

Hope in Hard Times: A Novena with Dorothy Day  
DAY 8, Non-violence



Photo: Rosary and Discarded PPE, 126<sup>th</sup> St., Harlem, NYC, 4/20/2020

The Dorothy Day Guild asks its members and others to “spiritually gather” (in the words of Pope Francis) to pray a novena for solidarity and compassion in this challenging time. As we look outward at the tragedy of illness, we can lose sight of the epidemic of violence infecting our hearts and our society. In this time of enforced quiet, may we examine our own violence both in action and indifference. May we root out the ways we commit and spread violence in all its forms. Today, we pray for peace and non-violence and a new global awareness of interconnectedness.

“The solution proposed in the Gospels is that of voluntary poverty and the works of mercy. It is the little way. It is within the power of all. Everybody can begin here and now.... We have the greatest weapons in the world, greater than any hydrogen or atom bomb, and they are the weapons of poverty and prayer, fasting and alms, the reckless spending of ourselves in God’s service and for his poor. Without poverty we will not have learned love, and love, at the end, is the measure by which we shall be judged.”

– Dorothy Day, *The Catholic Worker*, 1950

Let us pray...Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be OR the Holy Rosary

Prayer for the Canonization of Servant of God Dorothy Day (1897 – 1980)

God our Father,

Your servant Dorothy Day exemplified  
the Catholic faith by her life

of prayer, voluntary poverty,  
works of mercy, and  
witness to the justice and peace  
of the Gospel of Jesus.

May her life inspire your people  
to turn to Christ as their Savior,  
to see His face in the world's poor, and  
to raise their voices for the justice  
of God's kingdom.

I pray that her holiness may be recognized by your Church  
And that you grant the following favor that I humbly ask through her intercession:  
(here mention your request)

I ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.