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Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. (Mark 10: 2-16)

How hard it is from the one who has wealth to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10: 17-30)

The Son of Man has come to serve and not to be served

And to give his life as a ransom for the many. (Mark 35-45)

There is no one who has given up (everything) for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more. (Mark 10: 29-30)

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant. (Mark 10: 44)

Go your way; your faith has saved you. (Mark 10:46-52)

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi to Our Heavenly Mother

Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Virgin Mary, there is none like you born in the world among women.

Daughter and handmaid of the most high King, the Heavenly Father,

Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit!

Pray for us with St. Michael the Archangel and all the Virtues in heaven and all the saints to your most holy beloved Son, our Lord and Master!

Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God,

you are forever chosen by the most holy Father in heaven,

whom he consecrated with his most beloved Son and the Paraclete Spirit!

You in whom was and is all fullness of grace and all good!

Hail, his palace! Hail, his tabernacle! Hail, his dwelling! Hail, his vesture! Hail, his handmaid!

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May Jesus, sun of eternal justice and infinite beauty brighten ...your soul...and make you worthy...to contemplate his face.

2

Make positive acts of love for God and confidence in his goodness.

3

If God were to judge men as (men do) everyone would perish, and the very angels would have to be put out of Paradise.

4

Take heart, and do not fear. Jesus is with you, what should you fear?

5

(When) you are suffering, Jesus will know how to sweeten the chalice now and then.

6

Be comforted (when you suffer anything) by the thought that you are comforting Jesus and weaving a wreath for Paradise (for yourself).

7

The more you suffer in the exercise of the virtues the more you are accepted and everything is pleasing to the eyes of God.

8

What are you afraid of? If God is for you, who could be against you?

9

You become afflicted because God, in his loving goodness, offers you occasion to gain treasure for Heaven.

10

To be afraid in the arms of the most loving Father, and to be afflicted because he gives you paternal caresses is truly, utterly stupid.

11

Assiduously study Jesus Christ and his divine doctrine, and follow his illustrious example, which he places before us as a model.

12

Do not allow yourself to be overcome by discouragement if you do not always visibly see your efforts crowned (with success).

13

Jesus sees, rewards and requires good will and not good success.

14

Try to let the residue of the old man, which always wants to live, die in you.

15

Always be more humble, more trusting in God, more abandoned to him, more generous towards God and more compassionate towards your brothers & sisters.

16

Hold on more and more tightly to the holy cross of Jesus.

17

Be resigned to his (Jesus') will and do not fear the snares of the tempter.

18

May Jesus always be totally yours; may he comfort you with his holy grace.

19

(May Jesus) dispel all the clouds that have been gathering in the sky of your soul and make you enjoy the true peace of his children.

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The intimate secrets of the soul should be known only to God and the soul's guide.

21

Remain tranquil and try to acquire the true meekness of the Savior.

22

Be docile to God's grace, always distrust yourself and confide in God more and more.

23

Don't fear the mocking of the world, because the world is not of God and even less should it be yours.

24

Work, and the reward Jesus prepares for you will be great. ('Work', as regards us, refers to fulfilling our responsibilities)

25

Live tranquilly, abandoned more and more in the arms of divine mercy and do not fear the evil designs of the enemy

26

(Satan) is powerless against the children of God.

27

(The Evil One's) every attempt will be defeated.

28

May God be pleased to instill this divine virtue, (complete conformity to the divine will), in your hearty.

29

I want to see you docile and meek as a lamb in everything.

30

Try to keep your spirits raised always and never abandon yourself to yourself.

31

You must never complain about anything nor should you expect anything other than to love God and please him in everything.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, your love for the Eucharist and for our Heavenly Mother Mary, made you respect and love every facet of life that spoke of God and his loving care for all His creation. Be with me as I open my heart to the Most Blessed Trinity and intercede for me that, through the intercession of Our Mother Mary and yours, I may be holy and always live in God's most holy Will.

Good Father, present me as your Spiritual Child to our Lady, as I open my heart to her, that she, in turn, may keep me and protect me in her Immaculate Heart, and lead me to Jesus.

As I see Jesus in the Eucharist I celebrate and receive so often, pray that I, as Mary, may be a Tabernacle where Jesus finds a welcoming and a well-prepared place to dwell and from which, as the Monstrance Mary is and I am called to be, Jesus can be presented to those whom I encounter on life's journey.

