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He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

(Mark 7: 31-37)

Whoever wishes to come after, me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

(Mark 8: 27-35)

*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*

(Mark 9: 30-37)

**Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him
that a great millstone were put around his neck and were thrown into the sea.**

(Mark 9: 38-48)

Prayer in honor of the Sacred Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi

Seraphic Father, St. Francis of Assisi, you were sealed with the image of the Passion of our Savior, so that the hearts of all people might be rekindled with the fire of Divine Love. As you bore the imprint of the wounds of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we ask you to pray for us through those signs of God's love for you that we too may be signs of the Lord's living presence and love for all

- Through the wound of your right hand- pray that my hands may always be raised in blessing to others.
- Through the wound of your left hand - pray that I may always reach out for what leads me closer to God and that my hands may always be outstretched to assist those in need...
- Through the wound of your right foot - pray that I may fulfill the words of the prophet who blesses the feet of the bearer of peace and good tidings.
- Through the wound of your left foot - pray that at the crossroads of life my steps may always seek out the direction that leads to the fulfillment of the Father's plan for me.
- Through the wound of your side - pray that, as you, so also I may approach all people with a disarmed heart, that they may see in me, as so many saw in you, the image of the compassionate Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Lord, You signed St. Francis of Assisi with the marks of Your Passion
- That we might bear our crosses with patience and love.
 - May we boast of nothing
 - But the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, when the world had again grown cold - as in the time of the Seraphic Father St. Francis of Assisi also signed with the Wounds of Jesus the Christ - in order that hearts might be rekindled with the fire of Your Love, You renewed on the body of our

Spiritual Father and Founder, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, the sacred marks of Your Passion. Grant, through his intercession, that we may carry our crosses with patience and bear fruits worthy of Eternal Life. We ask this of you Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

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Draw good from humiliations (allowed) by the Lord

2

Thank God for the strength he gives you to bear your difficulties.

3

God's will be done!

4

Recommend others to the Lord in your prayers, especially during holy Mass.

5

Silently adore and kiss the hand of the one who strikes you, for he is the one who strikes with one hand and consoles with other

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May all be for the glory of Jesus!

7

How could we live if we were to fail even for a single (day) to receive Jesus?

8

Thank the Blessed Mother through whose intercession we receive so much strength from God.

9

Feel greater confidence in God rather letting fears and anxieties overwhelm you.

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We should prefer death rather than deliberately offend such a good God.

11

Remember that the closer a soul draws to God the more it is harassed by the enemy. (PB)

12

I exhort you to holy resignation in the midst of the storms. (PB)

13

May the divine plan be accomplished in me as long as it is for the glory of our dear Jesus.

14

The merciful Lord hastens to our aid when trials seem the worst and like a loving Father, he consoles and encourages us.

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I feel more prepared to meet (anything) which may come, as long as it is a matter of pleasing Jesus.

16

The devil cannot refrain from efforts to make us lose our peace of soul...laugh at all this (and have confidence in the Lord).

17

With God's help, always have a spirit of gratitude.

18

Jesus does not fail, every now and then, to speak within us.

19

How good Jesus is to me!

20

(The goodness of Jesus for me) is a happiness for which I can find no comparison.

21

When the world wearies and weighs upon you, desire nothing else than to love and suffer (with resignation).

22

May your heart throb in harmony with the heart of Jesus.

23

What a consolation it is to know almost with certainty that one possesses Jesus.

24

Trust in divine Providence that you may not fall into the tempter's snares.

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Even when Jesus seems to hide from you, that is not abandonment, but the tricks of his love.

26

Do nothing other than what the Holy Spirit desires to accomplish in you. (PB)

27

Abandon yourself to his (Holy Spirit's) transports and have no fear. (PB)

28

Thank Jesus for the strength and courage he sends in the midst of difficulties and trials.

29

Be happy, for the Jesus makes his presence known even in the midst of trials.

30

Pray everyday for the gift of patience.

Prayer in honor of Padre Pio for every day of the week

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 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 graces and comforts that only She 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. Since they are a presence of the Living God who help 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:

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 forever 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, forever and ever. Amen.