

# **“Praying Them Home: A Practical Workshop” Agenda – Nov 4, 2024**

**Please enjoy some refreshments as people arrive.**

**Introduction:** Who are/what is the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry at St Brendan?

## **Opening Prayer: St Monica Prayer**

*Dear Saint Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St Monica, for (mention your petition here) and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

**Testimony:** Mary Destefani: “Mary’s Mantra: All will be well”

**Video #1** Fr Chris Alar & Brandon Vogt (See outline of video and note section on page 2)

**Table Talk:** (15 minutes) Small Group Discussion  
Suggested question to talk about at your tables:

- What stands out to you from the video presentation?
- What did you learn about how to interact with loved ones who left the Church?
- What are some personal experiences you can share with your table?

**Video #2** Fr Mike Schmitz (see outline of video and note section on page 3)

**Q & A Time:** Do you have anything you would like to share with the entire group that may help others or any questions from what you saw in the videos?

**Closing Prayer  
and Blessing:** Deacon Jim Morris

**Praying  
Them Home:** Take a moment to pray for the return of your loved one back to their faith in the Chapel before you leave. (T having St Monica intercede by praying the St Monica prayer!)





## Definitions and Resources

### What is the Rosary and why pray it?

The Rosary is an incredibly rich practice of prayer that evolved over the centuries. The first recorded use of the word "rosary" did not appear until 1597. But, third-century Christian hermits and monks in Egypt (known as Desert Fathers) used stones and later prayer ropes to keep track when praying the 150 Psalms. Men and women of many faiths and cultures have (and do) use beads to pray. The word bead in English comes from an Old English word *bede* that means prayer. Use of prayer beads allows us to keep track of the number of prayers said, while we focus on the deeper meaning of the prayers themselves.

It only takes about 20 minutes to pray the Rosary, and it is an easy way to meditate on Scripture and key moments during Jesus' life. The Rosary has 59 beads, a crucifix, and a medal, with certain prayers for each including Introductory Prayers, The Decades and Closing Prayers. Catholics use the Rosary to pray to God through the intercession of Mary. With the prayers of the Rosary, we ask Mary to pray for us (to intercede on our behalf) and to guide us by the example of her son, Jesus. While the Rosary is made up of simple prayers — the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be — these prayers are powerful. After all, the Our Father (the Lord's Prayer) was given to us by Jesus Christ himself; the Hail Mary by an archangel, St Elizabeth and the Church; and the Glory Be is rooted in the Old Testament angelic praises from the Book of Daniel. It would be difficult to improve on those prayers!

### What is a Chaplet and why pray them?

The Chaplet is another great prayer tradition in the Catholic Church intended for personal devotion. Like the Rosary, a Chaplet helps you keep track of your prayers. Unlike the Rosary, which has a set form and structure, chaplets may have different bead layouts and use different prayers. A chaplet is often a personal devotion to Mary, the Saints or Jesus, with corresponding prayers depending on your intention. Oftentimes, the Chaplet you pray contains a crucifix or medal of the saint the chaplet is devoted to.

Since a Rosary, or the Divine Mercy Chaplet is a personal devotional, it can always be accommodated to fit the need and the circumstances of the situation (like praying your loved ones back into their faith!)

### What is a Novena and why pray them?

A novena (from the Latin word "novem" meaning "nine") is a nine-day period of prayer to ask God for special favors or graces or to prepare for important events/feast days. The tradition is based on the nine days of prayer Jesus asked His Apostles to do before Pentecost. The Surrender Novena was given to Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo (1882-1970) by Jesus. In this novena, Jesus tells us to place our complete trust in Him.

### How to have a Mass said at St Brendan for your loved ones:

Remember loved ones or make your special prayer intention known at Mass by submitting your request to the parish office. Simply call to reserve a spot, then send in/drop off \$10 to confirm it.

