

NINTH DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... All of these together gave themselves to constant prayer. With them were some women and also Mary, the mother of Jesus, and His brothers... and when the day of Pentecost arrived, all were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Brief Reflection: Our Father sends the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost, that will free us in our faith. This is the same faith that with Mary's maternal help, will remove the bonds that keep us prisoners. With the light of the Holy Spirit we see in meridian clarity, which of our anguishes had our spirit trapped. The guidance of St. Michael the Archangel has always been certain, St. Gabriel the Archangel will announce my freedom and St. Michael, will protect me from any attack. The Evil one (the serpent), overpowered by the presence of Mary, lies at her feet, made into a useless knot, unable to touch us. **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and prayer to "Our Virgin Mary Untier of Knots" Above then pray** Mother Three Times Admirable! Mother of Christ, Help of all Christians, pray for us.

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Look at Mary Undoer of Knots!

Look at her, with love and tenderness.

As she hears our pleas, this ribbon becomes free of any type of knot.

Trust her, place your problems and afflictions in her hands.

One by one the knots in your life will be Undone.

**May Mary wrap you in her Mantle of Love and Protection
and her Son watch over you always!**

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Novena to Mary Undoer of Knots



The good hearted angel looks to Mary holding the ribbon of our life and says: "We trust you, Mother; You can help us.

Undo, then, the knots of our life!"

Then, Mary takes our life into her compassionate hands and with her long fingers of mercy goes on to undo each knot, one after the other.

Another angel comes over, and taking the ribbon of our life, freed of all knots, looks at us and seems to say,

"See what she did.

**Look at what Mary, through her intercession can do again.
Trust her, place your problems and afflictions in her hands."**

EXPLANATION OF

Mary Undoer of Knots—The Favorite Devotion of Pope Francis

*Mary has been known as the Undoer of Knots or the Untier of Knots since the early Church. This is one of the biggest devotions in Brazil, the world's most Catholic country.

Why did Catholics ever give up the many and diverse devotions which for centuries have provided people with a personal connection with heaven? As individual as our personalities, the breadth of traditional devotions to Jesus, Mary, and the Holy Spirit, the angels, archangels, and the saints have served a pious purpose for many centuries when practiced with an honest heart. It will take generations to rediscover many of these wonderful devotions. In an effort to advance the cause, just a little, let us shine the light of attention on the Blessed Virgin Mary, "Undoer of Knots." In a time of cultural complexity, of confusion and disarray in personal relationships, this beautiful devotion brings that rare commodity for which we sometimes despair: **hope**.

With the supernatural patience and wisdom of the Mother of God, the image of Mary, Undoer of Knots, shows the blessed Mother serenely at work untying a length of cord that is riddled with kinks and tangles, representing the difficulties in our lives. Broken relationships, sinful behaviors, unforgiven enemies, prejudices and hates, lukewarm faith, anguish, regrets, loneliness, ignorance, cowardice, and so many other human failings on our part and on the part of others are responsible for the knots in our lives.

The bondage of sin, and the realization that sins may appear to be "freeing" actually bind and enslave us, is a traditional biblical image. Jesus, upon raising Lazarus from the dead, declared that his bonds should be loosed so he could be set free. Our Lord gave the power of binding and loosing to Peter and the Apostles when establishing His priesthood. Sin, from the Old to the New Testament, is described as an enslavement that keeps us from the company and grace of God the Father. Also traditional from the early Church is Mary's role as the great mediatrix, whose nimble fingers can undo the tangles of our sins in a heavenly intercession of maternal love. Pg. 1

SIXTH DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... Jesus replied, "Woman, your thoughts are not mine! My hour has not yet come." However His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2, 4-5)

Brief Reflection: In the Wedding Feast of Cana, the patient Virgin Mary intercedes for the guests. With this act, she inaugurates her mediation between the Son of God and men. The faithful servant of the Lord, is our most humble and maternal servant, in our afflictions, despairs, tribulations and wrong doings. She is the Mediatrix of all graces, to which we commend ourselves in our intricate problems, that with her maternal hands, she will untie the knots that still imprison us. **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and the prayer to "Our Virgin Mary Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us.**

SEVENTH DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... "It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon." (Luke 23: 44)

