

# NOVENA OF ABANDONMENT

## Make this novena often

Father Don Dolindo Ruotolo was a Neopolitan priest (1882-1970), stigmatized miracle worker, and "mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit." This humble priest had extraordinary communications with Jesus throughout his heroic life, a life that was totally devoted to God and Mother Mary. He referred to himself as "the Madonna's little old man" and the Rosary was his constant companion. Padre Pio once said to him, "The whole of paradise is in your soul."

Fr. "Dolindo's" name means "Pain," and his life was rich with it. 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 told him, "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 life so hidden, he was one of the greatest prophets of the last century. On a postcard, he wrote to Bishop Hnilica in 1965 that a new John would rise out of Poland with heroic steps to break the chains beyond the boundaries imposed by the communist tyranny. This prophecy was realized in the papacy of St. Pope John Paul II.

In his tremendous suffering, Fr. Dolindo became more and more a child of God who lived in complete 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 take me by the hand. My security over the uneven path is the heavenly mother, Mary."

One of the treasures from the words which Jesus spoke to Fr. Dolindo is the teaching about total abandonment to God, which is partitioned into a novena for frequent prayer. In this novena, Jesus is speaking. As you can see from His words, much of what Our Lord wants flies in the face of normal human inclination and reason. We can only rise to this level of thinking through the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. But when we do as the prayer says, and open our hearts and minds in love, and close our eyes in trust and ask Jesus to, "Take care of it," He will.

# Novena of Abandonment:

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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 close 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 to 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

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take care of everything!

## 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.

### **Repeat 10 times:**

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you,  
take care of everything!

Mother, I am yours now and forever.  
Through you and with you  
I always want to belong completely to  
Jesus.