# November 2015

Blessed are you when...they persecute you...because of me...your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5: 1-12)
The poor widow ... from her poverty has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. (Mark 12: 38-44)
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Mark 13: 24-32)
For this I was born ... to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. (John 18: 33-37)
There will be signs ... Be vigilant at all times and pray ... to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:25-36)

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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.

\*\*\*\*\* We are children of an infinitely merciful Father who is very indulgent towards us. If the lord were to judge us according to strict justice, none of us, perhaps, would be saved. Always tend towards mercy rather than justice. Let us bless the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. May Jesus lighten your load...and enable you to walk invariably along the path that leads to Him. May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother always look on your soul with a smile. Let us take care, for heaven's sake, and remain on our guard. The enemy is well aware of what a soul gains by viewing and doing everything in obedience to a spiritual director. When (a) person is deprived of guidance he will fall into every vice, even the most abominable. Do not be downhearted in the face of spiritual battles or spiritual sufferings... Continue to place boundless trust in divine mercy. God loves you very much, so you must respond to the best of your ability to this love. Trust in Him, hope in Him, humble yourself and love Him. Cheer up and don't let any sadness creep into your heart. 15 We must be watchful not to let the enemy find the way to enter our soul and contaminate the temple of the Holy Spirit. Always bear in mind that at our baptism we became temples of the living God... Every time we turn to worldly things, to the devil and the flesh which we renounced at baptism, we are profaning this sacred temple 18 Flee from every shadow of imperfection...

Our enemies are very strong ... but when one fights along with Jesus, how can one have any doubt about winning the

Keep faith alive continually in your heart, watered by deep and generous love.

Isn't our God stronger than all others? Who can hold out against Him? (Courage!)

battle?

Has He not promised all of us that He will not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength?

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The man who sins through disbelief, through lack of trust ... is a madman.

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Without divine grace could you (be) victorious in all the crises and all the spiritual battles...?

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Humble yourself before the compassion of our God...

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God is always ready to welcome and raise up the one who in the simplicity of heart acknowledges his nothingness before Him.

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Flee from even the slightest shadow of anything that makes you think highly of yourself.

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Keep before your mental gaze the great humility of the Mother of God, our Mother.

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The more (Mary) was filled with heavenly gifts, the more deeply did she humble herself.

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As gifts increase in you let humility grow, for you must consider that everything is given to you on loan.

Eternal rest grant unto the Holy Souls in Purgatory, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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

O Mary, ... Padre Pio ... 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 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.