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***God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3: 16-18)
I am the living bread come down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. (John 6: 51-58)
The harvest is abundant, but the laborers few,
so ask he master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. (Matthew 9:36–10:8)
Fear no one. Whoever acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. (Matthew 10: 26-33)***

(Prayer of Padre Pio after Communion is a beautiful prayer for us to say everyday)

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. / You know how easily I abandon You. / Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. / Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor. / Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. / Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. / Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. / Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company. / Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You. / Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your Love. / Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing.

Death, judgment, eternity are drawing near. / It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. / It is getting late and death approaches. / I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. / O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile! / Stay with me tonight, Jesus, because in the darkness of this life, with all its dangers, I need You. / Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to be one with you, and if not by Communion, at least by grace and love. / Stay with me, Jesus. / I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. / Oh yes, I ask this of You! / Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong and active love.

Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love You perfectly, throughout all eternity, dear Jesus. Amen

(During the month of the Sacred Heart, this could be a lovely prayer of Padre Pio for all of us to recite often.)

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May Jesus console you, sustain you always.

2

May Jesus make you enjoy more what he tells us in the holy Gospel: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

3

Nothing is good that is not the work of God

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Be comforted, because the hand of God that sustains you has not been taken away.

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(God) is everybody's Father, and in a most singular way, He is such for the unhappy...

6

Dispel sad clouds from your spirit, which the evil one increases to throw you into the arms of despair, if that were possible.

7

The Heavenly Father wants to make you similar to His Divine Son...

8

May you never hesitate in the ways of the Lord.

9

Humble yourself under the powerful hand of God so that you may be exalted in the time of His visit.

10

Place all your cares in Him alone, because He has very great care for you.

11

See that the education of the mind through good study is always coupled with the education of the heart and our holy religion.

12

The Lord who encourages you will give you all the strength and presence of spirit.

13

Things will work out well, in accordance with the Heart of God.

14

Console yourself by knowing you have done the will of God.

15

The little ship of your spirit always has the strong anchor of trust in divine goodness.

16

(Jesus) will always be with you and He continues to love you.

17

Be humble and let Jesus work freely within you.

18

Prepare a pure, contrite heart, free from all uneasiness for this (impedes) the Lord's freely working in you.

19

When you are assailed by fears from the past, think of it as lost in the ocean of heavenly goodness...

20

Turn your mind to the present in which Jesus is with you and loves you.

21

Think of the future when Jesus will reward your faithfulness and resignation (think of His many graces).

22

Cast aside all fears and always have confidence, faith and love.

23

Rest tranquilly on the divine mercy, as a little child rests in the arms of its mother.

24

Is it possible that Jesus is far from you while you call on him, pray to him, and seek him with ardent desire?

25

(Beware of) the soul when it considers itself satisfied here on earth...it would (begin then) its downfall.

26

Be calm, revive your faith, your trust in God.

27

Always thank this God of ours for all the favors with which he continues to enrich your soul...

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Confide more in divine mercy. Souls must remove all attachments to natural and supernatural things (to be used in a more divine manner by God)

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Live tranquilly. Open up your heart and let the Lord work there freely. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(recited every day by Padre Pio)

I. O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold, I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of final perseverance (*and whatever grace you may seek*)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

II. O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you." Behold, in Your Name, I ask the Father for the grace of final perseverance (*and whatever grace you may seek*)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

III. O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by Your infallible words, I now ask for the grace of final perseverance (*and whatever grace you may seek*).

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have mercy on us sinners, and grant us the grace which we ask of You, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your tender Mother and ours.

Prayers in honor of St Pio of Pietrelcina

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, spiritual Father of countless souls who seek a deeper relationship with God in their lives, I thank God for the gift He has given His Church in you. You are the image for our modern world of His Crucified Son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(After this daily introductory prayer add the prayer designated for the specific day of the week)

Sunday: Through your resignation to the Father's Will in your life, often manifested through the decisions of the Church and your religious superiors, teach us humility that we may be among those humble souls to whom the Eternal Father, through His Incarnate Son Jesus, promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom

(After the prayer for each day add the concluding prayers)

Monday: Through your love and concern for those who suffer in mind and body, teaching us to recognize with the eyes of faith the face of our Lord Jesus Christ Who makes Himself known in the poor and suffering.

Tuesday: Through your resignation and trust in God during the painful struggles you were asked to endure, support and assist us in times of trouble and trial.

Wednesday: Through that ministry of the confessional for which you were known and through which many returned to the Father's love, encourage us to trust unlimitedly in the graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to experience the joy of forgiveness in sincerely returning to the loving embrace of the Father should we succumb to temptation and fall into sin.

Thursday: Through the faithfulness with which you bore the sacred marks of the Passion of our Savior on your body during your earthly journey, strengthen us by your example to bear in our hearts and accept in our lives the life-giving mystery of the Passion-Death-Resurrection of Jesus.

Friday: Through that childlike confidence and love you fostered and encouraged for the Mother of all God's children, Mary ever-Virgin, teach us filial love and devotion for, and confident recourse in the almighty intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Lord and our Heavenly Mother, that through Her intercession, we may more easily approach the Savior, through Whom the Father calls us to Himself.

Saturday: 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 for ever and ever.

Concluding Prayers:

(recited every day)

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
Through it the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
You bore the wounds of Christ on your body.
That we might learn the value of the Cross.

Pray for us St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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.

*Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look with kindness upon me today.
I am Yours and Yours I want to remain all the days of my life.*

Mary, Mother of the Sacred Heart, pray for us, who have recourse to you

Good St. Joseph, Foster Father of the Sacred Heart, pray for us