

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>August 2011</h2> <p><i>Get hold of yourselves! It is I! Do not be afraid!</i> (Matthew 14: 22-33) <i>Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass.</i> (Matthew 15: 21-28) <i>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the son of the living God'.</i> (Matthew 16: 13-20) <i>If a man wishes to follow me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in my footsteps.</i> (Matthew 16: 21-27)</p>						
	1 May the grace of the Holy Spirit sustain you and enable you to grow more and more in virtue.	2 May Jesus and Mary provide you with the grace to fight ... against the wiles of the evil spirit.	3 May your angel invariably show you the right path which...	4 (The Lord) never ceases to visit his (creatures) in time of trial ... (and) serve as armor and shield ...	5 (The Lord) is armor and shield to ward off the blows of the enemy and further misfortunes.	6 Humble yourself continually before the Lord ...
7 Keep yourself always in the last place and never give in to yourself.	8 Have boundless trust in God even when misfortune and the deceit of the enemy trouble you.	9 The one who abandons himself in God and trusts in Him will never be confounded.	10 May your whole life be spent in giving thanks to the divine Spouse ...	11 May all your actions, all your sighs and yearnings be addressed to (God).	12 Remain with (God) always in times of misfortune and trial.	13 Remain with (God) also in your spiritual consolation.
14 Live for (God), in a word, and let your entire life be spent for Him.	15 Hand over to (God) your departure ... from this earth, when, where, and as He wills.	16 In all things show yourself ever more worthy of your Christian vocation.	17 Live in such a way that the heavenly Father may be proud of you ...	18 Live in such a way ... that the world will be forced to say of you: 'Here is Christ'.	19 Every Christian ... must call himself a second Christ and show forth clearly in his life the entire image of Christ.	20 If only all Christians were to live up to their vocation, this land of exile would be changed into a paradise!
21 Grow always in Christian love and never tire of advancing in this which is the queen of all the virtues.	22 You can never grow too much in this most beautiful virtue (of love).	23 Love (love) very much ... for it is truly most dear to our divine Master.	24 To enkindle (love) in our hearts the Son of God was pleased ... to become like us ...	25 I am prepared to receive any blow whatsoever as long as I can please the Lord.	26 The desire to be united with Jesus is a holy one.	27 Be grateful and thankful to God for the great benefits He continually bestows on you.
28 Renew your trust in God, humble yourself before Him and praise and bless the heavenly Father with a full heart.	29 Cast far from you all thought of things that cause you to be sad ...	30 You must endeavor to occupy your mind with happy things ...	31 Try to dwell ... on the goodness of the heavenly Father in giving you His Only Begotten Son...	August continues to reflect of passages from the letters of Padre Pio to his spiritual daughter, Raffaellina Cerase. The letter quoted is dated 30 March 1915.		

Praying the Month of August

Sunday: *(Recite the entire prayer "Stay With Me, Lord" as an act of entrustment to God and resignation to His Holy Will)*

Monday: Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often...Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without meaning and hope...Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness...Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Tuesday: Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow you...Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You ever more, and to be always in Your company...Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You... Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

Wednesday: Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing...Death, judgement and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, for that I need You...It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need you, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Thursday: Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of life, with all its dangers, I need You...Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Friday: Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You.

Saturday: Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong active love... Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love you perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus.

(Every day recite the following prayer)

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, You were generously endowed by God, the Giver of all good gifts, with the gifts of the Spirit, signing your body as a living witness to the saving Passion and Death of Jesus, His Son. Many looked upon the reflection of the Crucified Jesus in your body and experienced anew God's saving mercy. Through your ministry, God reconciled penitents to Himself and invited them to taste His sweetness in the Holy Eucharist. Through your powerful intercession before God, pray for us, that we may follow your example of prayer and penance and come to

follow more closely our Risen Lord, so that one day we may rejoice with you in that kingdom where God calls all His faithful children to live in the light of His love and eternal peace.

Pray for us Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

God of mercy and love, you called St. Pio of Pietrelcina to extend the mystery of the cross visibly into the lives of sinners and sufferers, that they might be converted to believe in the Gospel. Through his intercession, strengthen all believers in the willingness to take up the cross daily and follow Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(Pray at least one of the following each day)

(Act of Faith)

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became a man and died for our sins, and who will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that my faith not falter. Pray that I believe with the strength of faith that supported you when others would not believe in the working of the Spirit in your life. Pray that I may always believe, especially in those moments when I would question. Help me to say always, with Mary Our Mother, YES to all God asks.

