

NOVENA TO PADRE PIO

*Pray, hope and don't
worry.
St. Padre Pio*



1st DAY LOVE FOR JESUS

From the Letter to the Romans (8: 35-39)

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? ... In all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any

other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

From the Writings of Padre Pio

May the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, enlighten us ever more about the immensity of the eternal inheritance to which we have been destined by the goodness of our Heavenly Father. As our spirit enters this mystery, our soul distances itself from earthly things, and we become desirous of entering our heavenly homeland. (Letters II)

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, you loved Jesus with an ardent and burning love. You manifested this love by your detachment from worldly pleasures, your great love for "sister poverty" which was your true treasure. Through the humiliations you endured silently, grant that we may walk in the light of Divine Grace, that we may come to eternal salvation, and help make us worthy of the name "Christian" we bear.

Glory be to the Father

2nd DAY

ABANDONMENT AND CONFIDENCE IN GOD

From the Gospel according to Matthew (8: 5-10)

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion approached Jesus and appealed to him, saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully'. He said to him 'I will come and cure him'. The centurion said in reply, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I, too, am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And [say to one, 'Go', and he goes; and to another, 'Come here', and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this', and he does it'.

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, 'Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such great faith'.

From the writings of Padre Pio

Do not lose confidence in Divine Providence. Trust in God, and abandon yourself to Him. Let Him take care of you. Be calm and you will not be confused... What I desire is that as your challenges grow, so also may your abandonment and confidence in God grow even more ... A soul that

*trusts in the Lord and places all its hope in Him,
has nothing to fear. (Letters II)*

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, you had compassion on human misery, and gave comfort to the afflicted. You obtained graces, consolation and peace for them from the Lord. Help us through the adversities of life, especially in our illnesses and infirmities, not to rebel against them. Help us to accept the will of God with confidence and abandonment in Him.

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3rd DAY PRAYER

From the Letter to Timothy (2: 1-4; 8-10)

First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone ...It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up pure hands, without anger or argument. Similarly, too, women should adorn themselves with proper conduct, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hairstyles and gold ornaments, or pearls, or

expensive clothes, but rather, as befits women who profess reverence for God, with good deeds.

From the Writings of Padre Pio

God's power triumphs over everything; but humble and suffered prayer triumphs over God Himself! It lowers His arm, extinguishes His lightning, disarms Him, overcomes Him, appeases Him and makes Him, I would almost say, a friend and dependent ...

Let us glance at the divine Master who prayed in the Garden and we will discover the true ladder which unites earth to heaven. We will discover that humility, contrition and prayer make this distance between man and God disappear, an act in such a way that God descends to man, and man ascends to God, so that they end up understanding, loving and possessing one another. (Letters III, 27 August 1915)

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, you are patron and protector of a host of children and devotees from around the world. Continue to speak to the heart of God, and present our needs to Him. Intercede for us that our prayers may be heard and answered, if they

are for the good of our souls and in conformity to the Will of God.

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4" DAY THE EUCHARIST

From the Gospel according to Luke (22: 14-20)

When the time came he took his place at the table with the apostles. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God'. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, 'Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes'. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me'.

And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you'.

From the Writings of Padre Pio

But what hurts me most is the thought of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My heart feels drawn by

a higher force each morning before I am united with him in the Blessed Sacrament. I have such a hunger and thirst before I receive him that I almost die ... (Letters I, 29 March 1911)

I think that the Holy Eucharist is a great means through which to aspire to perfection. But we must receive it with the desire and intention of removing from the heart all that is displeasing to Him with Whom we wish to dwell. (Letters III, 27 July 1917) **Reflection**

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, you were a passionate and loving apostle of the Eucharist. The Mass you celebrated was "life of your life", the only strength and comfort of your painful days of infirmity. Pray that the Eucharist may also be for us life and support on our difficult journey, that we may attain eternal life!

