

## Novena Prayer to the Virgin Mary, Undoer of Knots (September 19 – 28)

### *Origin of this devotion*



To show us the mission granted to the Virgin Mary by Her Son, an artist Johann Melchior Georg Schmittdner (1666-1709) painted *Mary Undoer of Knots* in 1700 with great grace.

Since 1700, His painting has been venerated in the Church of St. Peter in Perlack, Augsburg, Germany.

It was originally inspired by a meditation of Saint Irenaeus (Bishop of Lyon and martyred in 202) based on the parallel made by Saint Paul between Adam and Christ. Saint Irenaeus, in

turn, made a comparison between Eve and Mary, saying: “Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it”.

## *But what are these knots?*



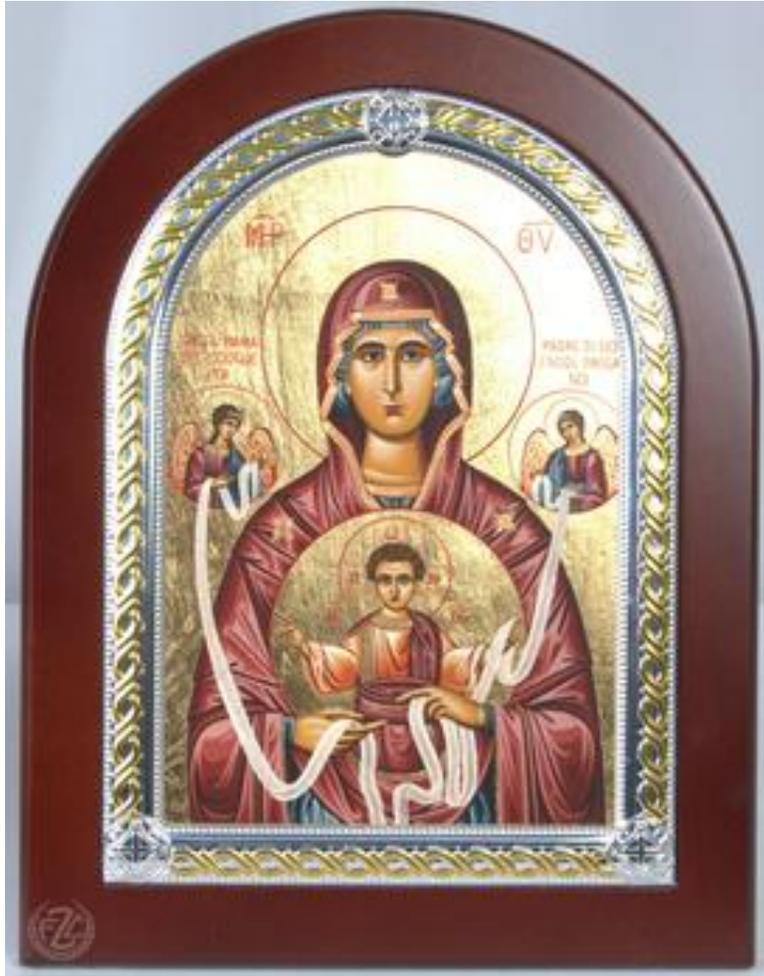
There are the problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any solution...knots of discord in your family, lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, violence, the knots of deep hurts between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home. There are also the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude...The knots of our life suffocate the soul, beat us down and betray the heart's joy and separate us from God.

Day after day, Christians kneel pray to Mary, and many families have become reconciled, many diseases have been healed, many spouses have returned to the Church, many jobs have been given, and many conversions have taken place. In other words, many Catholics have been on their knees praying and giving thanks for graces received from our Mother Mary.

Most of all, Mary wants to undo the knots of our sins which dominate our lives, so that we can receive the promises reserved for us from eternity. She comes with promises of victory, peace, blessings and reconciliation.

Then, free from our knots—filled with happiness—we can be a testimony of the Divine Power in this world.

*Feast Day: September 28*



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  
Prayer**

Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your children, extend your merciful hands to me.

I entrust to you today this knot...and all the negative consequences that it provokes in my life. I give you this knot that torments me and makes me unhappy and so impedes me from uniting myself to you and your Son Jesus, my Savior.

I run to you, Mary, Undoer of Knots because I trust you and I know that you never despise a child of yours who comes to ask you for help.

I believe that you can undo this knot because Jesus grants you

everything. I believe that you want to undo this knot because you are my Mother. I believe that you will do this because you love me with eternal love.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Luke 1:26-38**

**Final Prayer**

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.

