

# August 2015

*Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.* (John 6: 1-15)

*I am the Bread of Life.* (John 6: 24-35)

*Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.* (Luke: 27-30)

*The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name.* (Luke 1: 39-56)

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven ... for the life of the world.* (John 6: 41-51)

*Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you.* (John 6: 51-58)

*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* (John 6: 60-69)

*The things that come out from within are what defile.* (Mark 7: 1-23)

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*Father in heaven, You have made us for yourself; Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*

*In Padre Pio of Pietrelcina You have given us a renewed image of Your Crucified Son,  
to inflame the hearts of a world grown cold to Your everlasting love.*

*Fulfill our longing through Jesus, for a world that hungers for peace and justice, for a world that longs for love.*

*Padre Pio celebrated the great mystery of Your love and became one with the Eucharistic Bread of Life,  
Jesus, Whose Body and Blood we offer and become when we are consumed as we consume.*

*Grant that we may witness to Jesus, as Padre Pio of Pietrelcina did,  
and be moved, as he was moved, to relieve the suffering of others.*

*Jesus alone can satisfy the hungers of the human family.*

*By the power of Your Holy Spirit,*

*through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother Mary and her devoted and loving child Padre Pio of Pietrelcina,  
lead us to You, that we may one day share the fullness of life.*

*You are God, living and reigning with the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

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Carry on tranquilly for the divine mercy will not be lacking, and much less will it be lacking in your case, if you show docility beneath the Lord's divine action.

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Don't be stingy with this heavenly Physician. For pity's sake, do not keep Him waiting any longer.

3

Open the door of your heart to Him with trustful abandonment. Don't hold up the precious stream of His oil as it is poured upon you.

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During life, always remain united with Jesus in the olive grove as He suffers His agony .. You will find yourself, after death ... to share in the joy of His ascension and His glory.

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You feel weak in the face of this strong enemy of ours. Well, take comfort in our most sweet Lord.

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A soul who felt its weakness and had recourse to God for help has never fallen.

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The soul is only defeated when, trusting in what it believes to be its abundant strength, thinks it can always sustain and bear temptations. Out of presumption ... the soul finds itself falling ...

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Don't lose heart at the weakness you feel, because the soul that fears does not trust itself, but stay awake and prays, because of its weakness, and thus it becomes strong.

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As happens to those who trust in themselves, as if they were a God, they soon experience their miseries and weakness.

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Oh how burdensome this mortal life is to the children of God!

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The next life, which the mercy of the Lord will be pleased to grant you, will be more than you can desire.

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You certainly must not doubt your possessing (eternal life) one day, even though you are sinful; and if you are not sinful, it is simply because God is merciful toward those who place all their hope in Him.

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When you find yourself exposed to some trial - either physical or moral, in body or in spirit - the best remedy is to think of Him who is your life.

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I beg you not to examine whether your past, present, or future actions were, are, or will be too small, or if they were done well or badly.

15

Abstain from sin and from those actions which you clearly see to be sinful, and do all with an upright conscience and with the will to please God.

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Walk with simplicity in the ways of the Lord and do not torment yourself.

17

Do not listen to what your imagination and the enemy suggest to you. They would like you to think that you are continually offending God ...

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The ever-present grace of the heavenly Father keeps you quite far from falling into such infidelities. Be quite sure of this. Those negative thoughts come from ... your own imagination and the evil one.

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Be careful not to attach any importance to (the thoughts that you are continually offending God); their only purpose is to cool your feelings of affection toward your heavenly Spouse, and to make Christian perfection appear irksome ... difficult and impossible for you to attain.

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Worse still, your imagination and the enemy aim more directly at drying up and causing to wither every sentiment of devotion in your heart. May the peace of Christ be in your heart.

21

You are distressed at people's ingratitude toward God, and you do well to weep over their misfortunes.

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In reparation to God, offer Him your blessing (praise) and all your actions, making sure that all of these are good.

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After you have wept privately over the misfortunes of others ... (dismiss) these things from your mind and turning to other matters and other occupations more useful for God's glory and the salvation of souls ...

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To spend too much time in deploring the state of those who obstinately persist in sinning would be a waste of time which could be appropriately spent, and should be spent in promoting the salvation of others and in the works of God's glory.

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Don't worry about anything.

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Do not fear the storm that roars around your spirit ... May Jesus console your spirit which tossed about in the stormy sea.

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Do not be afraid, because the storm that surrounds your spirit will calm down, and you will not be submerged.

28

The little ship of your spirit always has the strong anchor of trust in the divine goodness.

29

Keep cheerful and don't be discouraged. The temptations and storms that are circling you are sure signs that God favors you.

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Your fear of offending God is the surest proof that you are not offending Him.

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May Jesus always rest His gaze on you and console your spirit ... Amen.

## **Praying the Month of August**

*Sunday : (Recite the entire prayer "Stay With Me, Lord" as an act of entrustment to God and resignation to His Holy Will)*

**Monday:** Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often...Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without meaning and hope...Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness...Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

**Tuesday:** Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow you...Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You ever more, and to be always in Your company...Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You... Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

**Wednesday:** Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing...Death, judgement and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, for that I need You...It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need you, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

**Thursday:** Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of life, with all its dangers, I need You...Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

**Friday:** Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You.

**Saturday:** Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong active love... Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love you perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus.

**(Every day recite the following prayer)**

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, You were generously endowed by God, the Giver of all good gifts, with the gifts of the Spirit, signing your body as a living witness to the saving Passion and Death of Jesus, His Son. Many looked upon the reflection of the Crucified Jesus in your body and experienced anew God's saving mercy. Through your ministry, God reconciled penitents to Himself and invited them to taste His sweetness in the Holy Eucharist. Through your powerful intercession before God, pray for us, that we may follow your example of prayer and penance and come to follow more closely our Risen Lord, so that one day we may rejoice with you in that kingdom where God calls all His faithful children to live in the light of His love and eternal peace.

Pray for us Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

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

Let us pray

God of mercy and love, you called St. Pio of Pietrelcina to extend the mystery of the cross visibly into the lives of sinners and sufferers, that they might be converted to believe in the Gospel. Through his intercession, strengthen all believers in the willingness to take up the cross daily and follow Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**(Pray at least one of the following each day)**

**(Act of Faith)**

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became a man and died for our sins, and who will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that my faith not falter. Pray that I believe with the strength of faith that supported you when others would not believe in the working of the Spirit in your life. Pray that I may always believe, especially in those moments when I would question. Help me to say always, with Mary Our Mother, YES to all God asks.

**(Act of Hope)**

O my God, trusting in Your infinite goodness and promises manifested through Your inspired Word, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins *through Your divine mercy and compassion*, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I never lose hope. In the trials and tribulations of life, pray that I trust in providence and await the Lord's saving help. Pray for me that I have the strength to bear my crosses as you bore yours, with my heart set on the crown awarded those who persevere trusting in the Lord's never-failing assistance.

**(Act of Love)**

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I learn to see in my sisters and brothers the face of Jesus, and that I may look at them with the eyes of my heart. Pray that God's love for me may be the measure I use in responding to those with whom I share life's journey. Help me to love others, as you loved all people, even those who persecuted you.