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able and unreasonable to assume or even suggest that its high command—Tojo, Hitler, or Stalin—would have had any more scruples about dropping it than did Truman. So the atomic bomb and its consequences belong to a bedeviled humanity, not exclusively to a particular nation or segment of humanity. This is a fact of history that is almost always ignored, de-emphasized, or minimized every August 6 and August 9 when Hiroshima and Nagasaki are remembered. Ignoring it, instead of giving it a high priority in consciousness, does a grave and dangerous spiritual

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and historical disservice to a humanity ensnared—universally—in the hideous and heinous spirit of Cainism.

Trinity

It is this humanity—ceaselessly deceiving itself, by telling itself that homicide and the technology of homicide can be of God, ceaselessly telling itself that the hellish spirit of Cain is compatible with the Holy Spirit of the Christ—that spoke what is probably the most infamous blasphemy since Good Friday, A.D. 33. You see, humanity entered into nuclear mass murder by way of a bomb that its “best and the brightest” code-named “Trinity.” The masters of this world, who masterminded THE BOMB, brazenly assigned to the first atomic explosion the

name of the God of Love. The God who was made flesh in the Nonviolent Jesus, whose paramount symbol is the Cross of Nonviolent Love of all—a symbol which is the utter opposite of the reality and symbol of the sword or the mushroom cloud—of the name of God has been assigned to the most murderous and destructive weapon ever produced by a human being! How mockingly clever! How delightfully nose-thumbing! How deliciously snide and sneering must this quintessential piece of Orwellian doublespeak have been to the dark spirit behind naming the making of hell on earth after the God of Love: Trinity!

July 16

Now I would like to seemingly digress here for a minute—but only seemingly. On July 16, 1251, Mary, the mother of Jesus, is said to have appeared to the Carmelite St. Simon Stock and given him—as a symbol of God’s protection against evil unto eternal life—a brown scapular. This creative grace of Jesus Christ—the Second Person of the Holy Trinity—presented to humanity through Mary as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was celebrated annually on July 16 in local dioceses throughout the world for centuries. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII formally designated July 16 the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for the universal Catholic Church—and so it remains to this day.

The first atomic bomb—blasphemously code-named Trinity—was detonated on July 16, 1945, the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

When in the economy of salvation initiated by the Word of God, Jesus, the brown scapular... the brown scapular was said to be gracefully given on July 16, 1251, through the mother of Jesus to Saint Simon Stock to wear, it would have been known as a large cloak-like garment about 18 inches wide. It would have been placed over a person’s shoulders (*scapula* is Latin for “shoulder”) and would have been ankle-length front and back. A secular form of such a garment would have been worn to protect people from the elements, that is, from what could physically harm them, e.g., wind, rain, snow, cold, etc. The spiritual symbolism of the garment would then be obvious; namely, it is to protect people from the destructive spiritual elements by which human beings are harmed, but which are often as far beyond an individual human being’s capacity to control as are a typhoon or a runaway perpetual war economy. This graced protection—symbolized now by a tiny one-inch square brown scapular—is ultimately based on trust in the One to whom the scapular says we belong, God who is love (agapé). It is also based on a sense of trustful unity to trustful unity of being, nature and heart with the one with the one whom we ask to pray for us and with us, the sorrowful mother of a Victim of violence, Jesus, the incarnation of the Word (*Logos*) of God, the Second Person of the Trinity of Agapé.

Is it possible that centuries ago the Holy Trinity through the Christ-event began in love via the sign of July 16, to orchestrate an escape for humanity from the cataclysmic consequences

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of this unprecedented explosion of evil into the human condition on July 16, 1945—and from its infernal sources? Is it possible that long before humanity had even an inkling it needed to be saved from a manifestation of Evil, God was acting to save humanity? It is possible! Did not Shakespeare rightly counter the

“one dimensional person” with Hamlet’s observation: *There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy*—or in our politics or in our sciences. My purpose here is not to argue the validity, meaning, purpose or place of apparitions—whatever they may be—within the Christ-event as it unfolds in history. Nor is it to discuss our solidarity with the yet-to-be-born and with the dead. Nor is it to reflect on the theological intricacies of asking that “great cloud of witnesses” who have gone before us, including to the Mother of a Victim of violence, Jesus, for the grace, to pray with us. My purpose is to invite you on July 16 to pray with others, including the Mother of a Victim of violence, for the grace—for all humanity—to break free from the wickedness and snares and consequences of the diabolical spirit of Cain made symbolically and efficaciously present and to monstrously witnessed to in the atomic cloud of July 16, 1945.

