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Peace to this household ... Rejoice because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10: 1-12)
You shall love the Lord, your God, (with all your being), and your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10: 25-37)
You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. (Luke 10: 38-42)
Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened to you. (Luke 11:1-13)
Take care to guard against all greed ... One's life does not consist of possessions. (Luke 12: 13-21)

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pure father, you loved your Spiritual Children very much. How many of your children were acquired at the price of your blood! Pray that we who have not known you personally, may also be numbered among your Spiritual Children. Through your fatherly protection, saintly guidance and the spiritual strength you gain for us from God, at the moment of our death may we encounter you waiting for us at the Gates of Paradise.

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Get rid of the fears that trouble you.
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Fears to which your soul is prey...are suggested to you by the enemy of all. Who desires at any cost, if that were possible, to ruin us.
- 3
Trust in God and hope that in His fatherly goodness He will let the light come through.
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Lift up your mind full of faith to your heavenly home and may all your yearnings and aspirations be directed there.
- 5
Admire the heavenly regions which can be reached by no other road than that of suffering.
- 6
(Heaven) is our true home
- 7
What matter if we reach (heaven) by treading no other paths than the rough ones of tribulation and sacrifice?
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What God wants from you is always right and good.
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Let us get to work; in heaven we will have no other duty than the fulfillment of God's will.
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Let us strive to bless the Lord when we are the object of humiliation and contempt.
- 11
Let us bless (God) in our spiritual trials and our heartbreaks, for all is ordained by God with great wisdom.
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Bless (God) in all that He makes you suffer on this earth and rejoice in it, for each victory gained has a corresponding crown in paradise.
- 13
Don't be frustrated or cast down by the violence you must do yourself, for the Lord is faithful and will not allow you to be overcome by temptation.
- 14
The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, says the divine Master, and *men of violence take it by force.*
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In order to reach our final goal, we must follow our divine Leader, who usually leads chosen souls by the path He Himself has trodden and by no other...of self-denial and suffering.
- 16
Foolish are those who fail to fathom the secret of the cross.
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In order to reach the haven of salvation, the Holy Spirit tells us, the souls of the elect must pass through and be purified by the fire...
- 18
Jesus wants to make us holy at all costs, but above all He wants to sanctify you.
- 19
How good Jesus is!
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The continual crosses to which (Jesus) subjects you, giving you not merely the necessary strength, but superabundant strength to bear them meritoriously, are most certain and singular signs of His deep love for you.²¹

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Calm the tormenting anxieties of your heart and banish from your imagination all those distressing thoughts and sentiments which are all suggested by Satan in order to make you act badly.

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Jesus is always with you even when you do not feel His presence.

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(Jesus) is never so close to you as He is during your spiritual battles.

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(Jesus) is always there, close to you, encouraging you to fight your battle courageously.

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(Jesus) is there (with you) to ward off the enemy's blows so that you may not be hurt.

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Let it be a consolation to you to know...that the joys of eternity will be all the more heartfelt and profound, the more numerous the days of humiliation and the years of unhappiness we have known in the present life.

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St. Paul the apostle has told us...that a moment of our passing trials can win us unimaginable glory in eternity

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May the grace of the Holy Spirit make you holy.

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Be at peace, for the Lord is with you.

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Take heart and don't fear either interior or exterior persecutions, since nothing has power to separate you from the Supreme Good

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...the ever-present grace of the heavenly Father takes good care of you...be grateful to such a good Father for His attitude towards you, as you have done nothing to deserve such a singular privilege.

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 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.

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, holy father, you fulfilled the salvific plan of God and offered yourself as a victim 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: