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Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Luke 12: 32-48)

I have come to set the fire on earth, and how I wish it were already blazing! (Luke 12: 49-53)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1: 39-56)

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Some are last will be first, some are first will be last. (Luke 13: 22-30)

Do not recline at table at the place of honor.. take the lowest place...you will be repaid at the resurrection. Luke 14:7-14)

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The souls that love God are ready for anything.
- 2
Serve the Lord with joy and trust in Him.
- 3
Your judgement will be mistaken if you have a one-sided view of things.
- 4
It is enough for you to be united to God with your will.
- 5
Complaining is a voluntary vice that kills charity.
- 6
Get rid of bitterness and let gentleness enter your heart.
- 7
Discouragement belongs to the children of this world.
- 8
Our passions increase as our love for the world increases.
- 9
Let us pray to the Lord that His kingdom will come.
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Satan is always trying to upset things.
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Don't ever sit down at table without thanking God for His blessings.
- 14
Consider yourself as you are: nothing, miserable, perverse.
- 15
Humility is the recognition of our nothingness.
- 16
Simplicity is very pleasing to God.
- 17
Keep faith alive in your heart, and keep it sprinkled with charity.
- 18
Don't dwell on foolish and groundless doubts.

19
Human beings turn their backs. God never does.

20
Go to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and open your heart to Him.

21
Any goods we have, we have received from God.

22
Make an examination of your conscience every evening.

23
Sorrow for our sins is the penance that pleases God the most.

24
A well-lived life leads to eternal life.

25
Try to appreciate the value of good holy reading.

26
May Jesus immerse you in the splendor of His immortal youthfulness.

27
Be careful not to will what God does not will.

28
Let us detach ourselves from this world filled with lies.

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Souls are saved above all through prayer.

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.

Praise of Mary Assumed into Heaven and Queen of All Creation

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy;
hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of
Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of
tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us.

And after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of your
womb,
JESUS.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;
That we may be made worthy
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Closing Prayer

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