

July 2014

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:25-30)
Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit...Whoever has ears ought to hear. (Matthew 13: 1-23)
The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13: 24-43)

Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field...like a pearl of great price...like a net thrown into the sea (Matthew 13:44-52)

Prayer honoring the Precious Blood of Jesus (July, month of the Precious Blood)

O Precious Blood of Jesus, infinite price of sinful man's redemption, both drink and laver of our souls, You Who plead continually the cause of every human being before the throne of infinite mercy; from the depths of my heart, I adore You, and so far as I am able, I desire to repay You for the insults and outrages which You continually receive from human beings, and especially from those who rashly dare to blaspheme You. Who would not bless this Blood of infinite value? Who does not feel within himself the fire and love of Jesus who shed it all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this divine Blood? Who drew it from the veins of my Savior, even to the last drop? This surely was the work of love. O infinite love, grant that every heart and every tongue may be enabled to praise You, glorify You, and give You thanks now and for evermore. Amen.

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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.

2

Remember that spiritual peace can be maintained even in the midst of all the storms of this life.

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(Spiritual peace) consists essentially in peaceful relations with those around us, wishing them well in all things.

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(Spiritual peace) also consists in being on good terms with God through sanctifying grace.

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The proof that we are united to God is our moral certainty of not having any mortal sin on our conscience.

6

Peace consists in having achieved victory over the world, the devil, and our own passions.

7

The peace, which Jesus has brought us, can continue quite well to be ours not merely when we enjoy abundant spiritual consolations but when the howling and shrieking of the enemy fills our hearts with pain and grief.

8

My soul is full of gratitude to God for the many victories it obtains at every instant.

9

I cannot refrain from uttering endless hymns of blessing to this great and munificent God.

10

Blessed be the Lord for His great goodness! Blessed be His great mercy! Eternal praise be to such tender and loving compassion.

11

Until now, your life was like that of a child; now the Lord wants to treat you like an adult. Since the trials of an adult are superior to a child's, you are at first disconcerted; but before long, your soul will be at peace, and you will be calm.

12

Whoever begins to love must be ready to suffer.

13

Life is nothing but a continual struggle against one's self, and it does not open to beauty without the price of suffering.

14

Oh, how good God is! It is true that he is good to all, but he is particularly good to those who place all their trust in him.

15

Whoever wants to love can. It is enough to remove what is disorder. Entering into order we love God!

16

Oh Mary, sweetest Mother of priests, mediatrix and administratrix of all graces, I pray to you from the depths of my heart; I beg and entreat you to thank, today, tomorrow and always, Jesus, the fruit of your womb.

17

Let us be very grateful to the Madonna because it was She who gave us Christ!"

18

Keep Jesus company in the Garden of Gethsemane, and He will always comfort you in your time of agony.

19

Many suffer, but few know how to suffer well. Suffering is a gift from God; blessed is he who knows how to profit by it.

20
May Mary be your gentle model and inspiration in the virtue of humility.

21
Place all your worries in God!

22
Only love can appeal to what is indomitable in us, and the language of love is the conviction of trust.

23
I cannot tolerate, nor can I forgive, your carelessness in regard to Communion and meditation.

24
Our Lady of Sorrow who loves us, has born us in pain and love.

25
Place your heart in the open wound of our Savior, and unite it to the King of our hearts, so that He will find there a royal throne where He can receive the homage and obedience of all the other hearts.

26
May Our Lady inflame your heart with love for her Son.

27
Perhaps sometimes I have said to the Lord: Lord, if a punishment is necessary to convert people, then give it to them, so that they may be saved!

28
Temptations against faith and purity are works of the devil, but do not fear him; only despise him.

29
Some people go to Paradise by train; some by car; others on foot. The latter, however, have more merit than the former and obtain the highest place of glory in Paradise.

30
Let us observe with profound gratitude, that sublime mystery which strongly attracts the Heart of Jesus to His creatures."

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Prayers to Padre Pio

Sunday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, loving father, you bore the visible wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ on your body. Christ asked you to carry His Cross for all humanity. In bearing the physical and moral sufferings that continually tortured your body and soul you became a martyr of love for all people. We beg you to intercede for us with our Almighty Father that we may have the courage to accept the great and small crosses of life that transform individual suffering into a sure link that leads us to eternal life.

Monday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, holy father, you now live with our loving God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You grew in holiness and resisted the seductions of the Evil One. You were physically beaten by the infernal spirits of evil who sought to force you to leave the road to holiness that you had chosen to follow. Pray for us to God that through your intercession and in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we may find the spiritual courage to renounce sin and be strengthened in faith until death.

Tuesday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, virtuous father, you loved Our Blessed Mother very much. You were gifted every day with the graces and comforts that only a loving Mother as She can give. We beg you to pray for us to our Heavenly Mother, and to place our sins and petitions in Her hands. As at Cana in Galilee, may She intercede for us that Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, may hear Her prayers on our behalf, forgive our sinfulness, and inscribe our names in the Book of Life.

Wednesday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, chaste father, you taught us to love our Guardian Angel as you loved yours so much. Your Guardian Angel was your constant companion, guide, defender and messenger. The Angels even brought the prayers of your spiritual children to you. Since they are a presence of the Living God who help to avoid the disgrace of sin and are always ready to indicate the road that leads us to goodness and keep us from evil, pray that we too may learn, as you, to appreciate the ministry of our Guardian Angels and speak to them that we may be receptive to their inspiration and learn to obey them at all times.

Thursday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, prudent father, you loved the Souls in Purgatory so much and taught us to love them as well. You offered yourself as a victim to expiate their sufferings in Purgatory. Intercede for us with Our Lord and God Jesus Christ that our hearts may be filled with compassion and love for the Holy Souls. Following your example, we too desire

to assist the Holy Souls and to reduce their time of affliction in Purgatory. We ask that our prayers and sacrifices may grant them relief in their sufferings, the holy indulgences necessary to liberate them from their place of torment, and a speedy entrance into the eternal joys of heaven.

Friday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, obedient father, you loved the sick and infirm more than yourself because in them you saw the Suffering Jesus. In the name of God you performed miracles of healing in body, soul and mind. Your intercession with God healed the ills of past and present and strengthened people to respond with confidence to future challenges. Those who came to you regained a sense of spiritual integrity as you re-kindled hope in their lives, and encouraged them to renew the spirit in their hearts. Through the intercession of Our Heavenly Mother, may we experience your powerful assistance and be healed in our bodily and spiritual needs, and gratefully give praise and thanks to God for all his blessings.

Saturday

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, faithful father, you surrendered yourself to God to share in the salvific plan of God and offered yourself as a victim with Jesus in the Spirit to free all people from their bondage to Satan. Pray for us to God. Intercede for all those people who have no faith, that they cooperate with God's gifts and grow in a strong and sincere faith, and thus be converted to the Lord, through a sincere and heartfelt repentance of their sins. May those whose faith is weak grow strong in their Christian life, and may the faithful children of God continue with greater commitment on the road to salvation.

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

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

V - You bore the wounds of Christ on your body.

R - That we might learn the value of the Cross.

V - Pray for us St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

R - 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, for ever and ever. Amen.