(Act of Hope)

O my God, trusting in Your infinite goodness and promises manifested through Your inspired Word, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins *through Your divine mercy and compassion*, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I never lose hope. In the trials and tribulations of life, pray that I trust in providence and await the Lord's saving help. Pray for me that I have the strength to bear my crosses as you bore yours, with my heart set on the crown awarded those who persevere trusting in the Lord's never-failing assistance.

(Act of Love)

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I learn to see in my sisters and brothers the face of Jesus, and that I may look at them with the eyes of my heart. Pray that God's love for me may

be the measure I use in responding to those with whom I share life's journey. Help me to love others, as you loved all people, even those who persecuted you.

Praise of Mary Assumed into Heaven and Queen of All Creation

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy;
hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us.
And after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,
JESUS.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;
That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, You have made us for yourself; Our hearts are restless until they rest in you. In Padre Pio of Pietrelcina You have given us a renewed image of Your Crucified Son, to inflame the hearts of a world grown cold to Your everlasting love.

Fulfill our longing through Jesus, for a world that hungers for peace and justice, for a world that longs for love.

Padre Pio celebrated the great mystery of Your love and became one with the Eucharistic Bread of Life, Jesus, Whose Body and Blood we offer and become when we are consumed as we consume.

Grant that we may witness to Jesus, as Padre Pio of Pietrelcina did and be moved, as he was moved, to relieve the suffering of others.

Jesus alone can satisfy the hungers of the human family. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of Padre Pio, lead us to You, that we may one day share the fullness of life.

You are God, living and reigning with the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

August

1	Tob 12-14 Prv 30.1-17 Philemon	1499-1505
2	Jdt 1-3 Prv 30.18-33 Lk 1.1-25	1506-1513
3	Jdt 4-6 Prv 31.1-15 Lk 1.26-56	1514-1519
4	Jdt 7-8 Prv 31.16-31 Lk 1.57-80	1520-1525
5	Jdt 9-11 Eccl 1 Lk 2.1-35	1526-1532
6	Jdt 12-14 Eccl 2 Lk 2.36-52	1533-1538
7	Jdt 15-16 Eccl 3 Lk 3.1-14	1539-1547
8	Esth A,1-2 Eccl 4 Lk 3.15-38	1548-1553
9	Esth 3-C Eccl 5 Lk 4.1-30	1554-1561
10	Esth D-8 Eccl 6 Lk 4.31-44	1562-1571
11	Esth 9-10 Eccl 7 Lk 5.1-26	1572-1580
12	1Mc 1 Eccl 8 Lk 5.27-39	1581-1589
13	1Mc 2 Eccl 9 Lk 6.1-31	1590-1600
14	1Mc 3 Eccl 10 Lk 6.32-49	1601-1608
15	1Mc 4 Eccl 11 Lk 7.1-23	1609-1620
16	1Mc 5 Eccl 12 Lk 7.24-50	1621-1632
17	1Mc 6 Sng 1 Lk 8.1-25	1633-1637
18	1Mc 7-8 Sng 2 Lk 8.26-56	1638-1645
19	1Mc 9 Sng 3 Lk 9.1-26	1646-1654
20	1Mc 10 Sng 4 Lk 9.27-45	1655-1658
21	1Mc 11 Sng 5 Lk 9.46-62	1659-1666
22	1Mc 12 Sng 6 Lk 10.1-24	1667-1673
23	1Mc 13 Sng 7 Lk 10.25-42	1674-1679
24	1Mc 14 Sng 8 Lk 11.1-26	1680-1690
25	1Mc 15-16 Wis 1 Lk 11.27-54	1691-1698
26	2Mc 1-2 Wis 2.1-11 Lk 12.1-31	1699-1715
27	2Mc 3-4 Wis 2.12-24 Lk 12.32-59	1716-1719
28	2Mc 5-6 Wis 3.1-9 Lk 13	1720-1729
29	2Mc 7-8 Wis 3.10-19 Lk 14	1730-1738
30	2Mc 9-10 Wis 4.1-15 Lk 15	1739-1748
31	2Mc 11-12 Wis 4.16-19 Lk 16	1749-1761