

# April 2021

*I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.* (John 13: 1-15)

*It is finished. And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.* (John 18: 1- 19:42)

*You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.*

*But, go and tell his disciples, and Peter.* (Mark 16: 1-7)

*So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.*

*The one who had arrived at the tomb first, he saw and believed.* ( John 20: 1-9)

*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*

*My Lord and my God. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.* (John 20: 19-31)

*Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.*

*You are witnesses of these things.* (Luke 24: 35-48)

*I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice.*

*And there will be one flock and one shepherd.* (John 10: 11-18)

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*Our Father most holy.*

*You are our Creator, Redeemer, Consoler, and Savior.*

*You, Lord, are Supreme Good, the eternal Good, from Whom all good comes.*

*Holy be your Name that You may rule in us through Your grace.*

*Your will be done that we may love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind.*

*Give us this day Your own beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Forgive us through Your ineffable mercy and make us, Lord, forgive completely.*

*And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.*

*Amen*

*(Prayer inspired by the Our Father - abbreviated)*

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**1**

Beware of complaining you are miserable and unhappy, (this is) unseemly for a servant of God.

**2**

Make a particular effort to practice submission to the will of God.

**3**

If you should happen to fall in some way, humble yourself, renew your proposal, pick yourself up and carry on.

**4**

Place the outcome of your desires in the hands of divine providence.

**5**

Abandon yourself into the paternal arms (of God) like a little child.

**6**

May God make you grow, may God see that you produce fruit to maturity, may He be pleased to preserve you from harmful winds.

**7**

Beware of scruples and excessive fear, and calm yourself totally.

**8**

Stay in the presence of God.

**9**

Beware of anxiety and restlessness, because there is nothing that more greatly impedes progress to perfection.

**10**

Sweetly place your heart in the wounds of the Lord, but not by force.

**11**

Have great confidence in his mercy and goodness, that he will never abandon you.

**12**

Do not fail to embrace his holy cross.

**13**

After love for our Lord, I recommend that for his Bride, the Church.

**14**

Continually thank God that you are a (child) of the Church.

**15**

Have great compassion on (the Church's) pastors, preachers, and director of souls. Pray to God for them.

**16**

We must always strictly observe these two virtues, kindness with our neighbors and holy humility with God.

**17**

The great God who has taken you by the hand will not abandon you.

**18**

You should do all that you can to totally uproot pretentiousness and pride.

**19**

The person who never seeks honor has the greatest honor of all.

**20**

Be patient with yourself when you fall.

**21**

Do not be surprised by distractions and aridity.

**22**

Do not fail to approach the Lord's altar to satisfy yourself with the Flesh of the Immaculate Lamb.

**23**

Live humbly, kindly and (lovingly).

**24**

God places his hand under those who fall so that they might not hurt themselves.

**25**

(God) absolutely cannot reject the sincere desire to love him.

**26**

May the joy of the divine Spirit and the Resurrected Lord always fill your heart.

**27**

May Jesus fill you with his holy love and grant you all the graces you desire to triumph over everyone and everything.

**28**

The crown is won in combat.

**29**

If every victory we obtain has a corresponding degree of eternal glory, how can we fail to rejoice?

**30**

The soul that groans and fears offending God, does not offend him, and is very far from doing so.

### ***The 15 "Stations of Joy"***

#### ***From Resurrection to Pentecost***

*The "Stations of Joy" each commemorate one of the passages in Scripture when the Resurrected Jesus tried tenderly to convince us of His Resurrection, to change our sorrows into joys. A sad Christian is not a convincing Christian... let us try to pray and live these "Stations of Joy" during the glorious Paschal time, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The 40 days of Lent are intense ones for a Christian, but the next 40 days of Paschal time, from the Resurrection to the Ascension, should be the most joyful, ending an extra 10 days later with the glory of Pentecost.*

*(The Scriptural citations after each Station of Joy are offered for anyone who might desire to use a Station a day as a personal point of meditation)*

#### ***Litany of the Stations of Easter Joy***

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**(\*) Indicates the refrain to be said after each Station: THROUGH YOUR GLORIOUS RESURRECTION,  
GRANT ME THIS GRACE, LORD JESUS.\_**

**I Lord, through Your glorious *Resurrection*, may I live in the gift of Your love, joy and peace, and witness the New Life You offer those who believe in You. (\*) [Mt.28, Mk.16, Lk.24/28, Jn.20-21]**

**II Lord, through Your encounter with *Mary Magdalene* after Your Resurrection, may I hear You speak my name each day in the depths of my heart and respond by proclaiming my love for You and Your love to others with my life. (\*) [Jn.20, Mt.28, Mk.16]**

III Lord, through Your encounter with the other *Holy Women* and instruction to tell the Good News to the disciples of Your Resurrection, may I be fearless in proclaiming my Faith in You to everyone. (\*) [Mt.28,8-10; Lk.24, 10-11]