### "The Veil Removed", short film:

Shows the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints, revealed by scripture and through the catechism of the Catholic Church. [https://youtu.be/OOLZDaTglaM?si=uOh3feb008IWoa\\_w](https://youtu.be/OOLZDaTglaM?si=uOh3feb008IWoa_w)

### St Gabriel Catholic Radio: AM 820

# HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

## 1. Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 2. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

## 3. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

## 4. Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## 5. On each of the Large Beads

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

## 6. On each of the Small Beads

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

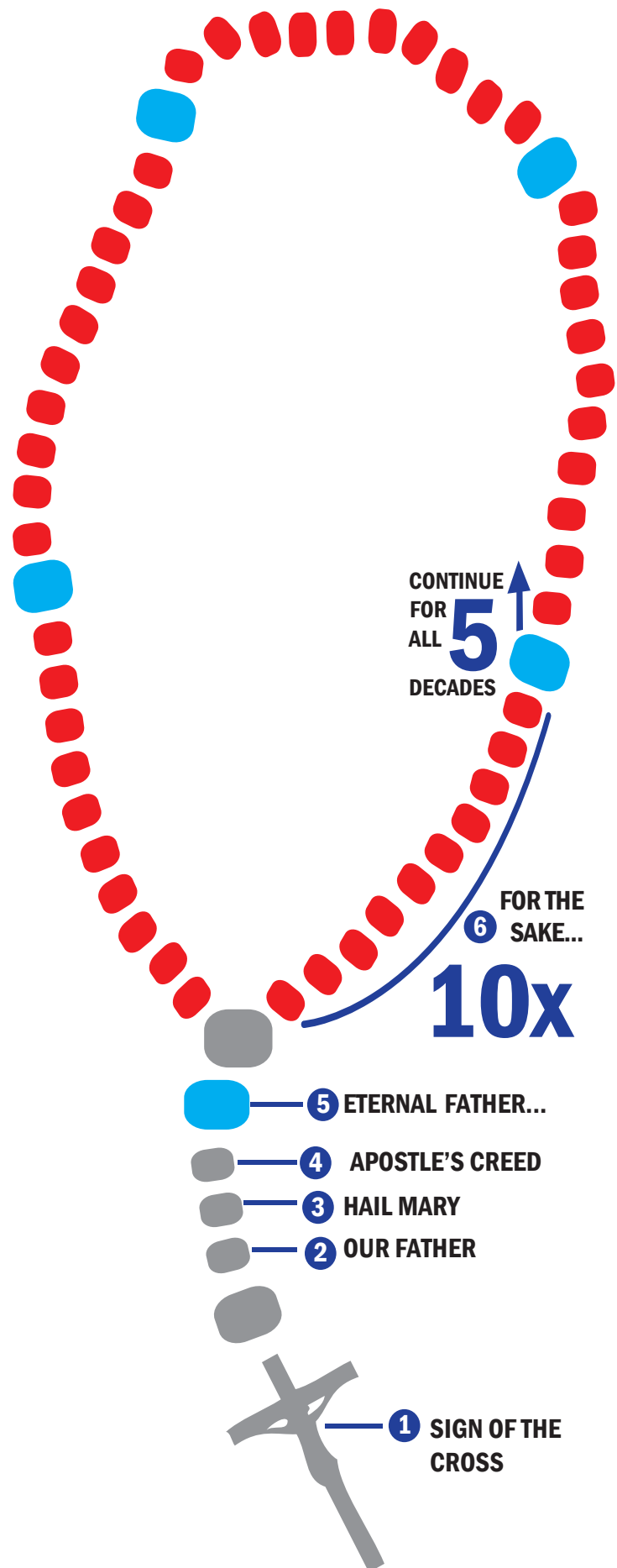
## After Praying All 5 Decades

### 7. Concluding Doxology (Repeat 3x)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### 8. Closing Prayer (optional)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



# How to recite the Rosary

## 1. SAY THESE PRAYERS:

**IN THE NAME** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *(As you say this, with your right hand touch your forehead when you say Father, touch your breastbone when you say Son, touch your left shoulder when you say Holy, and touch your right shoulder when you say Spirit.)*

**I BELIEVE IN GOD**, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**OUR FATHER**, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**HAIL MARY**, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**GLORY BE** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**O MY JESUS**, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN**, mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

**O GOD, WHOSE** only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANNOUNCE** each mystery by saying something like, "The third Joyful Mystery is the Birth of Our Lord." This is required only when saying the Rosary in a group.