You know very well how desperate I am, my pain and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot...I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all, You are my hope.

O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution and with Christ the freedom from my chains.

Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, and protect me, o safe refuge!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  
Prayer**

Mary, Beloved Mother, channel of all grace, I return to you today my heart, recognizing that I am a sinner in need of your help. Many times I lose the graces you grant me because of my sins of egoism, pride, rancor and my lack of generosity and humility.

I turn to you today, Mary, Undoer of knots, for you to ask your Son Jesus to grant me a pure, free, humble and trusting heart. I will live today practicing these virtues and offering you this as a sign of my love for you.

I entrust into your hands this knot...which keeps me from reflecting the glory of God.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Luke 1:39-45**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be**

**Prayer**

Meditating Mother, Queen of heaven, in whose hands the treasures of the King are found, turn your merciful eyes upon me today.

I entrust into your holy hands this knot in my life \_\_\_\_ and all the rancor and resentment it has caused in me.

I ask your forgiveness, God the Father, for my sin. Help me now to forgive all the persons who consciously or unconsciously provoked this knot. Give me, also, the grace to forgive myself for having provoked this knot. Only in this way can you undo it.

Before you, dearest Mother, and in the name of your Son Jesus, my Savior, who has suffered so many offenses,

having been granted forgiveness, I now forgive these persons \_\_\_\_ and myself, forever.

Thank you, Mary, Undoer of Knots for undoing the knot of rancor in my heart and the knot which I now present to you. Amen.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Luke 1:46-55**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  
Prayer**

Dearest Holy Mother, you are generous with all who seek you, have mercy on me.

I entrust into your hands this knot which robs the peace of my heart, paralyzes my soul and keeps me from going to my Lord and serving Him with my life.

Undo this knot in my love...O mother, and ask Jesus to heal my paralytic faith which gets downhearted with the stones on the road.

Along with you, dearest Mother, may I see these stones as occasions of growth. Not murmuring against them anymore but giving endless thanks for them, may I smile trustingly in your power.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Luke 2:21-35**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  
Prayer**

Mother, Undoer of Knots, generous and compassionate, I come to You today to once again entrust this knot...in my life to you and to ask the divine wisdom to undo, under the light of the Holy Spirit, this snarl of problems.

No one ever saw you angry; to the contrary, your words were so charged with sweetness that the Holy Spirit was manifested on your lips.

Take away from me the bitterness, anger and hatred which this knot has caused me. Give me, o dearest Mother, some of the sweetness and wisdom that is all silently reflected in your heart.

And, just as you were present at Pentecost, ask Jesus to send me a new presence of the Holy Spirit at this moment in my life. Holy Spirit, come upon me!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Matthew 2:13-23**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  
Prayer**

Queen of Mercy, I entrust to you this knot in my life...and I ask you to give me a heart that is patient until you undo it. Teach me to persevere in the living word of Jesus, in the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession. Stay with me and prepare my heart to celebrate with the angels the grace that will be granted to me. Amen! Alleluia!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Matthew 13:54-57**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be**

**Prayer**

Mother Most Pure, I come to you today to beg you to undo this knot in my life...and free me from the snares of Evil.

God has granted you great power over all the demons. I renounce all of them today, every connection I have had with them and I proclaim Jesus as my one and only Lord and Savior.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, crush the evil one's head and destroy the traps he has set for me by this knot. Thank you, dearest Mother. Most Precious Blood of Jesus, free me!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: John 2:1-12**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  
Prayer**

Virgin Mother of God, overflowing with mercy, have mercy on this your child and undo this knot...in my life.

I need your visit to my life, like you visited Elizabeth. Bring me Jesus, bring me the Holy Spirit.

Teach me to practice the virtues of courage, joyfulness, humility and faith, and, like Elizabeth, to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Make me joyfully rest on your bosom, Mary. I consecrate you as my mother, Queen and friend. I give you my heart and everything I

have (my home and family, my material and spiritual goods). I am yours forever. Put your heart in me so that I can do everything Jesus tells me.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: John 19:25-27**

**Final prayer (as in Day 1)**



**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be**

**Prayer**

Most Holy Mary, our Advocate, Undoer of Knots, I come today to thank you for undoing this knot in my life...You know very well the suffering it has caused me. Thank you for coming, Mother, with your long fingers of mercy to dry the tears in my eyes; you receive me in your arms and make it possible for me to receive once again the divine grace.

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, and enlighten me with your peace. Amen.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

**Reading: Acts 1:12-14**

**Final Prayer (as in Day 1)**