

## Did Pope Francis Prevent Nuclear War?

Well, I listened to President Obama's speech last night and he had some very good news. He said that the Secretary of State would be meeting with his Russian Counterpart. Obama said that he would be meeting with President Putin of Russia. He said that Congress would delay their vote authorizing him to bomb Syria. Now, this is what I call real progress. I did have one little disappointment, however. Barack Obama never once mentioned Pope Francis. Didn't Pope Francis hold a worldwide Prayer Vigil just 24 hours before all these dramatic events? Why isn't the Pope given some credit?

For three weeks, we had a military standoff between the world's superpowers. In 24 hours, the Pope changed all that. He prayed to Mary in Saint Peter's Square. He prayed the Rosary on September 7th, the Eve of the birthday of Mary which occurs on September 8th in the Catholic Church. Let's recapitulate these events. On August 21st, chemical weapons were used against the citizens of Syria, presumably by their own government. President Obama's response was to send ships to the Mediterranean and he promised to bomb Syria. Vladimir Putin's response was to send in defensive missiles to the government of Syria. Congressional response was that they would hold a vote giving Obama promise to wage extensive warfare.

And what was Pope Francis' response? He said he would hold a Prayer Vigil on September 7th, the Eve of the celebration of Mary's birthday in the Catholic Church. That was attended by tens of thousands of people in Saint Peter's Square. Immediately after Pope Francis's response, immediately after that Prayer Vigil, a whole bunch of very interesting developments occurred. There was a breakthrough: the standoff between the world's superpowers melted away. Did the Pope affect this change? Were his prayers to Mary successful?

Let's recapitulate what happened after Pope Francis' Prayer Vigil. A reporter asked John Kerry, I believe on television, what could happen that would prevent Obama bombing Syria, and John Kerry said, **'If Assad agreed to international control of his chemical weapons.'** Almost immediately, Vladimir Putin and Basher Assad agreed to those terms. Barack Obama backed off, Congress delayed their votes. Now, don't tell me there is no connection. All this occurred within hours after the completion of Pope Francis' Prayer Vigil. The power of prayer is more powerful than the military armies of all the earth.

For three weeks, we had a military standoff between the world superpowers that many were suggesting would lead to nuclear warfare. I'm not 100 percent certain that the Pope's actions are what delayed this, I am just relating the facts and the time sequence of what did occur. I will say this: these events are prophetic of how the Antichrist will be defeated in these End Times. Read the book of Esther. In that book, we see that the last Pope is prefigured by Mordecai. He will appeal to Esther who prefigures Mary in these End Times. Esther will appeal to King Ahasuerus, who prefigures Jesus, who in turn will hang Haman who prefigures the Antichrist, and King Jesus will hang the Antichrist on a scaffold that is fifty cubits high. Those fifty cubits prefigure the 50 Hail Marys in a 5 decade mystery of the Rosary.

And so, in conclusion, even if the President, or the news media or anyone else do not want to thank Pope Francis' role in all of this, I want to thank him. Thank you, Pope Francis. I know I have been sleeping a lot easier at night since you held that Prayer Vigil and since the world superpowers have backed down from their confrontation over Syria. Let's pray that peace will blossom in the Middle East and throughout the world. Let's pray that Genesis 3:15 will very soon be fulfilled.