

# November 2014

*See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we are called God's children. Yet so we are. (1John3:1-3)  
Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day. (John 6:37-40)*

*Stop making my Father's house a marketplace. (John 2: 13-22)*

*Well done...since you were faithful ... Come, share your master's joy. (Matthew 25: 14-30)*

*What you did for one of these least ones, you did for me. (Matthew 25: 31-46)*

*Stand up and go; your faith has saved you. (Luke 17: 11-19)*

*(ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>)*

*Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13: 33)*

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*O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome satan, and have given life to the world: grant O Lord, to the souls of all those who have left this life, a place of light, happiness, and peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And, since You are a gracious God and love all humanity, forgive the sins of those for whom we pray, for there is no one who lives and does not sin. You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and Your word is true. You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the repose of all those whom we commend to Your Love and Mercy, O Christ our God, and we send up glory to You, together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen. (Adapted from the Byzantine Liturgy for the Deceased)*

*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 Your Divine Mercy, O God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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The divine Lover reserves great glory in heaven for those souls who continue steadfastly to do His will at all times.
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What else do you desire, if not that God's plan be fulfilled in you?
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Go forward on the path of divine Love.
- 4  
The more fully your own will becomes united and conformed to God's will, the more you will advance toward perfection.
- 5  
Always keep before your eyes the fact that here on earth we are on a battlefield and that in paradise we will receive the crown of glory.
- 6  
Praise be God ... He is my strength; He is the salvation of my soul; He is my portion forever.
- 7  
In (God) I hope, in Him I trust, and I will fear no evil.
- 8  
You must by no means fear that the Lord will leave you at your enemy's mercy.
- 9  
God is faithful, and He never allows you to be tempted beyond your strength.
- 10  
You must be strong and cheerful in the spirit.
- 11  
The Lord is in the depths of your heart: He will fight along with you and for you.
- 12  
Who is stronger than (God)? Who will hold out against the King of the heavens?
- 13  
What is hell itself in front of the Lord?
- 14  
Hold resolutely to the comforting thought that God is with you all the time and will never abandon you to your enemy's attacks.
- 15  
Jesus is totally yours ... You must believe that you possess Him.
- 16  
Listen to God who says ... "Do not be afraid.
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What do you seek on earth if not God? Well then, I tell you in the name of God Himself, that you possess Him.

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Be firm in your resolutions, stay in the boat in which Jesus has placed you, and let the storms come ... You will not perish.

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He appears to be sleeping, but at the opportune time, He will awaken to restore your calm ... Why are you afraid?

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Divine love ... Is the honey which must sweeten all your weaknesses, feelings, and actions.

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Under obedience to God and to His realm (within you), He does not allow serious sins to dwell ...

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God allows (sins) to arrive at your mind and senses so that, in the combat, the virtues may be practiced and strengthened.

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(God) even allows the master spies - venial sins and imperfections - to circulate freely in His Kingdom, but that is merely to show you that, without Him, you would be prey for your enemies.

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Humble yourself deeply and confess that if God were not your breastplate and shield, you would at once be pierced by every kind of sin.

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The eternal Father decreed that all creatures be subject to Him.

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Your infirmities, temptations ... aridity and desolation all come from His infallible love ... He wants you to be similar to His beloved Son ...

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Divine grace is with you, and you are very dear to the Lord.

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Let (satan) create an uproar; let him even threaten to swallow you up; it doesn't matter, for he can achieve nothing against your soul, which Jesus has now clasped to Himself and sustains in a mysterious manner by His ever-present grace.

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Don't fear the gloomy wrath of the evil one ... It is a good sign when he ... roars around your will. This shows he is not within you.

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May Jesus bless you and save you from the roaring lion!

## November 2006 Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday** - Father 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.

**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** - Father, our Lord and 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 promise - "home", in the Kingdom where You live forever and ever. Amen.

O Mary, ... 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.

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

**Wednesday** - Father, 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.

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

**Thursday** - Eternal Father, 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.

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

**Friday** - Most high, all powerful, all good God, Your humble servant, St. Francis of Assisi, when considering his own death, spoke of that solemn moment 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 loved ones whom You have called, and lead them to that new creation where you live forever and ever. Amen.

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

**Saturday** - All loving God and Father, we praise 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.

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

### ***Daily Prayers to the Most Holy Trinity, Our Lady, Padre Pio***

**Holy Padre Pio**, you reminded us that Purgatory is the place of God's Love, Mercy and Providence even after death. God will never be outdone in providing all the means necessary to bring us to Himself. Pray that we may always remember that heaven is ours for the taking. In the Eucharist you lived, and through Our Lady's almighty intercession, pray for us that the blood of Jesus that washes us from sin may help us to live holy lives and die in God's grace. United with the Holy Souls in our prayers for them, intercede for us that we, members of the Communion of Saints on earth, may journey safely to our true home in heaven. Padre Pio pray for us and all the holy souls who still await their entrance into heaven.

**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 them, and us as well, your children, who still live the uncertainties of this life. Protect us on 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.

**Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit**, through the intercession of Mary, Your daughter, mother and spouse, and our holy Mother, and through the prayers and intercession of our Father and Founder Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, hear our prayers for the Souls in Purgatory. Grant them eternal light, happiness and peace in that kingdom promised all your faithful children, where You live and reign forever and ever.  
Amen

