

# November 2020

*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute and utter every kind of evil against you because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. (Matthew 5: 1-12)*

*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day. (John 6: 37-40)*

*Lord, Lord, open the door for us! Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.*

*Stay awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25: 1-13)*

*Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy. (Matthew 25: 14-30)*

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

*And these will go off ... the righteous to eternal life. (Matthew 25: 31-46)*

## BEGINNING OF ADVENT

*Jesus said to his disciples: Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.*

*What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!" (Mark 13: 33-37)*

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O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

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*NB – the first part of each day is taken from words of Padre Pio. The boldfaced words are from various spiritual writers. These are simply extra thoughts for each day that might assist the daily prayer and reflection.*

1

May Jesus enable you to appreciate more and more, along with all the souls who love him with a sincere and pure heart, his most loving invitation: My yoke is easy and My burden is light. – **With your very wounds God will heal you.**

2

My yoke is easy and my burden is light. May this tender invitation of the Divine Master console you in trial. – **All we have seen teaches us to trust the Creator for all we have not seen.**

3

We must become familiar with the sufferings Jesus will be pleased to send us as if we were to live with them always. – **Give me faith, Lord, and let me help others find it.**

4

When you least expect to be set free, Jesus, who cannot bear to see you suffer for a long time, will take care of it. – **Turn to the Lord and pray for He is always near.**

5

Jesus will come to relieve and console you, by instilling new courage in your soul. – **Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's light shining somewhere nearby.**

6

When Jesus bestows a cross on one of his chosen ones, he strengthens that soul to such an extent that by bearing the weight of this cross the soul is relieved of it. – **May the Lord teach us to be generous and serve Him as He deserves.**

7

We should turn our thoughts to heaven, our true homeland of which our earthly country is but a dim image. – **Give and don't count the cost. Labor without seeking a reward except to know you are doing God's will.**

8

Make every effort, with the divine assistance, at all times, amidst happy or sad events, the cheerful calm that becomes the true followers of the fair Nazarene. – **A sure way to God is a humble knowledge of yourself than a search for learning.**

9

We should be on the alert for every slightest sign of agitation, and as soon as we realize we have fallen into dejection, we must turn to God with filial confidence and abandon ourselves completely to him. – **If we saw ourselves as our friends and other people see us, we would need an introduction.**

10

If we keep our souls calm and peaceful in every difficult situation, we will gain much ground in the ways of God. – **Under the false, overloaded, glittering masquerade, there is in every person a noble nature.**

11

If we lose this peace, everything we do with a view to eternal life will yield little or no fruit. - **It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream.**

12

Think no more of your past life, except in order to admire the heavenly Father's goodness which...did not want to reject you. – **In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved.**

13

With great care (God) wished to overcome your hardness and, winning you over with his grace, wanted and wants to demonstrate his power over you. – **It is better to be patient than powerful.**

14

Place all your cares in God alone because God greatly cares for you. – **It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities.**

15

Let us consider Jesus' love for us and his concern for our well-being, and then let us be at peace. – **Thank God for the handicaps of life that help you find yourself, your work, and your God.**

16

Let us not doubt that (God) will invariably assist us with fatherly care against all our enemies. – **Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the things that turn out.**

17

If it were left to ourselves to remain on our feet, we should never be able to do it. – **Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.**

18

How many times does (God) not stretch out his hand to us to arrest our headlong dash towards the precipice? – **Happy are those who are not sad for what they do not have, but are grateful for what they do have.**

19

How many times when we had abandoned (God), has he not readmitted us to his loving embrace? – **Each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass, a book of rules. Each must/will make in life either a stumbling block or a stepping stone.**

20

Grow always in Christian love and never tire of advancing in this which is the queen of all the virtues. – **Make sure the thing you are living for is worth dying for.**

21

Consider that you can never grow too much in this most beautiful virtue (Love). Love it very much. – **Our lives are songs. God writes the words and we set them to music at pleasure.**

22

Let (Love) be more than the apple of your eye, for it is most dear to our divine Master. Oh, yes, let us greatly esteem this precept of the divine Master, and all difficulties will be overcome. – **Nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see. On the contrary, everything is sacred.**

23

The virtue of love is exceedingly beautiful, and to enkindle it in our hearts the Son of God was pleased to come down himself from the bosom of the eternal Father, to become like us. – **While it is well enough to leave footprints on the sands of time, it is even more important to make sure they point in a commendable direction.**

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(The Son of God was pleased to come down) to become like us in order to teach us and make it easy for us with the means he left us to acquire this most eminent virtue (Love). – **You can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again.**

25

Let us ask Jesus insistently to give us this virtue (Love), and let us make greater and greater efforts to grow in it. – **Times like these demand strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands!**

26

You must be strong and cheerful in spirit, for the Lord is in the depths of your heart. – **Earth is crammed with heaven.**

