NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN PAUL II

DAY 8 – MARY

Amid this mystery, amid this trust in faith, stands Mary. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to Your word."

Our Lady of Czestochowa, Mother of Trust, I come to you once again to bid farewell and to ask for your blessing for my trip. Mother of the Church, once again I offer myself into the "Maternal slavery of love" according to the words of my vocation: Totus Tuus! I entrust to you the whole Church - everywhere, even to the farthest ends of the earth! I entrust to you all of mankind, my brothers and sisters. All the peoples and nations. I entrust to You Europe and all the continents. I entrust to You Rome and Poland, united by your Servant, through a new bond of love.

Mother, accept us!

Mother, do not abandon us!

Mother, be our guide!

Grant to us, Mother of the Church and Queen of Poland, that we will thank You more than with our words, with the silence of our hearts; that with this silence we will sing our farewell prayer.

John Paul II, First Apostolic Pilgrimage to Poland, Czestochowa, June 6, 1979

Let us pray:

God our Father, Mary, Mother of Your Son, hear our prayer-petition: "Our Advocate, turn then Your merciful eyes upon us, and Jesus, the Blessed Fruit of Thy womb, after our exile, present to us, O merciful, O compassionate, O sweet Virgin Mary!" May we offer thanks for Saint John Paul II, totally dedicated to Mary, fulfilling the mission given to him by the Risen One accept the fruits of his life and service and to us grant this favor... Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

