

NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN PAUL II

DAY 5 – YOUTH

You must make demands of yourself, even if others make no demands from you. Make demands contrary to the universal thought that promotes, “Taking the easy way”. Choose “to be more” rather than “to have more.” Today’s “to be more” of a young person is the courage to remain full of initiative - you cannot resign from this, the future of everyone depends on this, faithful to a dynamic witness to faith and hope.

My young friends ... Be blessed! Be blessed together with Mary, who believed that the words spoken to her by the Lord will come to pass. Be blessed. May the sign of the woman clothed with the sun go with you, may she go with everyone along all the paths of life. May she lead you to the fulfillment in God of your adoption as children in Christ. Verily, verily, the Lord will do great things for you! The Lord will do great things for us!

You, my dear young friends, girls and boys, you are to be faithful witnesses brave in those “great things” in your circles, with your peers, in all circumstances of life. Mary, the Virgin from Nazareth, who heeded every inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is with you. She, who through her grand response to God’s plan, “be it done unto me”, disclosed to the world the long-awaited perspective on salvation.

Looking at the humble handmaid of the Lord, taken today into the glory of heaven, I say to you with St. Paul, “Live by the spirit” (Ga 5:16.) Allow the “Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, of knowledge, of piety and fear of the Lord” (Is 11:2) penetrate your heart and your life and transform the face of the earth. Renewed by the power that comes from Him, become the builders of a new world - a different world based on truth, justice, solidarity, and love.

My dear young friends, receive the Holy Spirit and be strong!

Let us pray:

*God our Father, from our youth
You have invited us to follow You.
In Your Son, youth has a Master
who teaches how to form a new person in us –
patiently and persistently –
to discover one's vocation,
to build effectively a culture of love.
We pray to You for our youth,
that it may not enslave itself
to blind desires and deceptive love.
May Saint John Paul II,
who sought the young and reciprocally loved them,
be a model and patron for them,
and for us we ask for this favor ...
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be... Litany....

