

January 2018

He was named Jesus, the name given by the angel ... (Luke 2:16-21)
Where is the newborn king of the Jews? ... We ... have come to do him homage. (Matthew 2:1-12)
Behold the Lamb of God ... We have found the Messiah. (John 1:35-42)
Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:14-20)
What is this? A new teaching with authority. (Mark 1:21-28)

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you! ... O Wisdom of God, you are our wisdom ... O Root of Jesse, you are the vine and we are the branches ... O Lord of lords, you are the newborn child ... O Key of David, you are the key to the gates of heaven ... O Dayspring, you are the light of the world ... O Ruler of the world, you are the Lord of lords ... O Emmanuel, you are God-with-us ... May all the world rejoice in your coming and live in your Light and Love.

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May the consolation of the divine Spirit always dwell in...the hearts of all those who love God.

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May Jesus fill you with His grace.

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How sweet it is to serve the Lord.

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All of us have duties ... let us carry them out faithfully and perseveringly.

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Let us accept courageously and cheerfully the orders which come from the top ...

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Let us do our duty in accordance with our state in life.

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In moments of sadness let us raise our hearts up to God from all will receive strength, peace and comfort.

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I urge you not to be entirely disheartened in face of the cross ... but continue to have boundless confidence in the divine mercy.

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It is necessary for us to call down upon us the mercy of the heavenly Father.

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It is necessary that our life be influenced by Christian principles that it be ruled by God and by the Church.

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We must be Christian in our daily life and not just in name.

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Let us pray fervently, humbly, and perseveringly.

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The Lord is a father, the most tender and best of fathers.

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The Lord ... cannot fail to be moved when His children appeal to Him.

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The grain of wheat does not bear fruit if it does not suffer by disintegrating.

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People and countries need trials and suffering in order to come forth cleansed and renewed.

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Wretched are those to whom the Lord does not speak anymore, not even in quiet indignation ...

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Tremble, all ... who no longer hear even the angry voice of God, for this silence is the greatest punishment ...

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Be comforted and trust in the Lord.

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The God who still speaks to us even if He thunders so severely ... is still the God who loves us.

21

Let us pray to the Lord that He may never permit us to shut the ears of our heart to His voice ...

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In His immense goodness may (God) spare us ...

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Praise be to God.

24

May it please (God) never to allow us to fall short of the plans He has for us in His wisdom.

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Offer up your distress and desolation for your own salvation and for that of others.

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Humble yourself more deeply beneath the divine action and have no fear ...

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Everything is decreed with view to your salvation.

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Respond to the best of your ability to the voice (of) Jesus ... within you ...

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At times the spirit is willing and the flesh weak, but God wants the spirit more than anything else.

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Cling closer and closer to Him.

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God loves you very much ... so trust in Him, go on hoping, humble yourself beneath the divine action and love Him.

Prayers for the Month of January

Prayer to Padre Pio

(every day)

Padre Pio, I thank you and praise God in you for making His Name known more profoundly in our hearts. You bore the marks of the Savior's saving Passion and became a refuge and support for all who sought your guidance. Your patient ministry of reconciliation brought numberless souls back to God, so that rescued from

the evil one, they could praise and glorify God in their lives. From your place in heaven watch over us and keep your hand on each one of us that we may always walk the path that leads to God, the Source and Goal of all life, who lives and reigns Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Psalm - Psalm 111 (adapted)

Sunday - We thank You Lord with all our heart. Great are Your works. They are to be pondered by all who love You. I thank you and praise you for the gift You have given us in Padre Pio. Lord, Your compassion and love help us to remain faithful to our Baptismal promises, deliver us from evil, and strengthen our love for You. As we journey each day this week with Padre Pio, our Spiritual Father and Guide, help us to praise Your Name in all that we do. As Spiritual Children of Padre Pio may we live each day in prayer, sacrifice and service to all. We praise You and give glory to the You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as in the beginning, now, and forever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

(Adapted to Padre Pio and every day of the week)

Monday - Almighty ever-living God, I am privileged and blessed to approach you in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, especially in His Divine Presence in the Eucharist. I thank you for giving me Padre Pio as Spiritual Guide and living image of your Suffering Son. May his prayers keep me always faithful and lead me close to You. Amen.

Tuesday - Eternal Father, I come as one sick to the doctor of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the radiance of eternal light, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Padre Pio offered many the opportunity of experiencing your healing grace. Grant that I may always seek and work for that spiritual wholeness that comes from You and You alone.

Wednesday - Lord Jesus, You are King of kings and Lord of lords. With humble reverence, with purity of faith, with repentance and love, and the determination that will help to bring me to salvation I place myself in your presence. Padre Pio urged us to seek You always in all things. Grant that your Servant Pio may be the sure guide that leads me to You and through You to the Father.

Thursday - Lord Jesus, with reverence, gratitude, and adoration, I recognize your loving presence in my life and its power to transform me. Padre Pio sought that transformation every moment of his life through his intimate relationship with You. Help me to live a life of active prayer that allows me to be in Your presence wherever I am and whatever I do.

Friday - Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son, I acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, as my Lord and Savior, and know that in You and through Him I am numbered among the beloved children of the Eternal Father. Padre Pio desired that we live as sisters and brothers, children of the same Father. May I always allow your love to shine through in my life for all.

Saturday - Holy Spirit, on my earthly pilgrimage, I receive the precious Body and Blood of my Savior Jesus Christ under the mysterious veil of the Eucharistic Sacrament. Padre Pio celebrated with abandonment to your presence and was transported to the heights of intimacy with God. May I one day see You, my God, face to face in glory. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

(everyday)

Holy Virgin Mary,
Mother of God and my Mother.
Daughter of the Eternal Father,
pray that we recognize our unity as children of the One Father.
Mother of the Only-Begotten Son,
pray that we accept each other as sisters and brothers in the same Jesus.
Spouse of the Life-Giving Holy Spirit,
pray that we be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, leading us to the fullness of life.
Mary, Virgin Made Church,
Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ,
First Tabernacle, First Monstrance,
be with us in life's journey,
and help us see and follow Jesus.