



Our Lady Undoer of Knots

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My brother Paul had been sick for three years. The cancer eating away at his body was playing a relentless game, sometimes going into remission but always roaring back. On the Sunday before last Christmas I started a novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. I entrusted his whole situation to Mary, asking either that he have a full cure or, if it were God's will, that he be taken safely to heaven. The next day I got an unexpected package from a friend. Inside was a beautiful rosary she had made by hand, with a centerpiece bearing the image of Mary, Undoer of Knots. I was stunned. **Seeing that, I knew it was a sign from Mary that she would take care of everything.** I finished the novena and a

few days later Paul died very peacefully in the Lord.

Just like she did at Cana, Mary still intercedes for our needs with her son. At Cana she didn't even make a request, but simply told Jesus, "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Despite Jesus' seeming rebuff, she trusted him and told the stewards, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5). Jesus did not disappoint her and gave the young couple an overflowing abundance of good wine. It was a sign that revealed his glory so that his disciples started to believe in him.

Mary does the same thing for us today. **We go to her with our needs, and she presents them to Jesus: "They are sick.... He has no job She has no friends...." No matter how tangled the knots we give her, she patiently starts to undo the mess.** The devotion to Our Lady Undoer of Knots has been growing because Pope Francis has been promoting it. But I also think that in our troubled times, Jesus wants us to realize more how powerfully Mary can act in our lives.

If you have some difficult problem, don't get caught up in worry but entrust it to Mary. Pray a novena, the rosary, or any Marian prayers that you like. A novena is a time-honored practice of dedicating nine days to prayer for a special intention. Our newly-published novena booklet to *Our Lady, Undoer of Knots* is an ideal help. Each day of the novena highlights a particular way that Mary can help us. We can't go wrong when we give our problems to her. All she asks us to do is the same thing she said at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you."