An invitation

This is an invitation to pray for forgiveness for the history of chosen evil—which Cainists and institutionalized Cainism have planned and executed—whose destructive power reached previously unimagined levels on July 16, 1945. It is also an invitation to pray for protection from the poisonous and bitter fruits of this nuclear seeding of the soul and soil of humanity by Cainists and institutionalized Cainism. For, in fact, July 16 represents and marks the commencement in human existence of a process of monetarily profitable human destruction that has and will indiscriminately—and to an altogether new degree—bring misery and death down upon human beings for generations to come, as the ever-novel lines of weapons it brings into the human situation are developed and used. Indeed, July 16 is the symbol and reality of weaponry that kills even if it is never used, as well as weaponry that kills long after it is used. By its cost alone it murders the working class and poor by depriving them of indispensable resources, which they need to live, and to which every human being has an inalienable right—a right conferred simply by the fact that he or she is a human being.

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Once the soul and the soil are seeded by the production of such weapons, no one on the planet can protect himself or herself from being contaminated by their ever-mutating spiritual and physical manifestations. They have created a cauldron of physical, spiritual, social, personal, and economic pathologies within humanity that have infected and affected us in ways never before seen. Every child in the womb, every farm, every lake, every person, every person's loved ones and offspring for untold generations must eventually wind up living downwind from the mushroom cloud.

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The Cainist's mind-set (now institutionalized in mega multinational armament corporations raking in gigantic profits for a few) for which the death-saturated cloud of July 16 is the symbol tearing human beings to

shreds, physically, spiritually, socially, personally, and economically at this very second. July 16 and the evil use of human intelligence that it symbolizes has not only turned a large segment of the world into a radiation-saturated St. George, Utah, and Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan,* it has also turned the economy of country after country ever increasingly into being part of a perpetual Manhattan Project in search of and in production of ever new ways and weapons by which to destroy human beings. Making instruments with which to kill and to maim the infinitely valued and loved sons and daughters of the Father of all (Eph 4:6) is the biggest and most profitable business on the planet...Cainism is king of the world economy!

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Hence the invitation that on this day we pray, adore, and petition the God of Love, the Trinity of Love, for eternal forgiveness for past evil and for protection from the future temporal consequences of evil entered into by ourselves and our forbearers. And it is an invitation to pray for this forgiveness and protection with Mary, the mother of an innocent victim of the brutal madness of Cainists, the likes of whom operate to this hour in government, commerce, the military, finance, violent revolutions, organized crime and religion, just as they did at the time her Son was murdered by them.

A non-thought

Every act of violence harms at least three people. Every act of violence simultaneously harms
*[See the DVD documentary titled THE DRAGON THAT SLEW ST. GEORGE.]

the victimizer, the victim, and those who love the victim. Mary, or Miriam if you prefer the Hebrew name of the mother of Jesus, knows the anguish of seeing a loved one mutilated, tortured, and murdered before her eyes. She knows what it means to be unable to save her beloved Son from the organized and legalized violence wielded by the secular power brokers and endorsed by the religious power brokers. She knows this as deeply as any mother or father, sister or brother, wife or husband in Hiroshima or Nagasaki in 1945, in Iraq at this hour, or at any place at any time in the history of humanity, where the life of a person loved by someone has been ripped from him or her by a Cainist or a Cainist institution or organization. When the soldier's lance pierced her Son's heart, did not that same lance pierce her heart? Can the one who is loved suffer without the one who loves him or her also suffering? Of course not. This is a universal truth applicable to all people at all times. But it is a universal truth that is a non-thought in the minds and calculations of the majordomos in the upper stratospheres of government, commerce, the military, finance, violent revolutions, organized crime and religion—and their obedient underlings.

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But it is not, could not be, a non-thought in the mind and heart of the mother of Jesus. Indeed, would not Jesus' mother wholeheartedly desire to pray with those who are praying that others, today and tomorrow, would not have to endure what she had to endure because of the spiritually and psychologically disordered state of men and women heatedly lusting to have control over other people and/or over their resources? Of course she would,

as would any normal person who had suffered the agonía of having a loved one legally or illegally butchered by another human being.

The Power of abiding in love and trust

Jesus teaches: *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask what you will, and it shall be granted unto you* (Jn 15:7). Without going into the many-hued nuances of the word abide, can it not be truthfully said that Mahatma Gandhi and Simone Weil abided in Jesus and His words, even though neither became a formal member of a Christian Church? And must it not also be truthfully acknowledged that, of all the people who abide in the mind

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of the mystery of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity of Love become flesh. The long history of the efficacy of praying with Mary evokes awe in those who know even a piece of it. That history has nothing to do with magic, nor with what is sometimes referred to as “Mariolatry.” It is exclusively the fruit of the free choice to abide in love in the heart of Jesus, which is also the heart of the Trinity.

