

# October 2013

*Increase our faith.* (Luke 17: 5-10)

*Jesus, Master! Have pity on us! ... Stand up and go, your faith has saved you.* (Luke 17: 11-19)

*When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?* (Luke 18: 1-8)

*O God, be merciful to me a sinner.* (Luke 18: 9-14)

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## *Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi to Our Heavenly Mother, Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit.*

*Holy Virgin Mary, there is none like you born in the world among women. Daughter and handmaid of the most high King, the Heavenly Father, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit! Pray for us with St. Michael the Archangel and all the Virtues in heaven and all the saints to your most holy beloved Son, our Lord and Master! Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God, you are forever chosen by the most holy Father in heaven, whom he consecrated with his most beloved Son and the Paraclete Spirit! You in whom was and is all fullness of grace and all good! Hail, his palace! Hail, his tabernacle! Hail, his dwelling! Hail, his vesture! Hail, his handmaid!*

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Lack of confidence in God's goodness ... greatly offends our heavenly Spouse, and ... our most sweet Lord deprives us of many graces, simply because the door of our heart is not thrown open with holy trust.

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Be consoled by the thought of your love for Jesus and of being loved by him much more in return.

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Let us ask (Jesus) for the grace to love him and to see him loved more and more.

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I want you to meditate every day on the humiliations of the Son of God and the glory to which they led.

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(The divine Word) did not disdain to lower himself to our level in order to raise us up to fullness of life in God.

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Let your thanks and praise be directed to God alone.

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Live joyfully and courageously, at least in the upper part of the soul, amid the trials in which the Lord places you.

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Calm yourself ... You are merely one of the chosen ones who are tried like gold in the furnace.

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It is well to be resigned and not to cease imploring Jesus to come to visit you spiritually.

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When sacramental Communion becomes impossible, spiritual Communion makes up for it to some extent.

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(The evil one) would like to deprive your soul of the serenity and childlike trust required in those who approach the most holy Sacrament to receive Jesus' embrace.

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May (God) always be blessed by all his creatures.

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May God's reign come soon; may this most holy Father sanctify his Church; may he abundantly shower his mercy on those souls who have not known him up to now.

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May (God) destroy the reign of satan and reveal, to the confusion of this infernal beast, all his evil snares; may he reveal to all slaves of this awful wretch, what a liar he is.

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May this most tender Father enlighten the intelligence and touch the hearts of all men...

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(May) the fervent not become cooler or slow down in the ways of salvation ... the lukewarm become more fervent ... those who have moved far from him return.

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May (God) also ... confuse all the wise of this world, so that they do not wage war and inhibit the propagation of his reign.

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May this most holy Father (God) banish from the Church all the dissension that exists and impede the birth of more so that there will be one sheepfold and only one Shepherd.

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May (God) multiply a hundredfold the number of chosen souls, send us many saints and learned ministers, and sanctify those we already possess.

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May (God, through his chosen ones) make fervor return to all Christian soul.

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May the number of Catholic missionaries increase as we once again have reason to complain to the divine Master: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few ...'

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O most divine Spirit, give feeling to my heart to adore and love.

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(O most divine Spirit) give light to my intellect to contemplate the sublimity of the great mystery of the charity of a God made child.

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(O most divine Spirit) give fire to my will so that I can use it to warm the One who is shivering for me on the straw.

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My Mother Mary, take me with you to the grotto of Bethlehem, and make me contemplate the greatness and sublimity of what is about to take place in the silence of this greatest and most beautiful night which the world has ever seen.

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We need to do more than we are doing at present; that is, to love divine Providence and abandon ourselves in his arms and heart.

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Let us keep our gaze fixed on the heavenly home reserved for us; let us contemplate it and aim at it with the greatest care.

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Let us withdraw our gaze ... from worldly goods, the sight of which fascinates and distracts the soul and contaminates the heart.

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Worldly goods prevent us from keeping our eyes fixed on our heavenly home.

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We should contemplate heavenly things while attaching no importance to those of this world, since the former are eternal and the latter are merely transient.

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Worldly goods ... (are no) different from a swiftly flowing river, on whose waters we have no sooner laid eyes than they disappear from our sight, never to be seen again.