27

Keep cheerful and don't be discouraged. Never permit your soul to be sad – to live with a sad scrupulous spirit – because Jesus is the spirit of sweetness. – **God's presence is not discerned at the time it is upon us, but afterwards when we look back.**

28

Let us show ourselves to be worthy children of such a great Father. Jesus also invites us to climb to Calvary with him, so let us not refuse. – **God exists within us even more intimately than we exist within ourselves.**

29

In the course of life, mortifications will not be lacking for us either. Let us love them. Let us embrace them with a cheerful soul, and let us always bless the good God in everything. – **God is an unutterable sigh, lying in the depths of the heart.**

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I thank the Lord that despite the fact that I suffer moments of real anguish, I am invariably cheerful. Meanwhile, I cast myself trustfully into the arms of Jesus, then let whatever he has decreed take place, and he must certainly come to my aid. – **The Mighty One has great things for me, and holy is God's name.**

### **Sunday**

Father of mercy and compassion, we believe that those who have died in the Lord are blessed. We pray for the souls of those who have gone before us. We earnestly ask You, Lord, to remember the good works they accomplished through Your grace here on earth. Grant them now the fullness of Your eternal light, happiness, and peace. With each kindness we offer today, help us recall that we too will be judged according to our good deeds, and the love we have for one another. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**O Mary, Mother and Queen of the Suffering Souls in Purgatory, pray for them and place our prayers together with yours, that through your almighty intercession, we too may assist them in their suffering.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

### **Tuesday**

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the souls of the just want for nothing in Your presence. It is You who have given them their heart's desire, You who have guided them on Your pathways, and led them to Your eternal place of refreshment. As you have prepared a banquet for them, so now fill them with Your mercy and peace. May goodness and kindness follow them to Your dwelling place forever and ever. Amen.

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### **Wednesday**

Father most Gracious and Loving, today as we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we remember the comforting words of Jesus: "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world". As You, Lord, so greatly desire the hearts and souls of those created in Your image and likeness, please now call them to Yourself, and welcome them into Your Kingdom, as they welcomed You here on earth in the poor, the naked, the hungry, the thirsty and the imprisoned. We make our prayer in the name of Christ our lord. Amen.

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### **Thursday**

Eternal Father, our hope and our consolation, look favorably on the souls of our deceased loved ones. As we pray today for them, and all the faithful departed, we ask that You grant the fullness of Your peace and joy to our beloved deceased who have finished the race and have kept the faith. May You give them the heavenly crown of victory, for they longed to see Your face. And one day may we all share their joy together in the Kingdom where You live forever and ever. Amen.

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### **Friday**

Most high, all powerful, all good God, Your humble servant, St. Francis of Assisi, when considering his own death, spoke of her as "Sister Death, from whom no one can escape". In faith we believe that no one would wish to escape the good things that you have prepared for those who have loved You! So today we pray that when the appointed time arrives for each one singularly Sister Death may embrace the souls of our loved ones whom You have called, and lead them to that new creation where you live forever and ever. Amen.

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### **Saturday**

All loving God, Father of Life, we praise You today for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him You have borne our griefs and sorrows; and by His wounds we are healed! As we seek to share in the joys of His Resurrection, and wait to welcome Him when He returns in glory, we ask You to reward those who have died with the fulfillment of Your promise. Gather us together from the four every part of creation into Your Kingdom which You have prepared for us, where we shall live with You forever. Amen.

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### **Daily Concluding Prayers** *(recited each day)*

#### **To Our Blessed Mother**

Mary, loving Mother and Queen of Creation, we pray through your intercession for our brothers and sisters in Purgatory, your children saved in the blood of Christ, who still await the fullness of the gift that is assured them. You knew pain and grief in the death of your Son. Look on us, and upon all the souls who have gone before us, merciful Mother, with motherly compassion and love. Pray for us and them. Protect us in our journey, and intercede for us that we may always be faithful to the will of the Father during our journey in life. Pray for the Souls in Purgatory that the Lord may lead them quickly home to enjoy forever eternal life with Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.

#### **To Padre Pio**

Padre Pio, friend of the Holy Souls and faithful companion of those who confided in your counsels and prayers, pray for us, that having been faithful to God's Will in life we may come to Eternal Life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **To the Most Blessed Trinity**

Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Mary, Your daughter, mother and spouse, and our holy Mother, hear our prayers for the Souls in Purgatory. Grant them eternal light, happiness and peace.

Look on us as well, Father of mercy and love. Have mercy on our weak minds and hearts. Strengthen us in Your love, mercy and providence. We who are where the Holy Souls once were hope to be, by Your grace and forgiveness, where they are now: **Paradise assured!** Since You desire no one entrusted to Your Son to be lost, in His Name we implore the ultimate grace: to live in the embrace of Your eternal Love together with all the Holy Souls for whom we pray. This we humbly ask of You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Who lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

