

APRIL 2019

## ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

**PRAYER  
INTENTIONS****Ministry of  
Confession**

Holy Spirit be our guide and help us to confess our sins like an innocent child so that we become free from any bondage which keeps us captive from experiencing God's unconditional love. Our loving Father has so many special graces he would like to grant us but because we do not know how to ask, we do not receive. Lord, we ask for your forgiveness for our sins so that we can walk in true freedom and live in joy as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

**Vocation**

O loving Father, we are all precious in your eyes, for it is written "we are wonderfully and fearfully made". Help us to discern the unique gifts and talents you have blessed us with and to share these freely with love and humility with others. God, we fervently pray

for an increase in vocation and to stir the hearts of those whom are called to serve as priests, seminarians, consecrated women and men, and lay faithful to build up your holy kingdom.

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

**Pro-Life Ministry**

Most powerful God let us pray for our Brothers & Sisters whom have lost their children to abortion. Please comfort them in their journey of healing and help them to experience your mercy and forgiveness for their actions. Radiate your love on them and show unto them your compassion.

Bless the Pro-Life Advocates who dedicate their lives to protect the life of the unborn and terminally ill by proclaiming the teachings of the Gospel to defend the dignity of human life from conception to its natural end.

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

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

**Padre Pio offered this prayer in difficulties:**

***"I don't want to escape from it. Give me the strength to fight."***

Lord, God of my heart,  
You alone know and see all my troubles.  
You alone are aware that all my distress springs from my fear of losing You,  
of offending You, from my fear of not loving You  
as much as I should love and desire to love You.

If You, to whom everything is present and who alone can see the future, know that it is for Your greater glory and for my salvation that I should remain in this state, then let it be so.

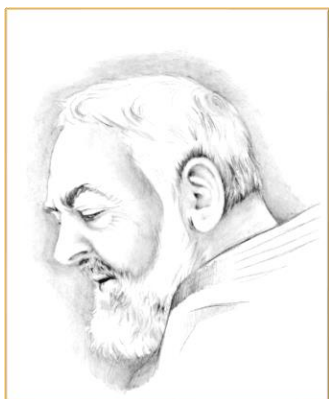
I don't want to escape from it. Give me the strength to fight and to obtain the prize due to strong souls.

Source: aleteia.org

## 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.



### ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

**May 4, 2019**

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Church

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

Main Presenter:  
**Fr. David Bellusci, OP**

### LET'S PROMOTE PPPG



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