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Taker care to guard against all greed, for though one may rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12: 13-21)

Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Luke 12: 32-48)

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it. (Luke 11: 27-28)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. (Luke 1: 39-56)

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! (Luke 12: 49-53)

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last (Luke 13: 22-30)

Prayer to Our Lady of the Assumption

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of men... We believe with all the fervor of our faith in your triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul, into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints; and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.... We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, is filled in heaven with the vision of that Humanity glorified, and with the vision of Uncreated Wisdom; and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness.. And we, poor sinners, whose body weighs down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts, so that, while we remain here below, we may learn to see God, and God alone, in the beauties of His creatures... We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to glance down upon our miseries and our sorrows, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that your countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you of each one of us, as He once said to you of His beloved disciple: behold thy son... And we who call upon you as our Mother, like John, take you as the guide, strength, and consolation of our mortal life... We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes which wept over the earth, watered by the Blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world, held in the clutch of wars, persecutions, and oppression of the just and the weak... And from the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance and tender mercy comfort for our aching hearts and help in the trials of the Church and of our homeland... We believe, finally, that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with the stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and of all the saints... And from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed Fruit of your womb, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. (Pope St. Pius X)

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May the grace of the Holy Spirit sustain you and enable you to grow more and more in virtue.

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May Jesus and Mary provide you with the grace to fight against the wiles of the evil spirit.

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May your angel invariably show you the right path which...

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(The Lord) never ceases to visit his (creatures) in time of trial (and) serve as armor and shield.

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(The Lord) is armor and shield to ward off the blows of the enemy and further misfortunes.

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Humble yourself continually before the Lord.

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Keep yourself always in the last place and never give in to yourself.

8

Have boundless trust in God even when misfortune and the deceit of the enemy trouble you.

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The one who abandons himself in God and trusts in Him will never be confounded.

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May your whole life be spent in giving thanks to the divine Spouse.

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May all your actions, all your sighs and yearnings be addressed to (God).

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Remain with (God) always in times of misfortune and trial.

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Remain with (God) also in your spiritual consolation.

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Live for (God), in a word, and let your entire life be spent for Him.

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Hand over to (God) your departure from this earth, when, where, and as He wills.

16

In all things show yourself ever more worthy of your Christian vocation.

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Live in such a way that the heavenly Father may be proud of you.

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Live in such a way that the world will be forced to say of you: 'Here is Christ'.

19

Every Christian must call himself a second Christ and show forth clearly in his life the entire image of Christ.

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If only all Christians were to live up to their vocation, this land of exile would be changed into a paradise!

21

Grow always in Christian love and never tire of advancing in this which is the queen of all the virtues.

22

You can never grow too much in this most beautiful virtue (of love).

23

Love (love) very much for it is truly most dear to our divine Master.

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To enkindle (love) in our hearts the Son of God was pleased to become like us.

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I am prepared to receive any blow whatsoever as long as I can please the Lord.

26

The desire to be united with Jesus is a holy one.

27

Be grateful and thankful to God for the great benefits He continually bestows on you.

28

Renew your trust in God, humble yourself before Him and praise and bless the heavenly Father with a full heart.

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Cast far from you all thought of things that cause you to be sad.

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You must endeavor to occupy your mind with happy things.

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Try to dwell on the goodness of the heavenly Father in giving you His Only Begotten Son.

Praying the Month of August

Sunday : (Recite the entire prayer “Stay With Me, Lord” as an act of entrustment to God and resignation to His Holy Will)

Monday: 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 meaning and hope...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.

Tuesday: Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow you...Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You ever more, and to be always in Your company...Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You... Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

Wednesday: Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing...Death, judgement and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, 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!

Thursday: Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of life, with all its dangers, I need You...Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Friday: Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You.

Saturday: Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong active love... Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love you perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus.

(Every day recite the following prayer)

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, You were generously endowed by God, the Giver of all good gifts, with the gifts of the Spirit, signing your body as a living witness to the saving Passion and Death of Jesus, His Son. Many looked upon the reflection of the Crucified Jesus in your body and experienced anew God's saving mercy. Through your ministry, God reconciled penitents to Himself and invited them to taste His sweetness in the Holy Eucharist. Through your powerful intercession before God, pray for us, that we may follow your example of prayer and penance and come to

follow more closely our Risen Lord, so that one day we may rejoice with you in that kingdom where God calls all His faithful children to live in the light of His love and eternal peace.

- Pray for us Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray - God of mercy and love, you called St. Pio of Pietrelcina to extend the mystery of the cross visibly into the lives of sinners and sufferers, that they might be converted to believe in the Gospel. Through his intercession, strengthen all believers in the willingness to take up the cross daily and follow Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

(Pray at least one of the following each day)

(Act of Faith) O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became a man and died for our sins, and who will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that my faith not falter. Pray that I believe with the strength of faith that supported you when others would not believe in the working of the Spirit in your life. Pray that I may always believe, especially in those moments when I would question. Help me to say always, with Mary Our Mother, YES to all God asks.

(Act of Hope) O my God, trusting in Your infinite goodness and promises manifested through Your inspired Word, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins through Your divine mercy and compassion, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I never lose hope. In the trials and tribulations of life, pray that I trust in providence and await the Lord's saving help. Pray for me that I have the strength to bear my crosses as you bore yours, with my heart set on the crown awarded those who persevere trusting in the Lord's never-failing assistance.

(Act of Love) O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I learn to see in my sisters and brothers the face of Jesus, and that I may look at them with the eyes of my heart. Pray that God's love for me may be the measure I use in responding to those with whom I share life's journey. Help me to love others, as you loved all people, even those who persecuted you.

Praise of Mary Assumed into Heaven and Queen of All Creation

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, JESUS. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God; That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, You have made us for yourself; Our hearts are restless until they rest in you. In Padre Pio of Pietrelcina You have given us a renewed image of Your Crucified Son, to inflame the hearts of a world grown cold to Your everlasting love.

Fulfill our longing through Jesus, for a world that hungers for peace and justice, for a world that longs for love.

Padre Pio celebrated the great mystery of Your love and became one with the Eucharistic Bread of Life, Jesus, Whose Body and Blood we offer and become when we are consumed as we consume.

Grant that we may witness to Jesus, as Padre Pio of Pietrelcina did and be moved, as he was moved, to relieve the suffering of others.

Jesus alone can satisfy the hungers of the human family. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, and through the almighty intercession of our Heavenly Mother Mary, and the prayers of Padre Pio, lead us to You, that we may one day share the fullness of life.

You are God, living and reigning with the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.