## 2. IN THIS ORDER:

### INTRODUCTION

1. IN THE NAME...
2. I BELIEVE IN GOD...
3. OUR FATHER...
4. HAIL MARY...
5. HAIL MARY...
6. HAIL MARY...
7. GLORY BE...
8. O MY JESUS...

### THE FIRST DECADE

9. ANNOUNCE...
10. OUR FATHER...
11. HAIL MARY...
12. HAIL MARY...
13. HAIL MARY...
14. HAIL MARY...
15. HAIL MARY...
16. HAIL MARY...
17. HAIL MARY...
18. HAIL MARY...
19. HAIL MARY...
20. HAIL MARY...
21. GLORY BE...
22. O MY JESUS...

### THE SECOND DECADE

23. ANNOUNCE...
24. OUR FATHER...
25. HAIL MARY...
26. HAIL MARY...
27. HAIL MARY...
28. HAIL MARY...
29. HAIL MARY...
30. HAIL MARY...
31. HAIL MARY...
32. HAIL MARY...
33. HAIL MARY...
34. HAIL MARY...
35. GLORY BE...
36. O MY JESUS...

### THE THIRD DECADE

37. ANNOUNCE...
38. OUR FATHER...
39. HAIL MARY...
40. HAIL MARY...
41. HAIL MARY...
42. HAIL MARY...
43. HAIL MARY...
44. HAIL MARY...
45. HAIL MARY...
46. HAIL MARY...
47. HAIL MARY...
48. HAIL MARY...
49. GLORY BE...
50. O MY JESUS...

### THE FOURTH DECADE

51. ANNOUNCE...
52. OUR FATHER...
53. HAIL MARY...
54. HAIL MARY...
55. HAIL MARY...
56. HAIL MARY...
57. HAIL MARY...
58. HAIL MARY...
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62. HAIL MARY...
63. GLORY BE...
64. O MY JESUS... T

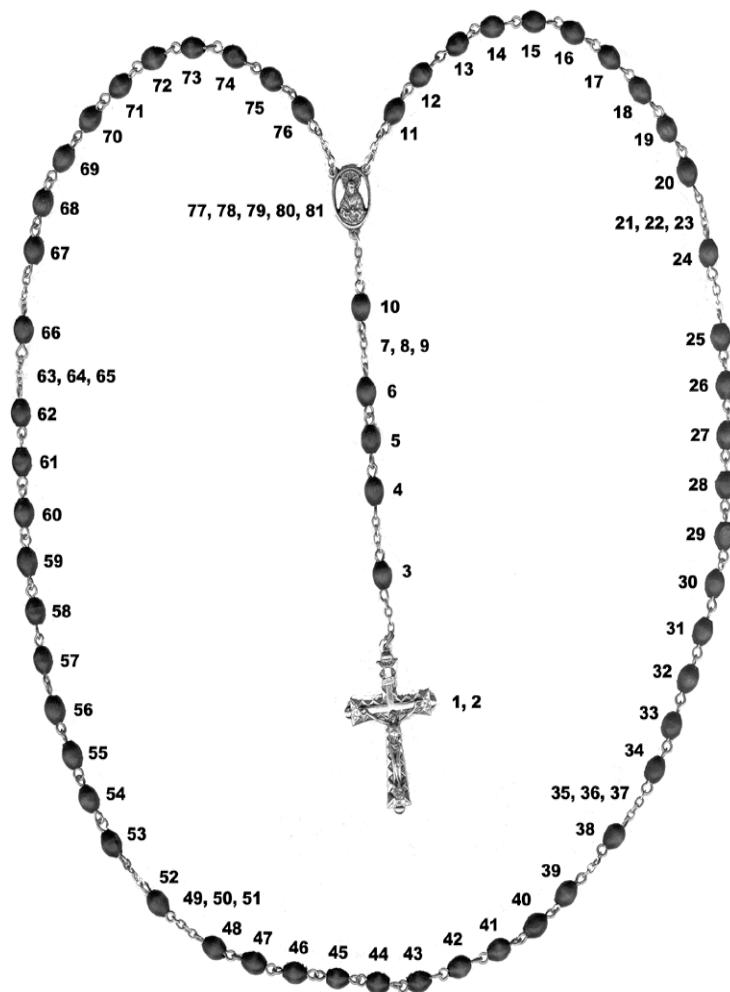
### THE FIFTH DECADE

65. ANNOUNCE...
66. OUR FATHER...
67. HAIL MARY...
68. HAIL MARY...
69. HAIL MARY...
70. HAIL MARY...
71. HAIL MARY...
72. HAIL MARY...
73. HAIL MARY...
74. HAIL MARY...
75. HAIL MARY...
76. HAIL MARY...
77. GLORY BE...
78. O MY JESUS...

