

## PPPG NEWSLETTER

### WOULD YOU SHARE YOUR PPPG EXPERIENCES?

Each month we are blessed to hear from keynote speakers who stir the hearts of our PPPG members. We may be inspired by their words to pray for particular people, challenged to look deep within, or simply reminded of the spiritual battle that rages around us.

In order to strengthen one another on this journey of faith, we have dedicated the following section to member testimonies about their PPPG experiences. If you have been touched in any way by the message you've heard or moved by the presentations about our beloved Padre Pio, please feel free to submit your story so that all our members can benefit.

And if you have had your prayers answered through the intercession of St. Padre Pio, please submit your testimony to [Lucy.Rodjito@yahoo.ca](mailto:Lucy.Rodjito@yahoo.ca)

We are privileged to be the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Padre Pio. We are so special to him that he declared, *"when my soul is purified by the flames of purgatory and is worthy to enter heaven, I will stand at the gates of paradise and will not enter until I have seen the last of my sons and daughters enter."* As St. Pio's spiritual children, let us encourage one another. Let us serve one another and let us share our stories that we may all be fortified by our collective faith.

This month, we are blessed to receive a story from Patty Mak, a beautiful daughter of St. Pio, and here is her story ...

### Stay with me, Lord

By **Patty Mak**

I am very grateful to Father Pierre Leblond, O.P. for sharing with us "The Prayer of St. Padre Pio" and "The Four Habits of Relational Prayer" at last September's PPPG meeting.

When we said the prayer together, I was so touched that I almost wanted to cry because the words of the prayer were the very words I wanted to say to God:

*Lord, stay with me for I always forget you.*

*Lord, I am weak, I need your strength.*

*Lord, I want to follow you.*

*Jesus, stay with me for death and judgement is coming close.*

*Lord, I want to love you forever.*

Father also explained that if we are to have relational prayer, we need to open ourselves up, our hearts, and talk to God about our joys, desires and concerns. In addition to that, we need to trust in Him and be prepared to receive whatever graces He gives.

Father Pierre's teachings really inspired me and confirmed that God is here. He loves and cares deeply about me. All I need to do is to love Him back and trust in Him.

God, thank you for seeking me out and loving me first. I trust you and ask that you stay with me ALWAYS!

Our Team would love to pray for you, email: [PPPG.Prayer.Request@gmail.com](mailto:PPPG.Prayer.Request@gmail.com)

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

October 2019

## 1 | Ministry of Confession

Sweet Jesus, we are heartily sorry for having offended you. Restore our soul through the fountain of your mercy and free us from the slavery of sin.

Holy Spirit, enlighten our priests, to encourage the faithful with gentleness to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Confession so that they can experience God's love and forgiveness for their eternal salvation.

*St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!*

## 2 | Those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony

Father God, you are the creator and author of the institution of marriage. Bless the matrimonial covenant and whomever you have destined to be joined together in union.

Grant the newly wed couples with the graces and virtues of charity so that can grow in deep union with each other and create a beautiful foundation of love.

Help the spouses to build a happy and successful marriage and be fruitful and raise their children in a loving Christian home.

*St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!*

## 3 | Those who are in Palliative Care

Father God, comfort those who are terminally ill. Bless the Physicians, health care providers, family

members, hospice chaplains and all the caregivers who take care of those suffering as they approach their final journey on earth.

Open our hearts Holy Spirit, make us compassionate and humble toward our Brothers and Sisters during this difficult time of their live and help us to carrying their cross so that they feel less alone and fearful.

Jesus, you taught us to show our love in action: "...Come, you that are blessed by my Father,...I was sick and you took care of me,...I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me". (Matthew 25: 34-40).

*St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!*

### UPCOMING PRAYER MEETING

November 2, 2019

Keynote Presenter: t.b.a.

Church Hall @09:30AM (Mass @08:30AM)

### St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group Team

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St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group meets every first Saturday of the month @ 9:30 AM

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