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5th DAY OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER

From the Gospel according to John (19: 25-27)

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw

his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son'. Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother'. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

From the Writings of Padre Pio

We must make every effort, like many elect souls, to follow invariably this Blessed Mother, to walk close to her since there is no other path leading to life except the path followed by our Mother. Let us not refuse to take this path, we who want to reach the end of our journey. (Letters I, 1 July 1915) I wish I had a voice strong enough to invite the sinners of the whole world to love Our Lady. (Letters I, 1 May 1912)

Reflection

Loving Saint Pio, you had a tender love and devotion for our Heavenly Mother. Help us to render our devotion for this gentle and loving Mother of God ever more profound. Accompany us, that we may confidently approach her motherly heart, that we may love, invoke, and venerate her always with the recitation of her Holy Rosary.

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6th DAY SUFFERING

From the Gospel according to Mark (8: 31-32; 34-35)

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.'

From the writings of Padre Pio

Learn how to suffer everything as a Christian, and do not be afraid. There is no suffering, for as insignificant as it may seem, that will not have its merit in eternal life...

You suffer with and for Jesus; be assured of this, and on the part of God I beg you to be at peace. Jesus himself is in the depths of your heart when you suffer. You are neither separated nor far from the love of this God Who is so good. (Letters II)

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio you were always a comfort for any human suffering. Look at us who are in dire need of your assistance. From heaven raise your hand wounded by divine love and bless the little ones and those who are vulnerable, the sick and infirm, the abandoned aged, families in difficulty, the world troubled by the evil one, and all of us your devoted children.

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7" DAY TEMPTATIONS

From the I Letter of Saint Peter (5: 8-9)

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world are undergoing the same sufferings.

From the writings of Padre Pio

You must not be surprised, therefore, that our common enemy has done all in his power to make

you pay no heed to what I wrote you. This is his task and he receives his reward. But always despise him and arm yourself against him with increasing steadfastness of faith ... Temptation is a sure sign that the soul is very pleasing to the Lord. Accept everything, therefore, with thanks. Do not think that this is a mere opinion of mine; no, the Lord himself has pledged it with His divine word: And because you were acceptable to the Lord', the angel says to Tobit (and through Tobit, to all those souls who are dear to God) 'it was necessary that you should experience temptation'. (Letters III, 29 January 1915)

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, in life you underwent constant battles with Satan, and you were always victorious. Pray that we, trusting in divine assistance and with the protection of the Archangel Saint Michael, may not succumb to the terrible temptations of the devil.

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8th DAY RECONCILIATION

From the Gospel according to John (20: 21-23)

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained'.

From the Writings of Padre Pio

I haven't a free moment. All my time is spent in releasing my brothers from the snares of Satan. May God be praised. Please do not afflict me further, like the others, by appealing to charity, because the greatest charity is that of snatching souls from Satan so as to win them for Christ. This is precisely what I am doing constantly by night and by day ... Innumerable people of all classes and both sexes come here for the sole purpose of making their confession, and I am only sought for this purpose. There are some wonderful conversions. (Letters I, 3 June 1919)

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, you were a great apostle of the confessional. You snatched many souls from

Satan's grasp. Lead us and many more brothers and sisters back to the font of pardon and grace.

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9th DAY THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

From the Acts of the Apostles (5: 17-20)

Then the high priest rose up and all his companions, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and, filled with jealousy, laid hands upon the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out, and said, 'Go and take your place in the temple area, and tell the people everything about this life'.

From the Writings of Padre Pio

May your good guardian angel always watch over you; be your guide on the rugged path of life; always keep you in the grace of Jesus and sustain you with his hands so that you may not stumble on a stone; protect you under his wings from all the snares of the world, the devil and the flesh ... Always have him present to your mind's eye. Often remember the presence of this angel; thank him, pray to him, always keep him good company...

Turn to him in times of supreme anxiety and you will experience his beneficial help. (Letters III, 15 July 1915)

Reflection

Prayer

Loving Saint Pio, during your life you had a particular devotion to the angels, and a very special devotion to your Guardian Angel. Help us to 'understand and appreciate this great gift that God in his excessive love' wants to give everyone, by entrusting each person to his particular guidance and protection.

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