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Anyone of you who does not renounce his possessions cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14: 25-33)
I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15: 1-32)
No servant can serve two masters ... You cannot serve both God and mammon. (Luke 16: 1-13)
If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead. (Luke 16: 19-31)

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant us in our misery that we may do for Your sake alone what we know you want us to do, and always want what pleases you; so that, cleansed and enlightened interiorly and fired with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to follow in the footprints of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and so make our way to you, Most High, by your grace alone, you who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified, God all-powerful, for ever and ever. Amen. (St. Francis of Assisi)

Lord Jesus Christ, you imprinted on the bodies of our Seraphic Father St. Francis of Assisi and his spiritual son, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, the marks of your Passion and Death. Grant, through their intercession, that we may live the Paschal Mystery with serenity and joy, and share with them the joys of eternal life. In Your Name we pray, for You live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Confide totally, more and more in Jesus.
- 2
(Dedicate) yourself to simple acts of Christian courtesy and charity.
- 3
You do well never to begin any task without first having implored divine help.
- 4
Blessed be the fear you have of yourself. Moderate this fear (any fear) with the greatest and unlimited trust in Jesus.
- 5
Jesus ... has indeed redoubled his graces and predilection towards your soul.
- 6
Remember you are no longer yours ... you belong to him (Jesus).
- 7
Confide totally, more and more in Jesus.
- 8
Elevate yourself above yourself with frequent prayerful aspirations of heart.
- 9
Be tranquil and do not fear the roars of Satan. (i.e. temptations)
- 10
Jesus will always inspire you with great courage.
- 11
Live joyfully and courageously ... amidst trials.
- 12
Let your zeal be ... free from defects ... Let it be benevolent, gracious, peaceful and uplifting.
- 13
Make a great effort to become holy, and to render great service to God and neighbor.
- 14
May the grace of the Lord abound in your heart, making you more acceptable to his divine Heart.
- 15
Cast aside silly and crazy worry, calm your soul.
- 16
Let yourself be transported by him (Jesus) like a little ship in the middle of the ocean.
- 17
Dispel all childish fears which are aroused by the enemy of every good.
- 18
May the most holy Virgin be born in our hearts, to bring us her blessings.
- 19
We must not worry and upset ourselves, because we belong to God.
- 20
The Father arranges everything with admirable wisdom for his glory and our sanctification.

21
Away with doubts and fears ... they have no reason to exist.
22
God is good and his mercy is eternal.
23
We adore in all circumstances the Supreme Providence of the heavenly Father.
24
Let the divine will be accomplished in you.
25
Courageously bear trial always.
26
Remember Jesus. Turn to him and you will always be victorious.
27
Keep yourself in the grace of God by persevering in devout practices.
28
If God were not your armor and shield, you would ... be pierced with all kinds of sin.
29
Let the Lord work freely in you.
30
Bearing physical and moral ailments is the worthiest offering to him (*who suffered for us*).

Prayers in honor of St. (Padre) Pio of Pietrelcina

September 23

Sunday:

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, loving father, you bore the visible wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ on your body. You carried the 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 Father and God Jesus Christ. 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 She can give. We beg you to pray for us to our Heavenly Mother and 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 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 Holy Souls and 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 Jesus. In the name of God you performed miracles of healing in body, soul and mind. Your intercession with God healed the ill 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 salvation 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.

Closing Prayer:

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.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, humble father, you truly loved our Holy Mother the Church. Ask God, the Lord of the Harvest, to send laborers into His vineyard. May He fill the world with many and holy priests who are filled with the strength and inspiration that comes only from God. Intercede for us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, that she may lead to unity all our brothers and sisters who call upon Jesus, as Lord and Savior. May they find their unity in the one great family of God in Christ on earth, so that the Church may be a beacon of light and sure hope of salvation in the storm-tossed sea of life.

Through the concern and commitment with which you attached yourself spiritually to all those who sought you as spiritual guide, accompany us at every moment on our earthly pilgrimage towards heaven.

There we hope one day to contemplate the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, our God Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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:

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.