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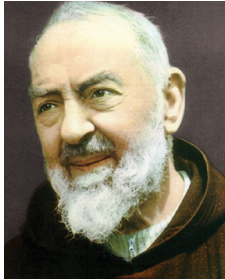
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The Story Of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina



Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, in the small farming town of Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. Although the Forgiones were poor in material goods, they were certainly rich in their faith life and in the love of God.

Even as a young boy, Francesco had already shown signs of extraordinary gifts of grace. At the age of five, he dedicated his life to God. His mother described him as

a quiet child who, from his earliest years, loved to go to church and to pray. When Francesco was fifteen years old, he was admitted to the novitiate of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor in Morcone, Italy. He was admired by his fellow-students as well as by his Superiors for his exemplary behavior and his deep spirituality. On August 10, 1910, at the age of twenty-three, Padre Pio was ordained to the priesthood.. He offered all of his bodily sufferings to God as a sacrifice, for the conversion of souls. Padre Pio with many extraordinary spiritual gifts and charisms including the gift of healing, bilocation, prophecy, miracles, discernment of spirits, the ability to read hearts, the gift of tongues (the ability to speak and understand languages that he had never studied), the gift of conversions, the grace to see angelic beings in form, and the fragrance which emanated from his wounds and which frequently announced his invisible presence His day began at 2:30 a.m. when he would rise to begin his prayers and to make his preparation for Mass. He was able to carry on a busy apostolate with only a few hours of sleep each night and an amount of food that was so small (300-400 calories a day) that his fellow priests stated that it was not enough food even to keep a small child alive. Between Mass and confessions, his workday lasted 19 hours. He very rarely left the monastery and never took even a day's vacation from his grueling schedule in 51 years. He never read a newspaper or listened to the radio. In his monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo, he lived the Franciscan spirit of poverty with detachment from self, from possessions, and from comforts. He always had a great love for the virtue of chastity, and his behavior was modest in all situations and with all people. In his lifetime, Serene and well prepared, he passed away on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. He died as he had lived, with his Rosary in his hands. Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002

Prayer to Saint Pio

O God, You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son, grant me through his intercession the grace of ... which I ardently desire; and above all grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection. Glory be to the Father... **(three times)**

Prayer for the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Dear God, You generously blessed Your servant, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, with the gifts of the Spirit. You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son. Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio labored endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls. With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of Mass, he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, I confidently beseech You to grant me the grace of **(here state your petition)**. Glory be to the father... **(three times)**. Amen.

A Prayer for Trust and Confidence in God's Mercy by St. Pio of Pietrelcina

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church. Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory. May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us as You desire for your greater glory. O Jesus, most adorable Heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your heavenly Father.

THE MOST POWERFUL HEALING PRAYER BY ST. PADRE PIO

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood. Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart. Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life. And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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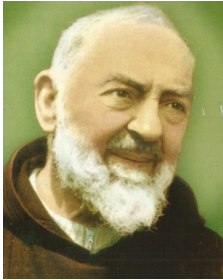
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Stay with me, Lord



Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion

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 want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. 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, in life with all its dangers. I need You. Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, 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 merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You! Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

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Padre Pio - Rare Footage

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Prayer of Pope John Paul II to St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Pope John Paul II recited this prayer on the occasion of the canonization of Padre Pio, June 16, 2002.

Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus. Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and, if we fall, let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness. Grant us your tender devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus and our Mother. Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed Homeland, where we too, hope to arrive to contemplate forever the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Novena to St. Pio of Pietrelcina

This novena to St. Pio was composed right here at the National Centre for Padre Pio.

St. Pio, teach us to pray with Humility so that we may be among the humble to whom the Father promised in the gospel to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom.

St. Pio, teach us to pray with Faith that will help us to recognize the face of Jesus Himself in the poor and suffering. Support us in our hour of troubles and trials, and should we fall, let us know the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness.

St. Pio, teach us tender devotion to Mary, Mother of Christ and our Mother. To you we entrust the request of presenting our souls to the Virgin of Grace to obtain eternal salvation from the Lord.

St. Pio, you are our friend, consoler of our souls, and help of us sinners. You understand us so well, for you know what it means to suffer. To you we entrust our well-being and that of our loved ones.

St. Pio, to you we entrust our spirit that we may endure the pains we carry in our heart. **St. Pio**, accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage towards the blessed Homeland, where we, too, hope to arrive to contemplate eternally the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **O glorious St Pio**, to you we entrust our plea of intercession to obtain from the Divine Goodness the graces which we so ardently desire. Welcome us under your protection, defend us from all evil, and above all, intercede for us before the Most High, Jesus Christ, so that through the forgiveness of sins we may persevere in doing good. Amen.

O God, You gave St. Pio the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son. Grant me, through his intercession the grace of... *[silently mention your petition]*..... which I ardently desire; and above all, grant me the grace to live in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection. **Glory be to the Father..... (three times) Hail Holy Queen..... Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.**



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NOVENA TO 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 I 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". 2 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. Glory be to the Father ...

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PADRE PIO MOVIE



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3rd DAY PRAYER

From the I 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. Glory be to the Father ...

4th 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! Glory be to the Father ...



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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 4 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 prayer 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. Glory be to the Father ...

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. Glory be to the Father ...

7th 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. Glory be to the Father ...

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 6 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. Glory be to the Father ...

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. Glory be to the Father



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