IV Lord, through Your encounter with *Two Disciples on the road to Emmaus* who were enlightened on the road and recognized You in the Breaking of the Bread, may I hear Your Word with an open heart and always acknowledge You truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. May I joyfully acknowledge You without hesitation as the two of Emmaus did. (\*) [Lk.24: 13-35]

V Lord, through the *Peace, Pardon, and The Paraclete's* grace You offered as the first gifts of Your Resurrection, may I cooperate with God's grace and be a source of forgiveness and peace to others. (\*) [Jn.20: 21-23]

VI Lord, through Your manifestation to the *Doubting Thomas*, may I come to recognize You in the wounds and scars of those who suffer in any way, and acknowledge You before all people as *My Lord, and My God*. (\*) [Jn.20: 24-28]

VII Lord, through Your appearance and concern for the needs of the *Apostles who went fishing* and Your eating with them as a sign that it was truly You alive, grant that I recognize You in the ordinary moments of life and trust that You assist me in my needs. Let my faith in You be proof enough for me. (\*) [Jn.21,1-14]

VIII Lord, through Your loving encounter with *Peter on the Shore and Entrusting to Him the Responsibility to Shepherd Your Flock*, may I always be faithful to the Church and those called to Shepherd Your people. May I never forget that where there is Peter, there is the Church, and where there is the Church, there are You Who guide, guard, and protect us through our shepherds. (\*) [Jn.21: 15-17]

IX Lord, through Your loving encounter with *Mary Your Mother after Your Glorious Resurrection*, may I always foster a deep love and devotion for our Heavenly Mother. May I celebrate her exalted place in the mystery of our salvation, and confide in Her almighty intercession for all God's children. (\*) [Jn.20, Acts 1]

X Lord, You commanded Your followers to *Go and Preach the Gospel to all Creation*. May I be a living Gospel of peace and blessings to all that through my words and actions others may come to know, love and serve You. (\*) [Mt.28: 19-20]

**XI Lord, through the *Five "Signs" of a Christian*, may I cast out the demons of addiction and inappropriate life; speak the language of love, joy and peace; be fearless before the serpents of hatred, jealousy and unfaithfulness, remain unharmed by the poison of slander, injustice, sickness; be a healing touch for those who find life wearisome and lonely. (\*) [Mk.16: 17-18]**

**XII Lord, You *Promised to Remain Always With Us*. May I trust in Your Presence and find strength and courage in knowing that You are always with me, to guide, guard and protect me. (\*) [Mt.28: 19-20]**

**XIII Lord, through Your *Glorious Ascension* to the Right Hand of the Father, may I look to the heavens for strength and protection as I confidently keep my feet well-grounded on earth, fulfilling whatever the Will of the Father entrusts to me for His glory, my salvation, and the good of others. (\*) [Jn.6:53; Mt.6:11]**

**XIV Lord, through Your Promise that Your *Followers would be Baptized in the Holy Spirit* to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all the world, may I be truly be wise and always follow the Father's Will through the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in my life. (\*) [Act.1:4-8; 12-15]**

**XV Lord, through the *Descent of the Holy Spirit* on the Early Christian Community gathered in the Upper Room together with Mary, may my heart burn with an inner fire of love and enthusiasm for the Faith, that in the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit, I may fearlessly proclaim that You are Jesus, Son of God, Lord and Savior, in Whose Name we find salvation. (\*) [Acts 2]**

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**LORD JESUS, help me to walk with You each day of my life. The sorrow and joy, the pain and healing, the failures and triumphs of my life are small personal deaths and resurrections that lead me closer to You. Give me the faith and trust I need to walk with You in the new life Your Resurrection brings. May I journey with You to Calvary and beyond, that I may share in the fruits of Your Glorious Resurrection. With Padre Pio to accompany me, I patiently and joyfully confide and trust in You, my Lord and Risen Savior, in Whose Name I find salvation and eternal Life. You live forever. Amen.**

**MARY, MOTHER OF OUR REDEEMER and our most Blessed Mother, be with me always. You comforted Jesus on the road to Calvary by your silent and loving presence; you held his**

lifeless body close to your Immaculate Heart, as you offered the sadness and suffering that only a mother can feel when she sees the suffering of her child. Look on me as you looked at Jesus. Hold me close to your mother's heart in my moments of temptation and sin. Pray for me that I may be a LIVING IMAGE OF JESUS. Dear Mother, You were a constant support and strength to our Father, Padre Pio throughout his lifelong Calvary, until he came to the promised reward offered all God's faithful children. Accompany me, that I also may share in the graces and joys of the Resurrection.

PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA, by a singular grace you were blessed to participate in the mystery of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through your ministry, God revealed the marvels of His mercy to numberless souls. Pray for me, that like you, and through your loving intercession, I may remain with Christ in His Passion so as to joyfully attain as you to the glory of the Resurrection. Intercede for me with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.