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Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

(Matthew 23: 21-32)

The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

(Matthew 21: 33-43)

***The feast is ready, but the invited were not worthy to come.
Go out therefore and invite to the feast whomever you will find.***

(Matthew 22: 1-14)

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

(Matthew 22: 15-21)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

(Matthew 22: 34-40)

Prayer of Padre Pio to Our Blessed Mother

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart. We consecrate to you our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To you we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to you we give our homes, our families, our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you, and may share in the benefits of your motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at your feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths, of our Holy Faith, and to live as Catholics who are duly submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able to do so. Finally, we promise you, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of all, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to your service, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of your Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of your adorable Son, in our own hearts and in the hearts of all, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen.

1

I feel all your troubles as though they were my own.

2

Temptation is a proof of the soul's union with (God).

3

If you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation.

4

The more fully you become the friend and intimate of God, the more you will have to endure temptation.

5

When the soul grieves and is afraid of offending God, it does not offend him and is very far from committing sin.

6

Divine grace is with you and you are very dear to the Lord.

7

Shadows and fears are diabolical stratagems which you should despise in the name of Jesus.

8

The spirit of evil is busily engaged in trying to make you believe that your past life has been strewn with sins.

9

Be consoled and rejoice because (*God's*) mercy makes you dear to Him...

10

In the combat there is a better crown to be won.

11

The better the fight put up by the soul, the more numerous the palms of victory.

12

How can we fail to rejoice knowing that every victory (*over evil*) achieved has a corresponding degree of glory?

13

Our enemy has no power over one who has resolved to belong entirely to Jesus.

14

Isn't God good and faithful to the point of not permitting you to be tempted beyond your strength?

15

If we were left to ourselves we should always be falling and never remain on our feet.

16

Humble yourself at the delightful thought that you are in the divine arms of Jesus.

17

How can we be afraid to remain in such loving arms (*of Jesus*) when our entire being is consecrated to God?

18

Open up your heart to a holy and unbounded trust in Jesus.

19

Trust in Him (*Jesus*) and do not be afraid, for you have no reason whatever to fear.

20

I have no adequate words by which to thank the Lord for His goodness in dealing with you and for protecting you so lovingly.

21

The Evil One wants to persuade you that you are the victim of his attacks and are abandoned by God.

22

If you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation.

23

Cast away fears, dispel shadows which the devil is increasing in your soul in order to torment you ...

24

(*Jesus*) intends to take complete possession of your heart and desires it to be pierced with sorrow and love like His own.

25

Despise (*the Evil One*) in the name of Jesus and His most holy Mother.

26

Never fall back on yourself alone, but place all your trust in God.

27

Let the Holy Spirit act within you.

28

Give yourself up to all (*the Holy Spirit's*) transports and have no fear.

29

(*The Holy Spirit*) is so wise and gentle and discreet that He never brings about anything but good.

30

How good this Holy Spirit is to all, but how supremely good He is to those who seek Him.

31

I earnestly ask you never to stop praying to our merciful Jesus.

**To Our Lady
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
Despise not my request,
but in your clemency, hear and answer me.
Amen.

***(October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary of our Blessed Mother.
Padre Pio's love for the Rosary that he recited so often in the course of each day, urges
us to reflect upon the Rosary.
Each day choose one set of mysteries of the Rosary. During the day, offer the following
simple aspiration with the virtues of 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.
(then say one Hail Mary)**

JOYFUL

Annunciation and Incarnation - HUMILITY
Visit of Mary to Elizabeth - CHARITY

Birth at Bethlehem - POVERTY of SPIRIT
Presentation and Purification - OBEDIENCE
Finding in the Temple - FIDELITY TO THE GOSPEL

LUMINOUS

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

SORROWFUL

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

GLORIOUS

Resurrection - FAITH
Ascension - HOPE
Descent of the Holy Spirit - LOVE & ZEAL
Assumption of Our Lady - DEVOTION TO MARY
Crowning of Mary - FINAL PERSEVERANCE

Concluding Prayer: - Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, through life's joys and sorrows, enlighten me to live your Word that I may come, one day, as Mary, to the glory you have promised all who hear your Word and keep It. You live forever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady - Mary, my Most Holy Mother, with Padre Pio as my companion in coming to you, I pray that you intercede for me before the Blessed Trinity Whose Daughter, Mother and Spouse you are.

Prayer to Padre Pio - Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me, that with childlike confidence in Our Lady, I can say with you: thank you, Mary, my Mother, for the many graces I obtain through your almighty intercession.

Blessed Father of those Spiritual Children who seek to deepen their relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through your loving intercession and powerful counsels, pray for me that I always be available to God's Most Holy Will. Following Jesus, Whose blessed wounds you bore, may I bear my daily challenges hopefully with a joyful heart. In the Holy Spirit Whose gifts were so powerfully manifested in your life, may I know God's Will and have the courage to live what I have come to know. Keep me as your Spiritual Child and lead me ever closer to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Who lives with the Eternal Father and the Holy Spirit, one God living and reigning forever. Amen.