

January 2019

*The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(May He live in you. May you always live in Him)*

Mary kept all these things...in her heart. He was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel.

(Luke2:16-21)

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. (Matthew 2: 1-12)

You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. (Luke 3: 15-22)

Woman...my hour has not yet come. Do whatever He tells you. (John 2: 1-11)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing. (Luke 4: 14-21)

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If the Christian is full of God's law ... he will never fail no matter what adversities may befall him.

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If the Christian is full of God's law ... he will endure everything steadfastly and perseveringly.

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If the Christian is full of God's law ... he will readily forgive offenses and give thanks to God for all things.

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God's law and Jesus' doctrine dwell abundantly in us.

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Apply yourselves to reading Holy Scripture and books dealing with divine things.

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Listen to God's word as expounded by holy preachers, confessors, etc.

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The Christian is not to confine himself merely to knowing the divine law ... but to live it.

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The Christian must penetrate deeply into the meaning of (God's law and Jesus' doctrine) in order to be able to regulate his own life.

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Diligent application to meditation on God's law ... makes the Christian exult with joy.

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The Christian who is striving for perfection will understand how very necessary meditation is.

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We do not merely keep far from any sin, but feel the continual urge to aim constantly at perfection.

12

Rejoice at all times, for the Lord's yoke is an agreeable one.

13

You are glorifying the Lord by your life and he is pleased with you.

14

Never leave any room for sadness in your heart, for this would be in conflict with the Holy Spirit poured out into your soul.

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May our Lord Jesus Christ visit your soul and console you.

16

Don't give way to sadness ... Aren't you all in the hands of Providence, a fonder mother than we can say or imagine?

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Take heart, then, for Jesus won't leave you for a single instant.

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May Jesus console you at all times and keep you forever in His holy love.

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Confide more and more and abandon yourself to divine Providence.

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Oh, how good our God is!

21

I urge you to have ever greater confidence in God, for it is written that those who trust in Him will never be shaken.

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Do not turn in on yourself. Place all your confidence in our Supreme Good...

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God takes more care of us than a mother takes of her child.

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Don't allow sadness to dwell in your soul, for sadness prevents the Holy Spirit from acting freely.

25

If we insist on being sad, let it be a holy sadness at the sight of the evil that is spreading more and more in society nowadays.

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Take courage, then, I repeat, and have courage at all times.

27

What a great consolation it is to know that we always have access to such a dear friend, to such a loving Spouse!

28

I am confident that the Lord God who is so good to His creatures will not refuse the poor prayer of His servant.

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Take care not to want what God does not want.

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May the Lord enlighten your mind ... Be steadfast and firm in your faith ...

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Be on the alert, for in this way you will avoid all the evil snares of the enemy.

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, forever 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 never 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.