

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2012</h1> <p><i>This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him. (Mark 9: 2-10)</i> <i>Stop making my Father's house a marketplace. (John 2: 13-25)</i> <i>The Son of Man be lifted up so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life. (John 3: 14-21)</i> <i>The Father will honor whoever serves me ... When I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself. (John 12: 20-33)</i></p>						
Padre Pio writes to his spiritual daughter, Raffaolina Cerase in letters dated: 1915: July 14 and August 4.				1 Luke 20	2 Luke 21	3 Luke 22
St. Pio of Pietrelcina, spiritual father of countless souls who seek a deeper relationship with God, your resignation to the Father's Will, often manifested through the decisions of the Church and your religious superiors, teach us humility. Pray that we may be among those humble souls to whom the Eternal Father, through His Incarnate Son Jesus, promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Through your love and concern for those who suffer in mind and body, teach us to recognize with the eyes of faith the face of our Lord Jesus Christ Who makes Himself known in the poor and suffering.				May the Spouse of our souls increase the ardor of the flames of His love in your heart ...	May He (Jesus) always smile on you and on all those whom He loves.	May Jesus' Mother and ours ... obtain for you the necessary strength to fight and win all the battles God has decreed for (you).
4 Luke 23	5 Luke 24	6 John 1	7 John 2	8 John 3	9 John 4	10 John 5
May your good angel remain watchful at your side, may he protect and support you ...	Praised be to God in the highest heavens! He is my strength He is the salvation of my soul ...	In (God) I hope, in Him I trust and will fear no evil.	Don't say you are all alone in climbing Calvary ... Jesus is with you and will never abandon you.	Do not doubt that the One who has sustained you so far will continue ... to support you ...	May Mary ... enable you to understand all that is contained in the great secret of suffering borne with a Christian spirit.	Great strength is needed ... but take heart, for the Savior will never leave you alone or without His help.
11 John 6	12 John 7	13 John 8	14 John 9	15 John 10	16 John 11	17 John 12
Let us make haste to join and mingle with all those pious and faithful souls who follow the Divine Master.	You are very dear to the heart of the Divine Father ...	Be docile in shouldering (your) crosses with humility.	Seek comfort in the sacrament of the Eucharist.	In the midst of great desolation let your soul never cease to sing to God the hymn of gratitude and praise.	Keep far away from... profane assemblies, corrupt & corrupting entertainment, from all ungodly company.	Recollect yourself continually and may your whole life be hidden in Jesus ...
18 John 13	19 John 14	20 John 15	21 John 16	22 John 17	23 John 18	24 John 19
Don't be frightened by the dark night of humiliation and solitude or ... mortifications.	Go forward all the time, go forward, and don't let the torrent of mortifications stop you.	Don't let persecutions of worldlings ... deter you from following the road trodden by the saints.	Run up the steep slope of the mountain of holiness and don't let the rough path dismay you.	Continue to walk close to Jesus.	If following (Jesus) means protection against every mishap, you will most certainly win through in all things.	Remember the goodness with which the Lord has treated you up to the present.
25 John 20	26 John 21-Acts 1	27 Acts 2	28 Acts 3	29 Acts 4	30 Acts 5	31 Acts 6
(The Lord) will continue His work of perfecting you which will be to your advantage.	Show docility beneath the Lord's divine action.	Open the door of your heart to (Jesus) with trustful abandonment.	You must learn how to suffer in a Christian manner.	Don't be afraid...	No suffering ... will go unrewarded in eternal life.	Trust and hope in the merits of Jesus ...

Lenten Journey

Lord Jesus Christ, you gather your people during this holy season of Lent, and you call us to repent and believe the Gospel. Remove any barriers that keep us from you so that we might live fully the life we received at Baptism and carry our cross each day. You have given us Padre Pio of Pietrelcina as a modern image of the Suffering Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his intercession and your divine grace, may we turn to you in our need, thank you in our abundance, and share your love with the world around us. Amen.

Litany of the Stations of the Cross

I Lord Jesus, that I may see the people in my life through your eyes, and not the eyes of a Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of responsibility, **through Your life-giving Sacrifice, and the intercession of Padre Pio, grant me this grace.** (*)

II Lord Jesus, that I may embrace the crosses of my life, so that in recognizing my weaknesses I may discover Your strengths, (*)

III Lord Jesus, that I may always trust in Your loving care for me, even when I fall, (*)

IV Lord Jesus, that I may see how often You love me through the people in my life, as Mary loved you, and that I may always keep our Blessed Mother Mary, who accompanies me in life's journey, in my heart, (*)

V Lord Jesus, that I may see that loving others and assisting them in their need is the surest way to find and recognize You in my life, as Simon did, (*)

VI Lord Jesus, that I may have a deeper and more courageous faith to be unafraid to reach out to others, as Veronica did to You, (*)

VII Lord Jesus that I may never hide behind pride and

that I may be ready and willing to begin again after my repeated falls, (*)

VIII Lord Jesus, that I may show compassion to others in their sorrow or need, and place my sorrow or need second to theirs for a while, (*)

IX Lord Jesus, that I may recognize how much I need You, and rely on Your strength in the many difficulties and pit-falls of life, (*)

X Lord Jesus, that I may let go of those things that prevent me from growing closer to You, (*)

XI Lord Jesus, that I may see Your cross as the great sign of Your love for me, as did our Spiritual Father, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, (*)

XII Lord Jesus, that I may see my crosses as ways of loving You and dying to myself, (*)

XIII Lord Jesus, that I may learn to place my life in Your hands, and not fear seeming unimportant, useless, helpless...as You allowed Your lifeless body to be placed in the hands of Mary, (*)

XIV Lord Jesus, that I may always believe in Your closeness and loving presence, especially when You seem distant from me, (*)

life, even to Calvary. The sorrow and joy, the pain and healing, the failures and triumphs of my life are truly small deaths and resurrections that lead me closer to You.

Give me the faith and trust I need to walk with You always.

Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our most Blessed Mother, be with us through life's journey. As you comforted Jesus on the road to Calvary by your silent and loving presence, as you held his lifeless body close to your immaculate heart, as you offered the sadness and suffering that only a mother can feel when she sees the suffering of her child, look upon me as you looked at Jesus. See His marred image in my frail nature; hold me close to your mother's heart in my moments of temptation and sin; and pray for me that I may be for God what I was created to be, a **LIVING IMAGE OF JESUS**. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, loving Father and Spiritual Guide, in this most holy season of Lent, be with us. By a singular grace you were blessed to participate in the mystery of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through your ministry, God revealed the marvels of His mercy to numberless souls. Pray for us, that like you, and through your loving intercession we may remain one with Christ in his Passion so as to joyfully attain come with you to the glory of the Resurrection. Intercede for us with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is God for ever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Lord Jesus help me to walk with You each day of my

