

# September 2017

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Who wishes to follow me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16: 21-27)

For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18: 15-20)

How often must I forgive? ... I say to you ... seventy time seven times. (Matthew 21-35)

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last. (Matthew 20:1-16)

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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)

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Do not slow down or become lukewarm in that fervor which the Lord allows you to feel.

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Do not suffocate the good inspirations that God sends you.

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Be a true apostle of good.

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Do not abstain from doing good due to silly and useless apprehension.

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The Divine Master has promised a reward not to those who begin well, but to those who persevere to the end.

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I raise my hand many times in the silence of the night...blessing and presenting you all to Jesus

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Always be faithful to God in observing the promises you made to him...

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Pay no attention to the mocking of the foolish (who laugh at the good works you seek to do in the name of God)

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Know that the saints were always mocked by the world and the worldly...they placed the world and its maxims under their feet.

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Always remember the reason why the Son of God came to earth; it was in order to save (everyone).

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Understand the great and noble goal, which is the sanctification of ones own soul.

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Be faithful ... frequenting the sacraments.

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In the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist, in this sacrament of love, we have true life, a blessed life, and true happiness.

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(In the Eucharist) we receive not only the graces that perfect us, but the very author of these graces.

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How great and how sweet is the divine dogma of the Communion of Saints in the Church of Jesus!

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Let us also ask our good Jesus for humility, trust and faith.

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Let us pray fervently to Jesus.

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Let us abandon ourselves to (Jesus), detaching ourselves from this lying world where everything is folly and vanity.

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Everything passes, only God remains to the soul, if it knows how to love Him well.

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Those souls who throw themselves into the whirlpool of worldly preoccupations are poor and unfortunate.

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Continue to increase always in the life of virtue.

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Let us pray for ... poor and unfortunate souls that Jesus may forgive them and draw them to himself in his infinite mercy.

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Jesus tells us that there is more festivity in heaven for the sinner who repents than for the perseverance of 99 just people.

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If you succeed in overcoming temptation, it will have the same effect that washing has on soiled linen.

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As long as there remains a drop of blood in our body, there will be a struggle between right and wrong.

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May Mary convert all the troubles of your life to joy

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When passing before an image of the Madonna one should say: I greet you, oh Mary. Greet Jesus for me.

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Let us be very grateful to the Madonna because it was She who gave us Christ!

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The Heart of our Divine Master has no law more pleasing than that of gentleness, humility and charity.

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If we do good while we still have the gift of Time, we will be glorifying our Heavenly Father, sanctifying ourselves, and giving a good example to others.

## Praying the month of September with Padre Pio

**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 and with the Lord 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 blessings and comforts only She, our Mother, 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. They are a presence of the Living God; they help us 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.

### Closing Prayer (everyday):

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