DAY 5 – Prayers

FIFTH DAY (Tuesday, 7th Week of Easter)

Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, And our inmost being fill!

The Gift of Knowledge

The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth--in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that we may perceive the will of the Father; show us the nothingness of earthly things, that we may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and our own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Meditation for the Fifth Day of the Novena to Mary, Undoer of Knots

Mother, Undoer of Knots, generous and compassionate, we come to You today to once again entrust this knot [Our family here and abroad, our elderly, our livelihood, our health, the children & their studies, their choices, perspectives, chastity, purity, holiness, & my nieces nephews, their friends and all of the youth & the dying, for world peace, for all the souls in purgatory and conversion of sinners . . .] in our 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 us 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 us a new presence of the Holy Spirit at this moment in our life. Holy Spirit, come upon me!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. * See Closing Prayers above.

Fifth Day - Today bring to ME the souls of heretics and schismatics, and immerse them in the ocean of MY mercy. During MY bitter Passion they tore at MY Body and Heart; that is, MY Church. As they return to unity with the Church, MY wounds heal, and in this way they alleviate MY Passion.

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of heretics and schismatics. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to adore the generosity of Your mercy.

Even for those who have torn the garment of Your unity, A fount of mercy flows from Your Heart. The omnipotence of Your mercy, Oh God. Can lead these souls also out of error.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of heretics and schismatics, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in the

Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

DAY FIVE

I salute you, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. we salute you, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. we rejoice at the favors our Lord has so liberally bestowed upon you. In humility and confidence we entreat you to help me, for we know that God has given you charity and pity, as well as power. we ask you by the love you did feel toward the Infant Jesus as you held him in your arms to tell Him now of the favor we seek through your intercession in this novena (*Our family here and abroad, our elderly, our livelihood, our health*, the children & their studies, their choices, perspectives, chastity, purity, holiness, & my nieces nephews, their friends and all of the youth & the dying, for world peace, for all the souls in purgatory and conversion of sinners...).

One Our Father, one Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony. Saint Anthony, pray for us!

O God, may the votive commemoration of blessed Anthony, your confessor, be a source of joy to your Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance, and deserve to enjoy eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O holy Saint Augustine, who has famously declared that "Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.", aid me in my own search for our Lord that through your intercession I may be granted the wisdom to determine the purpose God has planned for me. Pray that I be blessed with the courage to follow God's will even at times

when I do not understand. Ask our Lord to lead me to a life worthy of His love, that I may one day share the riches of His kingdom. Petition our Lord and Savior to ease the burden of my problems and grant my special intention, and I will honor you all of my days.

Saint Augustine, God's faithful servant, educator and evangelist, show me the mercy you are renowned for and come to my aid in this time of distress. Hear my cries and ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bless me with a favorable response to my petition.

(State the nature of your problem or the special favor you seek)

Glorious Saint Augustine I boldly ask for your intercession confident in your boundless wisdom and compassion. May this devotion lead me to a life dedicated to the fulfilling the will of God that I may one day be deemed worthy of sharing His Kingdom with you and all the saints for all eternity. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... St. Augustine, Pray For Us! Amen.

Day 5

Woe to me, unhappy being, if Thou, O Lord, hadst cast us into hell; for from that dungeon of eternal pain there is no deliverance. we love Thee above all things, O infinite God and we are sincerely sorry for having offended Thee again. Grant us the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Say one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary**, and the <u>Prayer to Our Suffering</u> <u>Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory</u>.

DAY 5 (July 2)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

Dear Little Saint,

I depend a great deal upon the help of my friends in time of trouble or sorrow.

I look for their approval in many things I do.

I am disconsolate and lonely when they desert me.

Through your powerful intercession in Heaven, obtain for me the grace to place all my confidence in God.

Only by walking constantly in His presence and depending upon His help, will I have the courage to stand up for His laws, even though it may mean loss of friends, criticism and complete removal of worldly comfort.

Help me to look for all of my strength in Him. Amen.

Recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my Love!
Sweet Heart of Mary, be my Salvation!
Recite the Prayer to Saint Mary Goretti above,
Say 1 Our Father... 1 Hail Mary... 1 Glory Be...

Saint Mary Goretti, Pray for us!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen