

June 2024

Take , This is My Body. This is My Blood of the Covenant, which will be shed for many (Mark 14: 12-26)

Here are my mother and brothers, for whoever does the will of God

is my brother and sister and mother (Mark 3: 20-35)

Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? Why are you terrified?

Do you not yet have faith? (Mark 6: 35-41)

Go in peace and be cured of your affliction. Do not be afraid; just have faith. (Mark 5: 21-43)

Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - My God I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favors, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory.

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The first virtue required by the person who is striving for perfection is charity.

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In the spiritual life, the first movement of our hearts is a movement toward God, which is nothing more than loving our own good.

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Charity (is) the bond of perfect harmony and has as its close relatives joy and peace.

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By loving God the soul is certain of possessing him he who loves God possesses him at once.

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Let us pray to the Father of all light to enable us to penetrate more and more deeply into the mystery of our justification.

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Our conversion from ungodliness is such that it can well be said that God revealed his power more fully in our justification than in drawing heaven and earth from nothing, since there is greater contrast between the sinner and grace than there is between nonexistence and existence.

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Nonexistence is less far from God than the sinner.

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Nonexistence is the lack of being, it has no power to resist God's will, while the sinner, as a being and free being, is capable of resisting all God's wishes ...

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If all men could only understand the extreme wretchedness and dishonor from which God's omnipotence hand has rescued us.

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If we could perceive for a single instant the state to which God's grace has raised us, to be nothing less than his own children, destined to reign with his Son for all eternity!

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If our staying firmly on our feet depended on us, undoubtedly we would fall into the hands of the enemy of our salvation at the slightest breeze.

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Let us confide always in divine mercy, and thus we will experience more and more, how good the Lord is.

13

My trust in God increased more and more and I felt increasingly attracted towards Jesus I would like to shout, to cry out to everyone at the top of my voice: love Jesus ...

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I exhort you to live tranquilly as regards your spirit, there is nothing to worry a great deal about.

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Your will is molested, agitated by its own affections and passions, but you do not consent to them, except very rarely, and even then you are not aware of it.

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Be at peace, for with the divine assistance all will work out for your own good, for God's glory, the salvation of souls, and Lucifer's confusion.

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You become sad at the little love you feel for God that desire to love is love. Who placed this yearning to love the Lord in your heart? Do not holy desires come from above?

18

Are we perhaps capable of arousing in ourselves one single desire of that kind without the grace of God, which sweetly works within us?

19

If there is nothing but the desire to love God in a soul, everything is present already; God himself is there, because God is not, nor can he be, anywhere except where there is a desire for his love ...

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If it seems to you that you always desire without possessing perfect love, all this signifies that you must never say 'enough'!

21

We cannot and must not stop on the path of divine love.

22

All that you feel within you at the sight of so many holy people around you, all of them devoted to loving and serving the Lord, is a sign that your soul is itself ardently seeking its Creator.

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The fact that you feel ashamed of yourself on seeing so many souls who love God is a good sign.

24

I exhort you to humble yourself before the Lord at the sight but to be on your guard against the false humility that brings discouragement with it, for this leads infallibly to despair.

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Thank the Lord and be very glad that in the midst of an unholy nation, generous souls are not lacking, all intent on loving Jesus.

26

Make an effort to be more and more careful in observance of the divine precepts and of the duties belonging to your state.

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Be suspicious of all those desires that cannot be attained be more precise, these are all those desires for some Christian perfection that can be imagined and admired but not practiced, and about which many speak without putting it into practice.

28

As regards the spiritual afflictions and battles, I can assure you that they keep pace with my bodily sufferings. When the latter are multiplied, the former also increase.

I thank the Lord that despite the fact that particularly in certain contacts with others I suffer moments of real anguish I am invariably cheerful and it seems to me that fresh courage is gently invading my heart.

I cast myself trustfully into the arms of Jesus.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(recited every day by Padre Pio)

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.

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.

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 intercessory 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 brief prayer for each day add the concluding prayers)

Monday - Through your love and concern for those who suffer in mind and body, teach 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 Here 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, Keep me in the recesses of Your most Sacred Heart and 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, keep us in your Immaculate Heart and pray for us, who have recourse to you

Good St. Joseph, Messianic Father of the Word Incarnate and beloved husband of the Mother of God, keep us under your powerful protection and lead us to Jesus through your beloved Mary.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Most Pure Heart of Joseph surround us with your love that the Holy Spirit may keep us forever in the Father's Love.