

November 2013

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. (Matthew 5: 1-12)
For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19: 1-10)
The God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob ... is not God of the dead, but of the living. (Luke 20: 27-38)
By your perseverance you will secure your lives. (Luke 21: 5-19)
Jesus remember me ... today you will be with me in Paradise. (Luke 23: 35-43)

O Lord, absolve the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin that with Your gracious help they may deserve to enjoy the blessedness of everlasting light. O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant the souls of Your children the remission of all their sins that they may obtain the pardon they have always desired and enter the joy of Your eternal Life. You live and reign forever. Amen.

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

2
Let us withdraw our gaze, moreover, from those good things that are visible to our eyes, by which I mean worldly goods, the sight of which fascinates and distracts the soul and contaminates the heart.

3
Worldly goods prevent us from keeping our eyes fixed on our heavenly home.

4
Let us listen to what the Lord tells us...by the mouth of his holy apostle Paul: *We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.*

5
The Christian sanctified by baptism is not exempt from the rebellion of the senses and passions; hence the impelling need to mortify our passions as long as we live.

6
Even when carnal impulses are violently felt, there can be no sin when the will does not consent to them.

7
You need to be watchful at every moment, to put up a strong defense, with the eye of faith always fixed on the God of hosts.

8
War has been declared upon you...(God) is fighting along with you and for you.

9
You must have boundless faith in the divine goodness, for the victory is absolutely certain.

10
Isn't our God more concerned about our salvation than we are ourselves? Isn't he stronger than hell itself?

11
Who can resist and overcome the King of the heavens?

12
What are the world, the devil, the flesh, and all our enemies before the Lord?

13
Even St. Paul was restless and besought the Lord to free him from the trial of the flesh...but did he not receive the assurance that grace would always be sufficient for him?

14
Our enemy, who plots against us ... but despise him in the name of Jesus and laugh heartily at him.

15
When anyone takes up a weapon and faces him (satan), he becomes a coward.

16
You may fear, if you like, but it must be that holy fear - I mean to say the fear that is never separated from love.

17
When fear and love are united, they help each other, like sisters, to remain on their feet and walk securely in the Lord's paths.

18

Love makes us hasten with rapid strides...while fear makes us watch prudently where we place our feet and guides us so that we may never stumble on the road leading to heaven.

19

Do not lose faith in God's providence.

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Put your trust in God, abandon yourself to him, and let him take care of you, then rest assured that you will not be confounded.

21

What I want from you is that as the trial increases, your abandonment and trust in God may also increase.

22

Immerse yourself ever more deeply in humility and in blessing the Lord, who in his goodness deigns to visit you in this way so as to prepare you to share in building up the heavenly Sion!

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I exhort you again to be trustful.

24

A soul who trusts in her Lord and places all her hope in him has nothing to fear.

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The enemy of our salvation is always around to snatch from our hearts the anchor that is to lead us to salvation, by which I mean trust in God our Father.

26

Let us keep a firm hold on this anchor - (trust in God our Father) - and not relinquish it for a single moment. Otherwise all would be lost.

27

Repeat continually, and more especially in the darkest hours, those most beautiful words of Job: *Even if you are to slay me, O Lord, I will still hope in you.*

28

Always be on your guard and don't become puffed up, considering yourself to be good in any way or above others.

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Consider all to be better than yourself.

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The enemy (satan) overcomes the presumptuous and not the humble heart.

November

Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday

God of mercy and compassion, we believe that those who have died in the Lord are blessed. As we pray for the souls of those who have gone before us, we earnestly ask You, let them rest from their labors here on earth, and remember the good works they accomplished through Your grace. With each kindness we offer today, help us recall that we too will be judged according to our good deeds, and the love we have for one another. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Mary, Mother and Queen of the Suffering Souls in Purgatory, pray for them and place our prayers together with yours, that through your almighty intercession, we too may assist them in their suffering.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, intercede for us and the Holy Souls in Purgatory for whom we pray, that they may have eternal rest, and that we may live life in God's Will and enter Life Eternal at the end of our journey.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Monday

Lord our God, the Psalmist prayed in wonder and gratitude to You when he prayed: "You have been a home for us, from one generation to the next". Hear us today as we pray for our loved ones who have died, and have always found a shelter in You. Be gracious to them still, as they await the fullness of Your promised "home", in the Kingdom where You live forever and ever. Amen.

O Mary, ... Padre Pio ... Eternal rest ... May the souls ...

Tuesday

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the souls of the just want for nothing in Your presence. It is You who have given them their heart's desire, You who have guided them on Your pathways, and led them to Your eternal place of refreshment. As you have prepared a banquet for them, so now fill them with Your mercy and peace. May goodness and kindness follow them to Your dwelling place forever and ever. Amen.

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Wednesday

Good and Gracious God, today as we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we remember the comforting words of Jesus: "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world". As You, Lord, so greatly desire the hearts and souls of the created in Your image and likeness, please now call them to Yourself, and welcome them into Your

Kingdom, as they welcomed You here on earth in the poor, the naked, the hungry, the thirsty and the imprisoned. We make our prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thursday

O Lord God, our hope and our consolation, look favorably on the souls of our deceased loved ones. As we pray today for them, and all the faithful departed, we ask that You grant the fullness of Your peace and joy to our beloved deceased who have finished the race and have kept the faith. May You give them the heavenly crown of victory, for they longed to see Your face. And one day may we all share their joy together in the Kingdom where You live forever and ever. Amen.

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Friday

Most high, all powerful, all good God, Your humble servant, St. Francis of Assisi, when considering his own death, spoke of her as "Sister Death, from whom no one can escape". In faith we believe that no one would wish to escape the good things that you have prepared for those who have loved You! So today we pray that Sister Death may embrace the souls of our, family, friends, benefactors, even those we do not love as we ought, and those who have no one to remember them, whom You have called, and lead them to that new creation where you live forever and ever. Amen.

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Saturday

All loving God, we praise and thank You today for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him You have borne our griefs and sorrows; and by His wounds we are healed! As we seek to share in the joys of His Resurrection, and wait to welcome Him when He returns in glory, we ask You to reward those who have died with the fulfillment of Your promise. Gather us together from the four winds into Your Kingdom which You have prepared for us, where we shall live with You forever. Amen.

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Daily Prayer to Our Lady

Mary, loving Mother and Queen of Creation, we pray through your intercession for our brothers and sisters, your children, who are saved in the blood of Christ, your Son, but still await in Purgatory the fullness of the gift that is assured them. You were chosen from among all women, you knew our pain and grief through the death of your Son. Look on us, o merciful Mother, with your eyes of motherly compassion and love, and upon all the souls who have gone before us. Pray for us and them.

Protect us in our journey, and intercede for us that we may always be faithful. Pray for the Souls in Purgatory that the Lord may lead them quickly home to enjoy forever Eternal Life with Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.

Daily Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the almighty intercession of Mary, Your daughter, mother and spouse, and our holy Mother, and through the powerful intercession of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, whose ministry sought to prepare those who came to You through him for the wonderful gift of Eternal Life through the forgiveness of their sins and the conversion of their lives, hear our prayers for the Souls in Purgatory. Grant them eternal light, happiness and peace, and help us to live in Your Most Holy Will. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.