

St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group | St. Mary's Parish Vancouver | February 4, 2017

Prayer Intentions for February 2017

Confession Ministry

For all the priests in the world who will be hearing confessions today, that they may restore in the heart of the penitents the joy of forgiveness and salvation, Padre Pio please intercede for our priests.

Healing and Deliverance Ministries

For those who are involved in healing and deliverance ministries that they may find joy and peace in their hearts while doing their services, Padre Pio please intercede for them.

Recovery Houses

For those who minister in recovery houses, that they may become a sign and a channel of God's unconditional love for the addicted, Padre Pio please intercede for them.

Saint Mary, pray for us

Saint Padre Pio, pray for us

Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us.

Prayer of Peace of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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Padre Pio's Vision

Please note Padre Pio used the third person to describe it, as if he were an outsider to it:

Francesco beheld a majestic man of rare beauty at his side, resplendent as the sun. This man took him by the hand and encouraged him by saying: "Come with me, for you must fight like a valiant warrior."

He was led to a vast field where there was a multitude of men divided into two groups. On one side he saw men of most beautiful countenance, dressed in snow-white garments; on the other side he saw men of horrendous aspect, dressed in black garments and looking like dark shadows.

The young man, who stood in the middle of these two groups of men, saw a man coming up to him with a horrible face. He was so tall that he seemed to touch the clouds.

The resplendent man by his side exhorted him to fight the monstrous-looking man. Francesco begged to be rescued from the furor of that eerie man, but the shining man at his side would not agree to it. "Your every resistance is in vain. You must fight him. Take heart. Enter confidently into the battle. Go forth with courage. I will be at your side. I will help you and I won't let him kill you."

The battle was fierce. With the help of the resplendent man who always stood at his side, Francesco overcame his adversary. The eerie creature crawled into the multitude of horrible-looking men, who fled with shrieks, curses, and deafening cries. The group of men of beautiful countenance broke into cheers and applause for the man who had helped poor Francesco in the fierce battle.

The man who was brighter and shinier than the sun put a crown of rarest, most indescribable beauty on the head of the victorious Francesco. But the good man immediately took the crown off, explaining:

"I have an even more beautiful one set aside for you. Know that you are able to fight the good fight with the being whom you have just fought. He will come back to attack ... Fight valiantly and don't doubt my help...Don't be afraid of him, don't be frightened by his formidable might...I'll be with you. I'll always help you, so that you will always succeed in conquering him."

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