Brief Reflection: The Father's Will is about to be accomplished; Our Lord Jesus Christ will die on the cross for our salvation, in the promise of His Resurrection. From the darkness, the light will shine to illumine us, freedom from darkness. We already see our problems with more clarity. Our ties loosen, in the measure in which they conform to the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. At this time we are closer to His Mother, the Virgin Mary. **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and prayer to "Our Virgin Mary Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Mother of Christ, pray for us.**

EIGHTH DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... When Jesus saw His Mother, and the disciple whom He loved, He said to His Mother, "Woman, there is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "There is your mother." And from that moment the disciple took her to his own home. (John 19, 26-27)

Brief Reflection: At the moment Jesus went to the Father, He leaves us in the care of His Mother. It is the greatest legacy that Jesus left to Our Virgin Mary, and when He points this out to the disciple He loves, He gives her custody of all of humanity. She will be our Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix. The handmaid of the Lord, will grant us freedom, through her intercession, she will untie the final knots that make us prisoners. **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and prayer to "Our Virgin Mary Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Mother of Christ, Help of All Christians, pray for us.**

SECOND DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... and the Angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God". (Luke: 1, 34).

Brief Reflection: The Holy Spirit, Third Person of God, overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mary full of grace, and the power of the most High was with her so that she would give birth to our savior made man. That is why the Virgin Mary is blessed and holy. In her, The Son of God inhabited. Who better than His Mother, to aid us and help us to dismantle our tangled conflicts! **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary, and the prayer to "Our Virgin Mary Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Mother of Good Counsel, pray for us.**

THIRD DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." "Then the Angel departed from her." (Luke 1, 38)

Brief Reflection: The Virgin Mary meekly undergoes the designs of God, although with certain reservations. "...How can this be if I do not know man?...she accepts with some concerns. How many doubts will we have when we have moved away from God, and in our mistakes, we have knitted a useless cobweb of knots. Let us give our griefs to the council of Mary. **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and prayer to "Our Virgin Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Mother of Good Counsel, Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us.**

FOURTH DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING...When the angels had left them and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go as far as Bethlehem and see what the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2, 15-19)

Brief Reflection: They went to Bethlehem, where they found the Child, "The word made flesh", the only Truth, let us walk through our desert, that with the guidance of the Archangel Raphael, that we may come closer to Mary Mother of the Church, and with her to Jesus. Little by little, the knots of error that make us prisoners will be untied. "The Truth shall set us free". Let us walk in confidence towards our liberation." **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and prayer to "Our Virgin Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Help of Christians, pray for us.**

FIFTH DAY: BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS AS ON DAY ONE:

BIBLE READING... Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; and the door will be opened to him who knocks. (Matthew 7, 7-8)

Brief Reflection: The Heart of Mary is opened to us, like the door to heaven. We only need to ask for her help and her maternal arms will open for our tortured spirits. In her we will find the solution to our problems, balm for our pain, and answers to our doubts. Mary our help, intercede for us. **Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary and prayer to "Our Virgin Untier of Knots" Above then pray Mother Three Times Admirable! Door to Heaven, Consolation of the Afflicted, pray for us.** Pg. 5

The origin for the devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots, is a meditation from Saint Irenaenus, Bishop of Lyon and a martyr of the early Church. In his book *Adversus Haereses* (Against Heresies), he builds upon Saint Paul's parallel between Adam and Christ, stating "Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it...For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the Virgin Mary set free through faith."

The beautiful image of the Undoer or Untier of Knots, has been venerated in the pilgrim church of St. Peter in Perlack (Perlach), Bavaria, Germany, since 1700. For over three centuries, the devotion has survived among the faithful and appears to be growing, thanks to published booklets and websites.

An official publication, containing the devotion's history, and a novena with nihil obstat and imprimatur, and testimonies have been printed in 19 languages and distributed worldwide.

Contemplation of the image shows Mary with a crown of twelve stars adorning her head, a sign of Her Queenship of the Apostles, whom she consoled after Jesus' earthly departure. Her blue mantle represents her glory as Queen of the Universe. Her feet crush the head of the serpent indicating Her victory over Satan. She is suspended between heaven and earth, resplendent with light, and accompanied by the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, reminding us that she became Mother of God and full of grace by virtue of the Third Person of the Trinity. Assisting her at the task of straightening the cord of our life is an entire heavenly court of angels, signifying her position as Queen of the Angels, and Queen of Heaven.

