

April 2025: Month of the Redemption

A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. (Luke 6: 39-45)

You shall worship the Lord your God and Him alone shall you serve.

You shall not put the Lord your God to the test (Luke 4: 1-13)

Master, it is good that we are here. This is my chosen Son; listen to him. (Luke 9: 28-36)

Why should it (the fruitless fig tree) exhaust the soil? Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize; it may bear fruit. If not you can cut it down. Luke 13: 1-9)

My son you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found. (Luke 1-3, 11-32)

Prayer of Manasseh

Lord Almighty, God of our ancestors, you made heaven and earth with all their beauty.

You set limits for creation by your powerful and glorious name.

All things stand in awe in your presence, because no one can endure the splendor of your glory.

Your promised mercies are beyond measure and imagination, because you are the highest,

Lord, kind, patient, and merciful, and you care for your children who suffer.

You, Lord, according to your gentle grace, promised forgiveness to those who are sorry for their sins.

In your great mercy, you allowed sinners to turn from their sins and find salvation.

Lord, God of those who do what is right, you always offer us chances to change our hearts and lives.

You offer me, the sinner, the chance to change my heart and life.

My sins are many, Lord. I am not worthy to look up, to gaze into heaven.

I bow down before you from deep within my heart, imploring your kindness.

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me. For you, Lord, are God of those who turn from their sins.

In me you'll show how kind you are. Although I'm not worthy, you'll save me according to your great mercy.

I will praise you continuously all the days April - Month of the Redemption

Has no one condemned you? No one, Sir. Then, Jesus said, Neither do I condemn you.

Go, and from now on do not sin any more. (John 8: 1-11)

The people were spreading the cloaks on the road. They began to praise God aloud with joy. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. (Luke 9: 28-40)

Do you realize what I have done for you? If I, your master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow. As I have done for you, you should also do. (John 13: 1-15)

Take him away! Crucify him! Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother. I thirst. It is finished. (John 18:1-19:42)

The women took spices and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away.

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He has been raised. (Luke 24: 1-12)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb. (Peter) went in. The other disciple went in, and he saw and believed. (John 20: 1-9)

Put your finger here and see my wounds. My Lord and My God!

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. (John 20: 19-31)

We adore You most Holy Lord Jesus Christ in all Your Churches throughout the world, and we praise You, for by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world. My Resurrected Jesus, my Lord and my God, I join with all creation in celebrating the feast of Your victory over sin and death. The light of the Resurrection gives meaning to all life. Death and suffering no longer have the last word. You have conquered all that darkens our lives and have introduced us to the New Day. May the joy of the Resurrection fill the hearts of all whom you have redeemed in your Blood. May Your Holy Spirit, first Gift of the Resurrection, be with us always, that we may be renewed and filled with Life as we seek to be Heralds of the Great King proclaiming Your Resurrection and New Life to all the world.

(From April 1st until April 19th(Holy Saturday) included continue to use the Prayers and Stations of the Cross suggested for the month of March. ... From April 20th (Easter) until the end of the month, recite the Prayers and Litany of the Stations of Joy suggested for the Easter Season. Please, remember that these devotional prayers and practices are only suggestions. How and when you recite them, if you choose to do so, are not requisites of being associates in the Padre Pio Prayer Groups.)

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 the most devoted ones for a Christian, but the next 40 days of Paschal time, from the Resurrection to the Ascension, should be the most joyful, ending 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 prayer and meditation)

Litany of the Stations of Easter Joy

(*) 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 Your love to others in 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 from 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, that I may 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, Act.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 entrusted 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 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. (*) [Act.2]

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, that His marred image in my frail nature, may not succumb to temptation and sin. Pray for me that I may be a LIVING IMAGE OF JESUS alive and well in the heart of one who believes and loves Him...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 with you to the glory of the Resurrection. Intercede for me with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is God for ever. Amen.