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Increase our faith (Luke 17:5-10)

Stand up and go; your faith has saved you (Luke 17:11-19)

When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth (Luke 18:1-8)

God, be merciful to me a sinner (Luke 18:9-14)

Today salvation has come to this house (Luke 19:1-10)

Holy Virgin Mary, there is none like you born in the world among women. Daughter and handmaid of the most high King, the Heavenly Father, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit! Pray for us with St. Michael the Archangel and all the Virtues in heaven and all the saints to your most holy beloved Son, our Lord and Master! Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God, you are forever chosen by the most holy Father in heaven, whom he consecrated with his most beloved Son and the Paraclete Spirit! You in whom was and is all fullness of grace and all good! Hail, his palace! Hail, his tabernacle! Hail, his dwelling! Hail, his vesture! Hail, his handmaid! (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi to Our Lady)

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May Jesus give you the strength to overcome all the snares of our common enemy

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Listen to Jesus alone who comes to you in His own name.

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I pray..that you may have clearer knowledge of the divine mysteries and of God's immensity.

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Ask the Spirit the Comforter to enlighten (you).

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Be aware of the excellence of our Christian vocation.

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Pray to be enlightened as to the immensity of the eternal inheritance reserved for us.

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Pray to be enlightened... how sinners like ourselves have been led to salvation.

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Justification is such an enormous miracle...Scripture compares it to the Resurrection of our divine Master.

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God revealed His power more fully in our justification than in drawing heaven and earth from nothing.

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Non-existence is less far from God than is the sinner.

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If we could only perceive...the state to which God's grace has raised us.

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(We are) nothing less than (God's) own children, destined to reign with His Son for all eternity

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May Satan's kingdom come to an end once and for all and may justice triumph everywhere.

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The first virtue required by the person who is striving for perfection is charity.

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The first movement of our hearts is a movement towards God.

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Joy is born of happiness at possessing what we love.

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By loving God the soul is certain of possessing Him.

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He who loves God possesses Him at once.

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The soul devoted to God out of love belongs entirely to God, while God gives himself entirely to that soul.

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If joy is to be true and perfect it must be accompanied inseparably by peace...

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Our Divine Master assures us that no one will take our joy from you.

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As long as we are wayfarers on this earth we can never be perfect, hence we can never enjoy perfect peace

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Love, joy and peace are virtues which perfect the soul with regard to what it possesses.

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Patience perfects (the soul) as to what it endures.

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As regards the virtues to be practiced in dealing with others, the first is kindness.

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Kindness is a virtue that leads us to be helpful to others.

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We must arm ourselves (against the snares of the Evil One) by the noble virtue of forbearance.

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We must protect our-selves by cultivating meekness, which makes us stifle our anger.

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All the fine virtues are not sufficient if we do not add to them the virtue of faithfulness.

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Three virtues perfect the devout person with control of the senses: modesty, continence and chastity.

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To ensure that the holy Spirit may dwell in our souls...all can be sum-med up in the mortification of the flesh...

## October Prayers in Honor of the Most Holy Rosary of Our Lady

REMINDER: Padre Pio's love for the Rosary that he recited so often in the course of each day, encourages us to reflect upon the Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary this month, as we remember that Jesus' life on earth is a reminder of the sacredness of life at all of its stages from conception to natural death

Suggestions:

- Take one mystery a day and make that mystery and its particular grace your point of reflection throughout the day.
- Another method could be to recite the prayers for the various series of mysteries everyday, by simply praying the Prayer Before Each Mystery adding the mystery remembered and the particular grace associated with the mystery, then saying just one Hail Mary, and going to the next mystery. This would not take the place of the Rosary but would be a brief "Rosary Litany".

Please remember that these monthly prayers are not obligations, or, in this case, not new ways or a more lengthy way of praying the Rosary. These prayers and reflections are offered to be an assistance not an alternative to the traditional Rosary in its beauty and simplicity.

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BEGIN EACH DAY TO OUR LADY (adapted Prayer composed by St. Bernard): Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother, to you I come, sinful and sorrowful. Mother of the Word Incarnate (assist me, that I may open my heart to the Word Incarnate and, like you, open my life to Christ, that I may live with, in, and for Jesus, as you did.) Despise not my request, but in your clemency, hear and answer me. Amen.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES: Mother of Jesus Christ, form us as you formed your Son. Help us to be quick to follow God's will. May we present Jesus in the temple of our bodies and take Him with us into the homes of others. Teach us always to look for Jesus in the Church when we have lost Him in our lives. Make us mindful of our guardian angels. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE EACH MYSTERY: Good Jesus, through the... (here mention the mystery of the

Rosary you will carry with you during the day) may the example of Our Blessed Mother Mary who lived this moment with you, and the devotion of Padre Pio who meditated on this mystery each day, obtain for me the grace of... (here mention the virtue of the mystery) today.