"Ah, the knots of our life! Knots of discord in your family... the knots of deep hurts between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy in the home. Knots of hurt and resentments that so torture our hearts...How they suffocate the soul, beat us down, betray the heart's joy and even the will to continue living," writes Dr. Suzel Frem Bourgerie, a contributing author of the publication, "Mary, Undoer of Knots."

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Knots that separate us from God, chaining our arms, legs, all our being and our faith, keeping us from flinging ourselves like children into the arms of God and glorifying Him. The Virgin Mary does not want this to continue...she comes to you...to give her all these snarls because she **will** undo them one by one...more than ever the Holy Mother of God is ready to succor those who cry out to her..."

No matter how knotted are the events in your life, the Blessed Virgin can undo the tangles because her son empowers her to do them. Through this prayerful devotion we are reminded that sin never entangled Our Lady; that Christ gave His Mother to be our Mother, and that she is uniquely endowed with grace and perfection to fulfill her role, which she willingly accepts out of great love and humility.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, is a devotion that speaks to the hearts of the suffering who have become entangled in their vices and failings. In the following NOVENA we pray and entrust our specific "**knots**" to her loving hands, learning how to let go of that which binds us. To be free of the weight of our own chains means our hearts and minds are free to accept God's mercy and begin to do His will in our lives.

You may ask, why such a picturesque devotion, because we are human. To ponder something at once fantastic and yet attainable raises our minds and strengthens our faith that this world we live in is not the only one, and is far from the best one available. Devotions, such as **Mary, Undoer of Knots**, take the everyday difficulties of the human experience and transforms them into opportunities to grow closer to our Creator and to our goal of heaven.

"Mary, Undoer of Knots, dearest Mother, I thank you for undoing the knots in my life. Wrap me in your mantle of love, keep me under your protection, enlighten me with your peace!"

*(excerpted from: www.marypages.com)

THE FOLLOWING PRAYER IS SAID EACH DAY OF THE NOVENA AFTER THE DAYS READING, REFLECTIONS, AND HOLY ROSARY

PRAYER TO OUR VIRGIN MARY UNTIER OF KNOTS

Holy Mary, full of the presence of God, during your life you accepted with great humility the holy will of the Father and the legacy of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and evil never dared to entangle you with its confusion. Since then you have interceded for all of our difficulties as you did at the wedding feast of Cana. With all simplicity and with patience, you have given us an example of how to untangle the knots in our complicated lives. By being our Mother forever you arrange and make clear the path that unites us to Our Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and ours, with your maternal heart, untie the knots that upset our lives. We ask you to receive into your hands (**here mention your prayer request**) and deliver us from the chains and confusion that restrain us. Blessed Virgin Mary, through your grace, your intercession and by your example, deliver us from evil, and untie the knots that keep us from being united to God. So that free of all confusion and error, we may find him in all things, keep him in our hearts, and serve him always in our brothers and sisters.

Mother of Good Counsel pray for us. Amen.

BEGIN DAILY PRAYERS EACH DAY BY ...

make the **Sign of the Cross**, and say the **Act of Contrition**.

Pray: Blessed Virgin Mary, the one who unties the knot, in marriage, in people and of nations, I offer you this novena requesting the following intentions: (**mention here the favors that you wish to obtain**).

FIRST DAY: BIBLE READING... and now she will bear a Son. You shall call Him 'Jesus' for He will save His people from their sins...(Matthew 1: 21)

Brief Reflection: Our Lord Jesus, was born of the flesh and blood of the Holy Virgin Mary, spouse of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, untied the tongues of the mute, the obstacles to the paralytics, He removed the yoke of oppressed, and He liberated the sinners with His death. Jesus, through His Death and Resurrection is the Great Untier of Knots of our humanity united to sin. His Mother, first disciple and co-redemptrix, will untie our knots.

Meditate with one decade of the Holy Rosary, and the prayer to "Our Virgin Mary Untier of Knots" Above then pray, Mother Three Times Admirable, pray for us.