

January 2025

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

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2: 1-12)

Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven, You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased. (Luke 3: 15-22)

They have no wine. My time has not yet come. Do whatever He tells you.

The water had become wine. His disciples began to believe I Him. (John 2: 1-11)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings.

Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing. (Luke 4: 14-21)

We adore You, O Christ, and we 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 the world rejoice in your coming and live in your Light and Love.

1

How delightful it is to live all the time in the shadow of the Lord!

2

May His will be done, for all that He ordains is right!

3

I am horrified and tremble at the thought that the Lord intends to reward me in this life for something done for love of Him.

4

You are always in the presence of Jesus who sees and knows and weighs up all your actions.

5

Be at peace! Take courage! You are quite safe for God is with you.

6

Allow yourself to be led by divine grace and be at peace, for He will be glorified in you.

7

The desire to be dissolved in order to be united with Him is a sword which has pierced and transfixed my heart

8

How harsh does life become for the soul to whom God is continually manifesting fresh secrets of His boundless greatness!

9

The Lord is always with you wherever you go and He will always fight for you and along with you.

10

What I want you to do is to keep your soul at rest, as far as possible.

11

Continue to love Jesus and make an effort to love Him more and more, without wanting to know anything else.

12
May the will of the heavenly Father be accomplished at all times, for all that He ordains is right.

13
The one who upsets and torments you is Satan; the One Who enlightens you is God

14
The soul that tends to humble and abase itself before its Lord cannot fail to recognize that all comes from God.

15
The grace of Jesus is the source of all the beautiful things that are happening to you.

16
Allow your divine Spouse to act in you and lead you by the paths He chooses.

17
Humble yourself before the Lord.

18
Be on your guard against the false humility which brings discouragement with it, for this leads infallibly to despair.

19
Thank the Lord that generous souls are not lacking, all intent on loving Jesus.

20
Make an effort to be more careful in observance of the divine precepts and of the duties belonging to your own state.

21
Unite your heart with the Heart of Jesus and be simple-hearted as He desires.

22
Make an effort to reproduce in yourself Jesus' own simplicity ...

23
Keep your heart far from earthly prudence and the shrewdness of the flesh.

24
Keep your thoughts pure, your ideas straightforward, and your intentions holy.

25
Let your will seek nothing other than God, His pleasure, His glory, and His honor.

26
Let us look at ourselves in Jesus, our mirror, in Jesus who led a hidden life.

27
Don't be daunted by the cross.

28
Tribulations and trials have always been the heritage and the portion of chosen souls.

29
Help yourself by reading holy books this reading provides excellent food for the soul.

30
In prayer and meditation it is we who speak to the Lord, while in holy reading it is God Who speaks to us

31
The Lord generally makes use of secondary causes for the fulfillment of His plans and indeed this is the way He usually acts.

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, forever 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 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 Pio may be the 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 to shine through in my life for all.

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 one day see You, my God, face to face in glory. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayers
(everyday)

V – Pray for us St. Pio of Pietrelcina

R – That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

To the Blessed Mother Mary we pray:

We end our prayer at the beginning of this New Year, entrusting ourselves each day to You, Most Holy Mother of God and our Holy Mother. Your intimate relationship with the Most Holy Trinity reminds us of our own participation in the Life of the Trinity. We are God's children created in the Father's Love. We are brothers and sisters redeemed in the Blood of Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God. We are gifted with the Holy Spirit in the depths of our hearts calling and leading us to heights of holiness in time as we journey to fulfillment in eternity. And so Mother, intercede for us who have recourse to You.

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, leading 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,
help us to see and to follow Jesus.
Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.

Amen.

Happy New Year 2025
Peace and Blessings