- 1-Annunciation and Incarnation (Humility)
- 2-Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (Charity)
- 3-Birth at Bethlehem (Poverty of Spirit)
- 4-Presentation and Purification (Obedience)
- 5-Finding in the Temple (Fidelity to the Gospel)

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: Holy Mary, star of the new evangelization, pray that we may become the light of the world. We receive Christ in the Eucharist; help us build His kingdom in the world. Teach us to do whatever He tells us. May our study of His life lead us to love Him and our love for Him lead us to imitate Him. If we are what we should be, we will set the world ablaze. We ask your intercession to make this so, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE EACH MYSTERY: Good Jesus, through the... (as above)

- 1-Baptism in the Jordan (Acceptance of God's Will)
- 2-Wedding in Cana (Celebrating Life as a Child of God)
- 3-Proclaiming the Kingdom of God (Repentance)
- 4-Transfiguration (Seeing God at all times)
- 5- Institution of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Love)

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: Mother of sorrows, may we stay close to you at the foot of the cross, where you became our mother. Teach us a faith that is humble and obedient, a hope that proves itself with action and a love that accepts suffering and setback. Help us seek fidelity above honors and God's will above comforts. May we crucify our pride with Christ on the cross. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE EACH MYSTERY: Good Jesus, through the... (as above)

- 1-Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Fervor)
- 2-Scourging at the Pillar (Penance)
- 3-Crowning with Thorns (Moral Courage)
- 4-Carrying of the Cross (Patience)
- 5-Death on the Cross (Self-Sacrifice)

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: Blessed Mary, gate of heaven, pray for us. May our trust in the risen Christ drive out cowardly fear, and may our fidelity to His mission drive out laziness. Help us reach the goal of heaven, and help our efforts to bring others there with us. Through the gift

of the Holy Spirit and the grace of prayer, may we be holy apostles of Christ's love. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE EACH MYSTERY: Good Jesus, through the... (as above)

- 1-Resurrection (Faith)
- 2-Ascension (Hope)
- 3-Descent of the Holy Spirit (Love and Zeal)
- 4-Assumption of Our Lady (Devotion to Mary)
- 5-Crowning of Mary (Final Perseverance)

#### CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Prayer to Padre Pio :

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Good Father and Spiritual Guide, your love for the Eucharist and for our Heavenly Mother Mary made you respect and love every facet of life that spoke of God and his loving care for all creation. Be with me as I open my heart to the Most Blessed Trinity, and intercede for me that, through the intercession of Our Mother Mary, I may be holy and always live in God's Most holy Will.

Good Father, present me as your Spiritual Child to our Lady and Mother as I open my heart to her, that she, in turn, may keep me and protect me in her Immaculate Heart, and lead me to Jesus, Her Son.

Help me to see Jesus in the Eucharist I celebrate and receive so often. Pray that I, as Mary, may be a Tabernacle where Jesus finds a welcoming and a well-prepared place to dwell. On earth, Mary was the Monstrance who presented Jesus to the world, pray that I too may present Jesus in my life to all those whom I encounter on life's journey.

Padre Pio, your Spiritual Children seek to deepen their relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through your loving intercession and effective counsels.

- Pray for me that I always be available to God's Most Holy Will.
- Following Jesus, Whose blessed wounds you bore, may I bear my daily challenges hopefully with a joyful heart.
- In the Holy Spirit Whose gifts were so powerfully manifested in your life, may I know God's Will and have the courage to live what I have come to know.

Keep me as your Spiritual Child and lead me ever closer to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Who with the Eternal Father and the Holy Spirit, is one God living and reigning forever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady:

Mary, my Most Holy Mother, with Padre Pio as my companion in coming to you, I pray that you intercede for me before the Blessed Trinity Whose Daughter, Mother and Spouse you are. Having reflected upon the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, I have sought to look at Jesus with

your eyes and heart. Pray for me to God that, as you, I may always live my life in total surrender to the Father's Divine Will. And, after this life has come to its end, may I joyfully and trustingly accept the call to enter eternity. May my "yes" be total and joyful, trusting in the Father's loving embrace. Intercede for me that I follow closely in the footsteps of your Son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is One God living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen.

Thank you, Mary, my Mother, for the many graces I obtain through your almighty intercession.  
(Padre Pio)