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Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me, receives the one who sent. (Matthew 10: 37-42)

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest . (Matthew 11:25-30)

Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit...Whoever has ears ought to hear. (Matthew 13: 1-23)

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13: 24-43)

Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field...like a pearl of great price...
like a net thrown into the sea (Matthew 13:44-52)

Prayer to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina: 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, where God lives and reigns, Father, Son and holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

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Lift up your hearts, full of trust in God

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Don't get discouraged in your spiritual battles

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Let us fulfill our duties with faithfulness and constancy

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Don't stop in the middle of your journey

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No one will be left deluded who trusts in God

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Take comfort in the fact that you are not alone in your suffering.

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Talk with Jesus not only from your lips but also from your heart.

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Keep knocking at the door of Divine Mercy.

9

Offer God all your actions.

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Jesus sees the depths of the heart.

11

It's time to get out of our indifference.

12

Deceit and falseness are the fruits of lying.

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No one commits a sin without first having know what it is all about.

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Our God is adorable in all His judgments.

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Calm our excessive fears.

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Don't give credence to people who don't know what they are saying.

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Meekness restrains anger

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Never tire of praying and having others pray.

19

God enriches the soul that empties itself of everything.

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Kiss the Crucifix often with affection.

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Who follows Jesus does not walk in darkness.

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Wisdom consists in not trusting oneself.

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With a heart full of faith, lift up your mind to heaven.

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A soul that is not careful is often deceived.

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Faith is a gift from God. Ask for it.

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It is foolishness to fix your gaze on something that quickly passes away.

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Be vigilant. The enemy never sleeps.

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Do not be concerned about tomorrow. Think about doing good today.

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Hold tightly to the Cross.

30

Be patient with the afflictions that the Lord gives you.

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It is necessary to bear what the Lord sends us.

Prayers to Padre Pio for each Day of the Week

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 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 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.

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.