

MARCH 2019

ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ministry of Confession

Father, you gift us the sacraments and yet so often we fail to partake. Compel us, Lord, to go to confession regularly for Padre Pio warned that "even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust." We pray for many holy confessors to cleanse our souls and to help us unbind others. May we be utterly transformed in confessional booths so that love of you will shine forth in the lives of each sincere penitent. Grant us the desire, oh God, to detest what you detest and to do only what pleases you.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

Youth Ministry

Loving God, you never cease to call out to your children. Help and humble us to serve as the hands and feet of Christ to the youth in our

churches and in our greater communities. We pray that you protect the catechists, Youth Ministry leaders, and especially the young people from the traps of this world. And we pray for an increase in holiness in the adults that serve as role models for the next generation.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

Alpha

Father, you gather us to break bread together that we may communally worship you, for our good and for your greater glory. May Alpha be a powerful catalyst of renewal in our parishes. We pray for true fellowship to be established during the mealtimes and for fruitful discussions of the faith. Inspire the Alpha team leaders, Lord, and bless each and every participant. May your love be made tangible through this beginning ministry.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

Blessed Virgin Mary,
intercede for us.
Saint Padre Pio, *pray for us.*
Holy Archangel Michael,
defend us.

A Prayer of St. John Paul II to St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus.

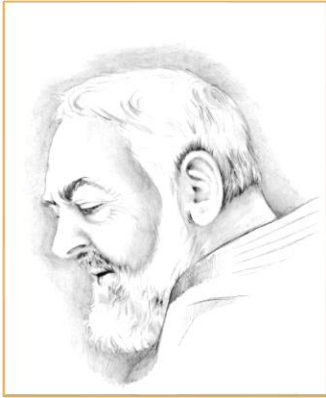
Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and, if we fall, let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness.

Grant us your tender devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus and our Mother. Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed Homeland, where we too, hope to arrive to contemplate forever the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE CALL TO STAND IN THE GAP

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

JESUS, GRANT THAT THE PRAYER GROUPS MAY BECOME BEACONS OF LIGHT AND LOVE IN OUR DARK AND BROKEN WORLD.



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St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group is affiliated with the International Padre Pio Prayer Group in San Giovanni Rotondo, founded by Padre Pio himself.

Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP, as the first Spiritual Director of the group, chose to focus on intercessory prayer—the Call to *Stand in the Gap*—so as to continue the work that Padre Pio started decades ago to help souls encounter Christ.

Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, OP, the current Spiritual Director, has decided to continue supporting the same mission.

All members of the Prayer Group are considered Spiritual Children of Padre Pio. As such, we pray for Padre Pio's intercession; we speak about him and want to know more about the many extraordinary things God wrought through him. The members of PPPG encourage others to foster a devotion to him and, above all, to imitate him.

How do we imitate the love of Padre Pio for the Eucharist, Our Lady of Grace and souls? By meeting once a month to get to know Saint Pio and the marvelous works that God continues to do through his intercession. Through the testimonies of his spiritual children, the group will continue to be strengthened and the monthly spiritual talks will deepen our knowledge of how best to intercede for others.

Will you stand in the gap to offer helping hands to those souls in most need of assistance?

UPCOMING PPPG

April 6, 2019

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Church

(Begins with Mass @ 8:30 am. Please note: No coffee or refreshments due to venue change.)

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