Mary, My Mother, with Padre Pio as my companion in coming to you, I pray that you intercede for me before the Blessed Trinity Whose Daughter, Mother and Spouse you are.

To Our Lady

(adapted Prayer composed by St. Bernard)

Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O virgin of virgins, my mother, to you I come, sinful and sorrowful.

Mother of the Word Incarnate (assist me, that I may open my heart to the Word I read and receive, and, like you, open my life to Christ, that I may live with, in, and for Jesus, as you did.) Despise not my request, but in your clemency, hear and answer me. Amen.

(Padre Pio's love for the Rosary that he recited so often in the course of each day, urges us to reflect upon the Rosary. Choose one mystery of the Rosary each day. Offer the following simple aspiration with the virtue of the day:

Good Jesus, through the... *(here mention the mystery of the Rosary you will carry with you during the day)* **may the example of Our Blessed Mother Mary who lived this moment with you, and the devotion of Padre Pio who meditated on this mystery each day, obtain for me the grace of...** *(here mention the virtue of the mystery)* **today.**

JOYFUL - Mother of Jesus Christ, form us as you formed your Son. Help us to be quick to follow God's will. May we present Jesus in the temple of our bodies and take Him with us into the homes of others. Teach us always to look for Jesus in the Church when we have lost Him in our lives. Make us mindful of our guardian angels.

We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annunciation and Incarnation HUMILITY

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth CHARITY

Birth at Bethlehem POVERTY of SPIRIT

Presentation and Purification OBEDIENCE

Finding in the Temple FIDELITY to GOSPEL

LUMINOUS - Holy Mary, star of the new evangelization, pray that we may become the light of the world. We receive Christ in the Eucharist; help us build His kingdom in the world. Teach us to do whatever He tells us. May our study of His life lead us to love Him and our love for Him lead us to imitate Him. If we are what we should be, we will set the world ablaze. We ask your intercession to make this so, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Baptism in the Jordan ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL
Presence at the Wedding in Cana CELEBRATING LIFE AS A CHILD OF GOD
Preaching the Kingdom/Repentance REPENTANCE
Transfiguration SEEING GOD AT ALL TIMES
Institution of the Eucharist EUCHARISTIC LOVE

SORROWFUL - Mother of sorrows, may we stay close to you at the foot of the cross, where you became our mother. Teach us a faith that is humble and obedient, a hope that proves itself with action and a love that accepts suffering and setback. Help us seek fidelity above honors and God's will above comforts. May we crucify our pride with Christ on the cross. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane FERVOR
Scourging at the Pillar PENANCE
Crowning with Thorns MORAL COURAGE
Carrying of the Cross PATIENCE
Death on the Cross SELF-SACRIFICE

GLORIOUS - Blessed Mary, gate of heaven, pray for us. May our trust in the risen Christ drive out cowardly fear, and may our fidelity to His mission drive out laziness. Help us reach the goal of heaven, and help our efforts to bring others there with us. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the grace of prayer, may we be holy apostles of Christ's love. We ask these things through your intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Resurrection FAITH
Ascension HOPE
Descent of the Holy Spirit LOVE & ZEAL
Assumption of Our Lady DEVOTION TO MARY
Crowning of Mary FINAL PERSEVERANCE

Concluding Prayer:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, through life's joys and sorrows, enlighten me to live your Word, that I may come, one day, as Mary, to the glory you have promised all who hear your Word and keep It. You live forever. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY: Mary, my Most Holy Mother, with Padre Pio as my companion in coming to you, I pray that you intercede for me before the Blessed Trinity Whose Daughter, Mother and Spouse you are.

PRAYER TO PADRE PIO: Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me, that with childlike confidence in Our Lady, I can say with you: thank you, Mary, my Mother, for the many graces I obtain through your almighty intercession. Blessed Father of those Spiritual Children who seek to deepen their relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through your loving intercession and effective counsels, pray for me that I always be available to God's Most Holy Will. Following Jesus, Whose blessed wounds you bore, may I bear my daily challenges hopefully with a joyful heart. In the Holy Spirit Whose gifts were so powerfully manifested in your life, may I know God's Will and have the courage to live what I have come to know. Keep me as your Spiritual Child and lead me ever closer to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Who with the Father and Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.