

APRIL 2018

ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ministry of Confession

That the Risen Lord Jesus will give the penitents a spirit of repentance and a total trust in the merciful love of God,

St. Padre Pio please intercede for us!

Ministries of Healing and Deliverance

That people who seek healing and deliverance will find in the ministers genuine compassion, patient listening, humble surrender to the Holy Spirit and a true sense of discernment,

St. Padre Pio please pray for us!

Ministry of Evangelization

That the ministry of evangelization which is our archdiocesan priority will be wholeheartedly embraced and implemented by the pastors,

St. Padre Pio please intercede for us!

HOLY FATHER'S intention for the month of April

Universal:
For those who have responsibility in economic matters.

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Blessed Virgin Mary,
intercede for us

Saint Padre Pio, *pray for us*

Holy Archangel Michael,
defend us.

Prayer for the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Dear God,

You generously blessed Your servant, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, with the gifts of the Spirit.

You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness

to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son.

Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio labored endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls.

With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of Mass, he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina,

I confidently beseech You to grant me the grace of *(here state your petition)*.

Glory be to the Father... (three times).

Amen.

Source:

<http://padrepiodevotions.org/prayers-of-padre-pio/>

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To the religious

“Jesus’ Imitators.”

To imitate Jesus is the ideal of every Christian, especially of whoever follows him closely and is called to present his faithful image to the world.

Padre Pio writes: “Propose, therefore, and always repeat this same intention, to generously adapt yourself, making yourself worthy of him, in the tireless imitation of those his virtues, made known through the Holy Scriptures and through the Gospel, and in the assiduous carrying out of all that has been taught to you by others and myself, and in the exact observance of your professed duties. But for you to be able to succeed in this, you must constantly reflect upon the life of our Lord and those saints who have really tried to copy Jesus Christ within themselves, it is also necessary to constantly reflect upon the holy teachings we have learnt; from this continual meditation and reflection is born the respect for that which is meditated and reflected, and from this respect the desire and the comfort of imitation and observance.”

Padre Pio warns against the risk of wanting to reach the goal of perfection too quickly: “Your

imagination had already formed in your mind an idea of an absolute perfection, which you aimed to reach. But what happened? You know only too well. Your will, frightened by the great difficulties and impossibilities, remained pregnant without being able to give birth, and therefore there began to multiply many useless desires, which like flies, devoured the honey of the hive, and the good and true desires remained in hunger for any consolation. Fortunately for you, the good Lord took pity on your soul and freed you whilst still in time, through the guidance which he gave you.”

Go ahead a step at a time, without being discouraged by your falls, but without being discouraged by your falls, but without ever losing sight of the ideal to achieve, modelling yourself upon Jesus:

“...the virtue of patience assures us more than any other of reaching perfection, and if we must be patient with others, we must also be equally patient with ourselves... So as to obtain perfection, it is necessary to tolerate your own imperfections. I say to tolerate them with patience and not to love of hanker after them. With this suffering is united humility. It is necessary, even though you keep going ahead, to diligently apply yourself to face up to the hurdle nearest to you, which it is possible to overcome, and to complete the first day well, without dwelling upon the desire to complete the last, when there is still the first to do. Very often we are so intent upon our

desire to become angels in heaven, that we forget to be good Christians. I do not wish to say with this...that I am not in agreement that the heart should aim very high with its desire, but only that it is not possible for us to desire and pretend to arrive in only a day ... we are unable to walk ahead without placing our feet upon the ground, and although it is true that we must not rest or turn back, we also must not think to fly because along the roads of the spirit we are only like little chicks, who have not yet developed their wings.

Source:

Padre Pio Prayer Group Centre in San Giovanni Rotondo for St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group Vancouver.

UPCOMING PPPG

May 5, 2018

Venue: at Church Hall (basement).

Time: 09:30AM
(Begins with Mass @ 08:30 AM)

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