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He was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. (Luke 2: 16-21)

We saw his star...and have come to do him homage...And they offered...gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
(Matthew 2: 1-12)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3: 13-17)

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world...Now I can testify he is the Son of God.
(John 1: 29-34)

Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. (Matthew 4: 12-23)

***The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!***

We adore, O Christ, and bless you! ... O Wisdom of God, you are our wisdom ... O Root of Jesse, you are the vine and we are the branches ... O Lord of lords, you are the newborn child ... O Key of David, you are the key to the gates of heaven ... O Dayspring, you are the light of the world ... O Ruler of the world, you are the Lord of lords ...

O Emmanuel, you are God-with-us ... May all the world rejoice in your

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I bless and pray to the Lord at every moment ... I give thanks to him incessantly for the many gifts and favors granted.

2

Arouse in you a sense of loveliest gratitude toward the giver of all good things ... confide more and more and abandon yourself to Divine Providence.

3

Oh, how good our God is!

4

Have ever greater confidence in God, for it is written that those who trust in him will never be forsaken.

5

Don't turn in on yourself ... In the midst of the trials which may afflict you, just place all your confidence in our Supreme good.

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(Our Supreme Good) takes more care for us than a mother takes of her child.

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May Jesus be pleased to instill little comfort in your hearts through these poor words of mine.

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Adore in all circumstances the Supreme Providence of the heavenly Father whose advice is holy, good, and lovable.

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God is good and his mercy is eternal.

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(God's) every will is just, and his decrees are full of lofty mysteries; his pleasure is always holy, and his plans, lovable.

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You must turn to God when you are assaulted by the enemy; you must hope in him and expect everything that is good from him.

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Do not voluntarily dwell on what the enemy presents to you. Remember that he who flees wins ... turn to God.

13

Leave all to God's mercy.

14

Let us do good. Now is the time for sowing.

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If we want to reap an abundant harvest, it is not necessary to sow a lot of seed as to scatter it in good ground.

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Let us make sure that this seed falls in good soil ... and take good care that the weeds do not smother the young plants.

17

Be watchful, I tell you, and never place too much trust in yourself or count excessively on your own strength.

18

Try to advance more and more on the way to perfection and practice charity more and more, for charity is the bond of Christian perfection.

19

Throw yourself confidently into the arms of the heavenly Father with childlike trust, and open wide your heart to the charism of the Holy Spirit.

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Let us hope and wish for every blessing from the divine heart and from the maternal goodness of Mary, the one who can obtain all things at the throne of the Most High.

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As I have told you before, while *it is good to guard the secret of the king* (the King of heaven), it is also good, according to the words of Sacred Scripture, *gloriously to reveal the works of God*.

22

Very many tepid souls have become fervent, very many fervent souls have become even more fervent, and very many sinful ones have repented when they heard these souls in love with heaven telling of the marvelous things done within them by the Lord.

23

Do not cease, therefore, you too, to proclaim in a loud voice that what is going on within you is entirely the Lord's work.

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For it is at the moment of privation ... when the soul has a deeper appreciation of the greatness of the gift.

25

After having been nailed to the cross with Jesus and after having descended to the sepulcher, you will see the unfailing light, and from Calvary you will go on to Tabor.

26

Always pronounce the *fiat* of trusting resignation.

27

Take the period of divine testing for your great sanctification and the salvation of souls.

28

Do not forget the reassurances of he who speaks to you in the name of God.

29

Believe and hope.

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With faith and hope you will arm yourself in order to sustain the struggle.

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With faith and hope, you will not be without the sweet nectar of love, which unites you more and more to the Supreme Good.

Prayer to Padre Pio

(every day)

Padre Pio, I thank you and praise God in you for making His Name known more profoundly in our hearts. You bore the marks of the Savior's saving Passion and became a refuge and support for all who sought your guidance. Your patient ministry of reconciliation brought numberless souls back to God, so that rescued from the evil one, they could praise and glorify God in their lives. From your place in heaven watch over us and keep your hand on each one of us that we may always walk the path that leads to God, the Source and Goal of all life, who lives and reigns Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Psalm - Psalm 111 (adapted)

Sunday

We thank You Lord with all our heart. Great are Your works. They are to be pondered by all who love You. I thank you and praise you for the gift You have given us in Padre Pio. Lord, Your compassion and love help us to remain faithful to our Baptismal promises, deliver us from evil, and strengthen our love for You. As we journey each day this week with Padre Pio, our Spiritual Father and Guide, help us to praise Your Name in all that we do. As Spiritual Children of Padre Pio may we live each day in prayer, sacrifice and service to all. We praise You and give glory to the You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as in the beginning, now, and forever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

(Adapted to Padre Pio and every day of the week)

Monday

Almighty ever-living God, I am privileged and blessed to approach you in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, especially in His Divine Presence in the Eucharist. I thank you for giving me Padre Pio as Spiritual Guide and living image of your Suffering Son. May his prayers keep me always faithful and lead me close to You. Amen.

Tuesday

Eternal Father, I come as one sick to the doctor of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the radiance of eternal light, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Padre Pio offered many the opportunity of experiencing your healing grace. Grant that I may always seek and work for that spiritual wholeness that comes from You and You alone.

Wednesday

Lord Jesus, You are King of kings and Lord of lords. With humble reverence, with purity of faith, with repentance and love, and the determination that will help to bring me to salvation I place myself in your presence. Padre Pio urged us to seek You always in all things. Grant that your Servant Padre Pio may be a sure guide that leads me to You and through You to the Father.

Thursday

Lord Jesus, with reverence, gratitude, and adoration, I recognize your loving presence in my life and its power to transform me. Padre Pio sought that transformation every moment of his life through his intimate relationship with You. Help me to live a life of active prayer that allows me to be in Your presence wherever I am and whatever I do.

Friday

Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son, I acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, as my Lord and Savior, and know that in You and through Him I am numbered among the beloved children of the Eternal Father. Padre Pio desired that we live as sisters and brothers, children of the same Father. May I always allow your love for all to shine through in my life.

Saturday

Holy Spirit, on my earthly pilgrimage, I receive the precious Body and Blood of my Savior Jesus Christ under the mysterious veil of the Eucharistic Sacrament. Padre Pio celebrated with abandonment to your presence and was transported to the heights of intimacy with God. May I recognize you in the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and one day, no longer in mystery, see You, my God, face to face in glory. You live and reign for never and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

(everyday)

Holy Virgin Mary,

Mother of God and my Mother.

Daughter of the Eternal Father,

pray that we recognize our unity as children of the One Father.

Mother of the Only-Begotten Son,

pray that we accept each other
as sisters and brothers in the same Jesus.

Spouse of the Life-Giving Holy Spirit,

pray that we be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit,
Who leads us to the fullness of life.

Mary, Virgin Made Church,

Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ,

First Tabernacle, First Monstrance,

be with us in life's journey,

and help us see and follow Jesus.

Following your example,

may we bear the Lord hidden in our hearts

as we receive Him in the Eucharist,

and present Him to the world each day

as we live the Eucharist we have received.

