

We shall be very happy
at the hour of death
if we have known how to take advantage
of all the moments of life. RMJ 241.120

Love

*The cord is reverently placed back in Mary's
hands or beside her image.*

Chant: "Women of the Word"



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PRAYER FOR UNTYING THE KNOTS WHICH BIND US



*...That we might be open to gratitude,
open to one another,
open to joy,
open to mission.*



Opening Chant: Women of the Word, embracing Life,
We are women of the Word, embracing Life

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6

Is not rather the fast that I have chosen,
to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens,
to release into freedom those who are broken and
that you break every yoke?

Chant: "Women of the Word"

Passing of the knotted cord (Reflective music)

Each Sister unties one knot before passing it on...

Suggested readings as the cord passes from Sister to Sister:

*When the good Lord dwells in the heart
it is he who sets
everything in motion. ES 63.2*

*Let them remember
what kind of Mother they have chosen
for themselves to imitate
and how great is her power
with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Const. 1872:197*

*(Mary) will guide them even in little things
if they are careful
to do nothing without consulting her.
Let us always have recourse to her
and we shall always be helped. CMJ 15.1*

*It was at the foot of the tabernacle
that Jeanne Marie imbibed that strength of soul
which enabled her to overcome
so many obstacles,
the least of which would have discouraged
a less generous soul. RMJ 162.1*



*If we make our communities
places of living faith and love,
we shall find there
the conditions and the impetus needed
to carry out the mission entrusted to us.
Const. 38*

*In the spirit of our Founders
we shall have a special care
for the poor and underprivileged.
Const. 36*

*Send your Spirit to consecrate every one of us
with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord.
With renewed enthusiasm, may your Church
- and Mary's little congregation -
bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of
Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Pope Francis Easter Prayer for Year of Mercy - adapted

*Above all, try to live
in a great spirit of faith
which will lead you
to see God in everything. CMJ 90.3*