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<h2>March 2011</h2> <p><i>Not every one ... shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven ...</i>(Matthew 7: 21-27)  <i>You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.</i> (Matthew 4: 1-11)  <i>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well please; listen to him.</i> (Matthew 17: 1-9)  <i>The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.</i> (John 4: 5-42)</p>						
The words of Padre Pio are taken from letters to his Spiritual Daughter, Raffaolina Cerase: 1914, December 17, 29; 1915, January 9, 23		1 Never undertake any work or action without first raising your mind to God and directing to Him...the action you re about to do.	2 Examine yourself as to whether you have done everything with the right intention.	3 You must not be discouraged or dejected if your actions have not succeeded as ...you planned.	4 We are made of clay and not every soil yields the fruits expected by the one who tills it.	5 Let us humble ourselves and acknowledge that we are nothing if we lack divine assistance.
6 To be worried because something we have done (has not succeeded) shows a lack of humility.	7 May the ever-present grace of the Lord prevent you from being a prey to (the) evil spirit even to the slightest extent.	8 Never let your mind become so absorbed in your work or in other matters as to make you lose the presence of God.	9 Never eat more than you really need and endeavor to practice moderation all the time.	10 Let everything be regulated by prudence which should be the rule in all our actions.	11 Never lie done to sleep without first examining your conscience on the way you have spent the day.	12 Never lie done to sleep without ... first turning your thoughts to God.
13 Offer and consecrate your whole person and that of every Christian ... to God ...	14 Never forget your Guardian Angel who is always close to you, who never leaves you no matter how badly you treat him.	15 Try to have some thought concerning the painful Passion of Jesus before you fall asleep.	16 The Holy Spirit will give you such great strength that you will be able to endure and overcome all opposition.	17 Keep looking forward and never call a halt.	18 All will be done as God wills. Be at peace, then, and let vain fears ... be far from your mind.	19 You should calm yourself and yield more and more to the love of our divine Spouse.
20 We have a sure sign that people really love God when we observe their readiness to keep God's holy law ...	21 We have a sure sign that people really love God when we observe ... their constant watchfulness so that they may not fall into sin ...	22 We have a sure sign that people really love God when we observe ... their habitual desire to see the heavenly Father glorified...	23 (They desire to see the Father glorified)while losing no chance to spread the kingdom of God as far as lies in their power ...	24 God has a very deep love for you.	25 Make an effort to bear with steadfast patience.	26 Oh, how good Jesus is... with all, but how good He is showing Himself to us in particular!
27 Let us open our hearts trustfully to Him and allow Him to work on us.	28 Rejoice, when you least expect it , the Lord will make light shine in the darkness.	29 Arm yourself with the beautiful virtue of trust in the Lord and take heed of the assurances which God gives you ...	30 Do not let the mass of your infidelities frighten you, for the Lord who is sheer goodness ... has pardoned and forgotten all...	31 Be docile and obedient and do not give way to sadness ...	<b><i>Father, in Padre P of Pietrelcina, You have given us 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.</i></b>	

## *Reflecting on the Passion of Christ*

**Lord Jesus Christ**, You call us to repent and believe the Gospel. Remove the barriers that keep us from you so that we might live fully the life we received at Baptism. You have given us Padre P of Pietrelcina as the living image of the Suffering servant for our times. He bore the wounds of Your Passion, Lord Jesus Christ, and thus became a support and encouragement for us as we are called to carry our daily crosses. 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. We ask this of You who live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, may I walk this way with you, in the spirit of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. May each step heighten within me a realization and love for all You endured for me. In the words of St. Alphonsus Liguori: *Grant that I may love You always, then do with me as you will.*

### **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 P, 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 P 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, (\*)

### **Concluding Prayers**

**Lord Jesus**, help me to walk with You each day of my 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 P of Pietrelcina**, loving Father and Spiritual Guide, 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 come with you to the glory of the Resurrection. Intercede for us with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is God living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen.

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