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The Surrender Novena & Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo

What is a novena?

A novena is a series of prayers said for nine straight days, generally praying for specific intentions or graces. The word novena comes from the Latin word "novem" which means "nine." There are various reasons why the number nine is significant. One tradition points to the Acts of the Apostles and the nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. During this period Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the Apostles gathered together in prayer (Acts 1:14) until Pentecost arrived and tongues of fire rested on each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). Many novenas are done leading up to a particular feast day or solemnity. They can also be done at any time chosen by an individual for a particular intention.

How do you pray the Surrender Novena?

Some novenas repeat the same prayer each of the nine days. Others have a different prayer for each day. The Surrender prayer has a different prayer from "Jesus to the soul" for each day. Then, it ends with the same petition to Jesus to be repeated 10 times: "Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" It also includes a short prayer to Mary: "Mary, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you I always want to belong completely to Jesus."

The Surrender Novena and Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo

This novena was given to Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo by Jesus. Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo was born on October 6, 1882, on the eve of the feast of the Virgin of the Holy Rosary. He was devoted to the Blessed Virgin throughout his life. Jesus and the Blessed Mother visited him with great consolation.

He chose to live in extreme poverty throughout his life. He lived to serve others in their suffering. He is known both for his miraculous healings and for help in the daily needs of ordinary people.

On November 19, 1970, Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo died at the age of 88. Padre Pio once said of this priest from Naples, Italy, "The whole of paradise is in your soul". His name "Dolindo" means "Pain" and his life was rich with pain. As a child, a teenager, a seminarian, and a priest, he experienced humiliation, which was the realization of the prophetic words of a bishop who said, "You will be a martyr, but in your heart, not with your blood."

In his profound humility, he was able to hear the words of God. Even with his hidden life, he was one of the greatest prophets of the last century. He wrote to Bishop Hulica in 1965 that "a new John will rise out of Poland with heroic steps to break the chains beyond the boundaries imposed by the communist tyranny." On this postcard, he wrote words of consolation for Poland and all countries suffering under the communist regime. This prophecy was realized in the Papacy of John Paul II.

In his tremendous suffering, Dolindo became more and more a child who lived his self-offering to the Divine Father. "I am totally poor, a poor nothing. My strength is my prayer, my leader is the will of God which I let Him take me by the hand. My security over the uneven path is the heavenly mother Mary."

One of the treasures of the words which Jesus spoke to Dolindo was the teaching about total abandonment to God. In the surrender novena, Jesus is talking to Fr. Dolindo and also to you.

Fr. Dolindo is a candidate for beatification, and the Catholic Church has granted him the title "Servant of God."

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