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Let the children come to me. Do not prevent them. The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. (Mark 10: 2-16) How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God. (Mark 10: 17-30)

Whoever wishes to be great among you, will be your servant; whoever wishes to be the first among you will be the slave of all. (Mark 10: 35-45) Master, I want to see. Go your way. Your faith has saved you. (Mark 10: 46-52) Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12: 28-34)

Holy Virgin Mary, there is none like you born in the world among women. Daughter and handmaid of the most high King, the Heavenly Father, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit! Pray for us with St. Michael the Archangel and all the Virtues in heaven and all the saints to your most holy beloved Son, our Lord and Master! ...

Hail, his palace! Hail, his tabernacle! Hail, his dwelling! Hail, his vesture!

Hail, his handmaid!

(Words of St. Francis of Assisi)

In my prayers and especially during Mass I continually ask many graces for your soul

I ask divine love for you. This is everything for us.

Divine love must sweeten all our weaknesses, all our feelings, sufferings and actions.

How blessed are the faculties of the soul when they obey so wise a King!

Without him (Jesus) we should be prey for our enemies (vices and sins).

Let us humble ourselves profoundly

we must always have courage.

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Let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and we will undoubtedly regain our

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strength.

(People) sometimes reflect too much on their evils, and this confuses their thoughts so that the soul cannot free itself

### 10

Fear nothing at all (God) doesn't want to do you any harm

#### 11

Love him (God) greatly.

#### 12

Despise (your temptations) and don't dwell on them too much.

# 13

Keep Jesus Crucified present to your imagination and say: This is my hope, the living source of my happiness.

### 14

Nothing will ever separate me from his (Jesus') love.

### 15

I will never leave him (Jesus) until he places me in a safe place.

### 16

Jesus, You are the God of my heart and the inheritance I desire for all eternity.

# **17**

Be steadfast. Stay in the boat in which He (Jesus) has placed you, and let the storm come

## 18

Long live Jesus!

## 19

You will not perish. He (Jesus) may sleep, but at the opportune time He will awaken to restore your calm.

### 20

Try to always be watchful in order to avoid sin

#### 21

When you see you fail, bend your knees before God, humble yourself greatly, and ask our Lord's pardon

#### 22

Convince yourselves that failings and little flights of passion are inevitable as long as we are in this life.

### 23

Self-love never dies before we do, but it will accompany us to the tomb.

#### 24

Live calmly and tranquilly and totally immersed in Jesus alone.

# 25

Pray a great deal so that justice and innocence will triumph

# 26

Let the spirit of Jesus crucified reign in our souls.

#### 27

Be tranquil...God is working within you always to the correct degree and in the right manner.

# 28

Heavenly goodness permits weaknesses... to render you more firm and tightly attached to his divine mercy.

#### 29

Don't grieve if you are not able to carry out the pious practices. Be content with what you are able to do. Jesus will console you

# 30

He who belongs only to God seeks nobody but God himself.

#### 31

He who belongs to God thinks of Him in all the events of this life and always tries to become better in the eyes of God.

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Good Father and Spiritual Guide,** your love for the Eucharist and for our Heavenly Mother Mary made you respect and love every facet of life that spoke of God and his loving care for all creation. Be with me as I open my heart to the Most Blessed Trinity and intercede for me that, through the intercession of Our Mother Mary and yours, I may be holy and always live in God's most holy Will.

**Good Father**, present me as your Spiritual Child to our Lady, as I open my heart to her, that She, in turn, may keep me and protect me in Her Immaculate Heart, and lead me to Jesus, Her Son.

**Help me to see Jesus in the Eucharist** I celebrate and receive so often. Pray that I, as Mary, may be a Tabernacle where Jesus finds a welcoming and a well-prepared place to dwell. On earth, Mary was the Monstrance who presented Jesus to the world, pray that I too may present Jesus in my life to all those whom I encounter on life's journey.

**Mary, my Mother**, with Padre Pio as my companion in coming to you, intercede for me before the Blessed Trinity Whose Daughter, Mother and Spouse you are.

# To Our Lady

(adapted Prayer composed by St. Bernard)

**Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary**, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother, to you I come, sinful and sorrowful. Mother of the Word Incarnate (assist me, that I may open my heart to the Word Incarnate and, like you, open my life to Christ, that I may live with, in, and for Jesus, as you did.) Despise not my request, but in your clemency, hear and answer me. Amen.

(Padre Pio's love for the Rosary that he recited so often in the course of each day, encourages us to reflect upon the Rosary this month dedicated to its Mysteries. Each day choose one mystey of the Rosary. Offer the following simple aspiration with the virtue of the day, and try to remember it and offer it throughout the day.)

**Good Jesus**, through the... (here mention the mystery of the Rosary you will carry with you during the day) may the example of Our Blessed Mother Mary who lived this moment with you, and the devotion of Padre Pio who meditated on this mystery each day, obtain for me the grace of... (here mention the virtue of the mystery) today.

# JOYFUL

1 Annunciation and Incarnation
HUMILITY
2 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth
CHARITY
3 Birth at Bethlehem
POVERTY of SPIRIT
4 Presentation and Purification
OBEDIENCE
5 Finding in the Temple
FIDELITY to GOSPEL

### **LUMINOUS**

1 Baptism in the Jordan
ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL
2 Presence at the Wedding in Cana
CELEBRATING LIFE AS A CHILD OF GOD
3 Preaching the Kingdom/Repentance
REPENTANCE
4 Transfiguration
SEEING GOD AT ALL TIMES
5 Institution of the Eucharist
EUCHARISTIC LOVE

# **SORROWFUL**

1 Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane
FERVOR
2 Scourging at the Pillar
PENANCE
3 Crowning with Thorns
MORAL COURAGE
4 Carrying of the Cross
PATIENCE
5 Death on the Cross
SELF-SACRIFICE

# **GLORIOUS**

1 Resurrection FAITH

2 Ascension
HOPE
3 Descent of the Holy Spirit
LOVE & ZEAL
4 Assumption of Our Lady
DEVOTION TO MARY
5 Crowning of Mary
FINAL PERSEVERANCE

**Concluding Prayer: F**ather, all-powerful and ever-living God, through life's joys and sorrows, enlightened by the Holy Spirit of your eternal Truth and Love, grant that I may live your Word and come to the eternal day of Your Loving Presence, as Mary, to the glory you have promised all who hear your Word and keep It. You live and reign forever. Amen.