## *October Rosary Prayers*

(Suggestions:

- Take one mystery a day and make that mystery and its particular grace your point of reflection throughout the day.
- Another method could be to recite the prayers for the various series of mysteries everyday, by simply praying the Prayer Before Each Mystery before each mystery adding the mystery name and grace in the proper place, then saying just one Hail Mary, and going to the next mystery.

Please remember that these monthly prayers are not obligations, or, in this case, not new ways or more lengthy way of praying the rosary. These prayers and reflections are offered to be an assistance not an alternative to the traditional Rosary, that is always beautiful in its simplicity.)

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**PRAYER BEFORE EACH MYSTERY:** Good Jesus, through the... (*here mention the mystery of the Rosary you will carry with you during the day*) may the example of Our Blessed Mother Mary who lived this moment with you, and the devotion of Padre Pio who meditated on this mystery each day, obtain for me the grace of... (*here mention the virtue of the mystery*) today.

**JOYFUL MYSTERIES:** Mother of Jesus Christ, form us as you formed your Son. Help us to be quick to follow God's will. May we present Jesus in the temple of our bodies and take Him with us into the homes of others. Teach us always to look for Jesus in the Church when we have lost Him in our lives. Make us mindful of our guardian angels. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**1-Annunciation and Incarnation (Humility)**

**2-Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (Charity)**

**3-Birth at Bethlehem (Poverty of Spirit)**

**4-Presentation and Purification (Obedience)**

**5-Finding in the Temple (Fidelity to the Gospel)**

**LUMINOUS MYSTERIES:** Holy Mary, star of the new evangelization, pray that we may become the light of the world. We receive Christ in the Eucharist; help us build His kingdom in the world. Teach us to do whatever He tells us. May our study of His life lead us to love Him and our love for Him lead us to imitate Him. If we are what we should be, we will set the world ablaze. We ask your intercession to make this so, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 1-Baptism in the Jordan (Acceptance of God's Will)
- 2-Wedding in Cana (Celebrating Life as a Child of God)
- 3-Proclaiming the Kingdom of God (Repentance)
- 4-Transfiguration (Seeing God at all times)
- 5- Institution of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Love)

**SORROWFUL MYSTERIES:** Mother of sorrows, may we stay close to you at the foot of the cross, where you became our mother. Teach us a faith that is humble and obedient, a hope that proves itself with action and a love that accepts suffering and setback. Help us seek fidelity above honors and God's will above comforts. May we crucify our pride with Christ on the cross. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 1-Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Fervor)
- 2-Scourging at the Pillar (Penance)
- 3-Crowning with Thorns (Moral Courage)
- 4-Carrying of the Cross (Patience)
- 5-Death on the Cross (Self-Sacrifice)

**GLORIOUS MYSTERIES:** Blessed Mary, gate of heaven, pray for us. May our trust in the risen Christ drive out cowardly fear, and may our fidelity to His mission drive out laziness. Help us reach the goal of heaven, and help our efforts to bring others there with us. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the grace of prayer, may we be holy apostles of Christ's love. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 1-Resurrection (Faith)
- 2-Ascension (Hope)
- 3-Descent of the Holy Spirit (Love and Zeal)
- 4-Assumption of Our Lady (Devotion to Mary)
- 5-Crowning of Mary (Final Perseverance)

### **CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, through life's joys and sorrows, enlighten me to live your Word, that I may come, one day, as Mary, to the glory you have promised all who hear your Word and keep It. You live forever. Amen.

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY:** Mary, my Most Holy Mother, with Padre Pio as my companion in coming to you, I pray that you intercede for me before the Blessed Trinity Whose Daughter, Mother and Spouse you are.

**PRAYER TO PADRE PIO:** Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me, that with childlike confidence in Our Lady, I can say with you: *thank you, Mary, my Mother, for the many graces I obtain through your almighty intercession.*

Blessed Father of those *Spiritual Children* who seek to deepen their relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through your loving intercession and effective counsels, pray for me that I always be available to God's Most Holy Will. Following Jesus, Whose blessed wounds you bore, may I bear my daily challenges hopefully with a joyful heart. In the Holy Spirit Whose gifts were so powerfully manifested in your life, may I know God's Will and have the courage to live what I have come to know. Keep me as your *Spiritual Child* and lead me ever closer to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Who with the Eternal Father and the Holy Spirit, is one God living and reigning forever. Amen.