

June 2014

I pray for ...the ones you have given me, because they are yours ... and I have been glorified in them. (John 17: 1-11)

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you ... Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20: 19-23)

God so loved the world that he sent his only Son ... that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3: 16-18)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven...whoever eats this bread will live forever. (John 6:51-58)

Do you love me? ... Lord, You know everything; You know that I love you. (John 21: 15-19)

You are the Christ ... You are Peter, and upon this rock I will be build my Church ... (Matthew 16: 13-19)

Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

My God, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favors, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory.

1
Persevere in your vocation that our Lord calls you to, and do not be afraid, because in this perseverance you will sanctify yourself.

2
Resign yourself, because suffering borne in a Christian manner will sanctify you.

3
You suffer, but you must rejoice too, because one day your suffering will change into joy.

4
You must know that Jesus himself suffers in you, for you, and with you.

5
Jesus has not abandoned you, and he will not abandon you.

6
Suffer everything, the trial of abandonment too, but God is always with you.

7
Nothing but submission to the divine will brings me some little peace.

8
Exceeding sweetness as the soul turns its gaze on God...

9
Where better could I serve you, O Lord, if not ... under the banner of the Poor One of Assisi?

10
Jesus, seeing my embarrassment, smiled at length, and that smile left an ineffable sweetness in my heart, so that sometimes I truly felt it so near that I thought I saw his shadow.

11
My flesh, my entire being, rejoiced in the Savior, my God.

12
O my God, may infinite praise and thanks be rendered to you ... You ... confided a very great mission to your son, a mission which is known to you and me alone.

13
My Father! How have I corresponded to that mission?! I don't know. I only know that perhaps I should have done more, and this is the reason for my present uneasiness of heart.

14
Arise once again, O Lord, and free me first and foremost from myself; do not allow him whom you called ... to be lost.

15
O Lord ... confirm in your grace those whom you confided to me, and do not permit any of them to be lost.

16
Be vigilant, and fortify yourself more and more with prayer and the beautiful virtue of humility.

17
May the little ship of your spirit have the strong anchor of trust in divine goodness, and keep before the eyes of your soul God's promise.

18
Whoever confides in (God) will not be confused, and he "opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble," that we

should “watch and pray that we might not enter into temptation.”

19

So when you feel oppressed by temptation, the means to oblige God to come to your aid is through humility of spirit, contrition of heart, and confident prayer.

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It is impossible for God to be displeased with this demonstration (of humility, contrition, and prayer), impossible for him not to come to our aid and give in.

21

It is true that God’s power triumphs over everything, but humble and suffering prayer triumphs over God himself!

22

By constantly using (humble and suffering prayer), you will always succeed in rendering yourself pleasing to God.

23

(Humble and suffering prayer) will envelop (God’s) justice in loving pity, to the point of obtaining everything you wish from him: forgiveness for your sins, the grace to overcome all your enemies, holiness, and eternal health.

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We must take care never to be upset by any disaster whatsoever which may befall us.

25

Perturbation is never free from imperfection, originating as it does in egoism and self-love.

26

When we are perturbed, the enemy’s attacks are more frequent and direct, for he takes advantages of our natural weakness, which prevents us from following the straight path or virtue.

27

The enemy of our salvation knows only too well that peace of heart is a sure sign of the divine assistance, and hence he lets slip no opportunity to make us lose this peace.

28

Always be on your guard ... Jesus will help us.

29

Lift up your heart all the time, and let us pray with a pure heart a contrite and humble heart, so that the enemy may be quite unable to touch your soul ...

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I cannot but share with you willingly the suffering that weighs upon you, while praying more diligently to the good God for you and wishing you from our most sweet Jesus the spiritual and material strength to pass through (this trial) ...

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(recited every day by Padre Pio)

I. O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold, I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of final perseverance *(and whatever grace you may seek)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

II. O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you.” Behold, in Your Name, I ask the Father for the grace of final perseverance *(and whatever grace you may seek)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

III. O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Encouraged by Your infallible words, I now ask for the grace of final perseverance *(and whatever grace you may seek)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have mercy on us sinners, and grant

us the grace which we ask of You, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your tender Mother and ours.

Prayers in honor of St Pio of Pietrelcina

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, spiritual Father of countless souls who seek a deeper relationship with God in their lives, I thank God for the gift He has given His Church in you. You are the image for our modern world of His Crucified Son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

(After this daily introductory prayer add the intercessory prayer designated for the specific day of the week)

Sunday

Through your resignation to the Father’s Will in your life, often manifested through the decisions of the Church and your religious superiors, teach us humility 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

(After the prayer for each day add the concluding prayers)

Monday

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.

Tuesday

Through your resignation and trust in God during the painful struggles you were asked to endure, support and assist us in times of trouble and trial.

Wednesday

Through that ministry of the confessional for which you were known and through which many returned to the Father's love, encourage us to trust unlimitedly in the graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to experience the joy of forgiveness in sincerely returning to the loving embrace of the Father should we succumb to temptation and fall into sin.

Thursday

Through the faithfulness with which you bore the sacred marks of the Passion of our Savior on your body during your earthly journey, strengthen us by your example to bear in our hearts and accept in our lives the life-giving mystery of the Passion-Death-Resurrection of Jesus.

Friday

Through that childlike confidence and love you fostered and encouraged for the Mother of all God's children, Mary ever-Virgin, teach us filial love and devotion for, and confident recourse in the almighty intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Lord and our Heavenly Mother, that through Her intercession, we may more easily approach the Savior, through Whom the Father calls us to Himself.

Saturday

Through the concern and commitment with which you attached yourself spiritually to all those who sought you as spiritual guide, accompany us at every moment on our earthly pilgrimage towards heaven. There we hope one day to contemplate the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, our God Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Concluding Prayers
(recited every day)

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

Through it the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

You bore the wounds of Christ on your body.

That we might learn the value of the Cross.

Pray for us St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, by a singular grace you allowed your priest, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, to participate in the mystery of the Cross of your Son, and through his ministry, you revealed the marvels of your mercy. Grant that through his intercession, we may remain one with Christ in His Passion so as to joyfully attain the glory of the resurrection. We ask

this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look with kindness upon me today. I am Yours and Yours I want to remain all the days of my life.

Mary, Mother of the Sacred Heart, pray for us, who have recourse to you.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Pope Leo XIII)

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before your altar. We are yours and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your most Sacred Heart. Many, indeed, have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd. Be King also of all those who (live in superstition), do not refuse to deliver them out of darkness into the light and kingdom of God. Grant, O Lord, to your Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. Amen.