The prayer then that seems appropriate for July 16 is prayer in, through, and to the Holy Trinity—that Eternal Indivisible Community of Indivisible Love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in whom all live and move and have their being, have their beginning and have their end. Also appropriate to this day is prayer with others, including Mary, who have had loved ones or friends destroyed or maimed by violence, and who want the Cainists, the Cainists’ institutions, and the Cainists’ organizations to stop the murder and mutilation of people’s loved ones.

“Help!”

We all need help. The American myths of the Lone Ranger, the self-made man or woman, and the loner who pulls himself or herself up by his or her own bootstraps are manufactured and well-promoted illusions. They never were true and they never can be true. They are, furthermore, illusions that are—spiritually, psychologically, socially, politically, and economically—acutely dangerous to self and others. They are lies. Were it not for the millions of people who supported the life of Albert Einstein daily—farmers planting and harvesting, sanitation workers, secretaries, grocers, shoemakers, clothes-makers, printers, bookbinders, repairmen keeping the electricity flowing and the lights on, etc.,— $E=mc^2$ would be a non-thought, a never-to-be-thought thought for Albert Einstein.

We all need help in matters small and large. We have probably all said to another person at some time, “Please, pray for Jim; he is quite ill.” We have all probably said to another person, “Could you give me a hand with this? It’s heavy.” Human beings are utterly interdependent. Without people using up their individual life’s time on behalf of others, human life would be impossible. This is how the Eternal Community of Love, the Trinity, created humanity to be, that is, to be totally dependent each on the other for mere existence and for the fullness

of existence—dependent on more others than anyone could ever fathom. This self-evident, as well as rationally deducible truth, when coupled with the universally given faculties of empathy and care which human beings possess by the grace of God, means that individually and collectively, if it chooses, humanity can mirror, can participate in the very Life of Care, Love, Mercy, and Agapé that is the Heart of the Trinity, as revealed to us by the Second Person of the

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Holy Trinity who was *made flesh*. If there is one thing that cannot be done alone, whether you are God or a human being, it is love. For love to be, there must be the other. The notion of the self-made man or woman, like the notion of an isolated-dyspeptic-tyrant-old-bachelor God, is at best a falsehood resulting from ignorance or, at worst, a brutal, deceptive ploy by which some people are manipulated by others, who out of their disordered desires, e.g., greed, the lust for power, do not want a human community living and loving in imitation of the Divine Community, the Holy Trinity.

All human beings are de facto walking “HELP” signs. And so it is that we seek help from each other and we seek help from God. We ask others to intercede for us, petition with us for the help we need from other people and from God. We probably most especially ask those who have great empathy for our plight and for what we seek. And so, we ask Mary, a person who knows to the marrow of her being the anguish of a mother of a Victim of Cainists and of institutionalized Cainism, to help us, to pray with us on this Feast Day of hers, so that our loved ones and the loved ones of others will not be destroyed by the spirit of Cain that relentlessly roams the earth seeking bodies, minds, spirits, and souls to devour, and that is made unmistakably visible on July 16, 1945, under the name of the Holy—the name under which organized Cainism has so often blasphemously operated in history.

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“Me”

All are welcome to come and pray in silence for twenty-four hours or any part thereof at Trinity Site, this July 16, or any July 16 thereafter, and in so doing to participate in the struggle to bring good out of evil; indeed, to overcome evil with love. For to pray for others, to use up some of one’s lifetime to help others, for the good of others, is to love others and thereby to love the God of Love by loving those who the Holy Trinity loves. (Mt 25:31-46; 1 Jn 4:20-21).

If you cannot physically be present in the New Mexico desert on July 16, please pray with those at Trinity Site in your own personal space or with your local community in the Presence

of the same God of Love, the same Eternal Communion of Love, the Trinity, Who is present in all places and fills all things, but Who is encompassed by none. And truly, there is not a better person to have pray along with you than the Mother of the Crucified—the Crucified who said to the religious Cainist Saul of Tarsus those strange words, *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* Words that echo His other words: *Whatever you did to the least you did unto me.* Is not Christ being crucified billions of times over today by all that the atomic cloud of July 16, 1945 symbolizes?

“Until the end of the world”

Perhaps the words of Benedict XVI from a Good Friday past would be a helpful note to conclude on and to ponder in light of all that has been reflected upon here and in the light of the Icon of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Christ's death recalls the accumulation of sorrows and evils that beset humanity of all times: the crushing weight of our dying, the hatred and violence that again today bloody the earth. The Lord's Passion continues in the suffering of people. As Blaise Pascal correctly writes, "Jesus will be in agony until the end of the world."

And Mary abides. She knows. She loves.

In Christ-God,

EMMANUEL CHARLES MCCARTHY

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