### CONCLUSION

79. HAIL HOLY QUEEN...
80. O GOD, WHOSE...
81. IN THE NAME...

## 3. WHILE TOUCHING THESE BEADS TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PROGRESS:



## 4. AND SILENTLY MEDITATING ON THESE "MYSTERIES" OR EVENTS FROM THE LIVES OF JESUS AND MARY:

**On Monday and Saturday, meditate on the "Joyful Mysteries"**

**1st Decade (Steps 9-22):** The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

**2nd Decade (Steps 23-36):** The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)

**3rd Decade (Steps 37-50):** The Birth of Our Lord (Luke 2:1-21)

**4th Decade (Steps 51-64):** The Presentation of Our Lord (Luke 2:22-38)

**5th Decade (Steps 65-78):** The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

**On Thursday, meditate on the "Luminous Mysteries"**

**1st Decade:** The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-16)

**2nd Decade:** The Wedding at Cana, when Christ manifested Himself (Jn 2:1-11)

**3rd Decade:** The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15)

**4th Decade:** The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-8)

**5th Decade:** The Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist (Mt 26)

**On Tuesday and Friday, meditate on the "Sorrowful Mysteries"**

**1st Decade:** The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-56)

**2nd Decade:** Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26)

**3rd Decade:** Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31)

**4th Decade:** Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary (Matthew 27:32)

**5th Decade:** The Crucifixion of Our Lord (Matthew 27:33-56)

**On Wednesday and Sunday, meditate on the "Glorious Mysteries"**

**1st Decade:** The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (John 20:1-29)

**2nd Decade:** The Ascension of Our Lord (Luke 24:36-53)

**3rd Decade:** The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

**4th Decade:** The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

**5th Decade:** The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

# The Surrender NOVENA



The Surrender Novena was given to Fr Dolindo Ruotolo, a priest who was a contemporary of Padre Pio. When Padre Pio would meet people who came to him from Naples, where Fr Dolindo lived, he would say, "Why do you come here, if you have Don Dolindo in Naples? Go to him, he's a saint!" Some pray it every day, knowing that, as the author of the novena said, "There is no novena more effective than this." Who was that author? Jesus, Himself!

When saying "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" try putting your closed hands in your lap with palms up, count with your fingers as you say it 10 times, then raise your opened hands to Jesus letting Him take your troubles. Picture Jesus in front of you and see what He does!

## DAY 1

Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 2

Surrender to me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way.

Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in my care, so that only I act, saying "You take care of it."

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 3

How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need, turns to me, looks at me and says to me, "You take care of it", then closes its eyes and rests. In pain you pray for me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to me, instead, you want me to adapt your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to.

So do not act this way but pray as I taught you in the Our Father: "Hallowed be thy Name", that is, be glorified in my need. "Thy kingdom come", that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with your kingdom. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven", that is, in our need, decide as you see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to me truly: "Thy will be done", which is the same as saying: "You take care of it", I will intervene with all my omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 4

You see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to me with faith: "Thy will be done. You take care of it". I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say, "You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By my love, I promise this to you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 5

And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 6

You are sleepless; you want to judge everything, direct everything and see to everything and you surrender to human strength, or worse—to men themselves, trusting in their intervention—this is what hinders my words and my views. Oh, how much I wish from you this surrender, to help you; and how I suffer when I see you so agitated! Satan tries to do exactly this: to agitate you and to remove you from my protection and to throw you into the jaws of human initiative. So, trust only in me, rest in me, surrender to me in everything.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 7

I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever performed miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it anymore, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this all of you and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things; I promise this to you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 8

Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say "You take care of it" I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

## DAY 9

Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance, and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it." Do not be afraid, I will take care of things, and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this.

***O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!*** (repeat 10 times)

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother, I am yours now and forever.

Through you and with you  
I always want to belong  
completely to Jesus