

Prayer #23 - Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Our first parish prayer anthology will include many types of prayers. We will begin our collection with prayers that you can use to develop a relationship with God that is more personal and intimate.

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Focus idea: The natural beauty of the month of May is rejuvenating in body, mind, and spirit! It is also the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother who has the power to rejuvenate our hearts, our souls, and our dedication to prayer! Mary lived a life filled with many challenges, and so do we. She understands our human anxieties, our stresses and our fears. Mary is waiting for us to turn her for understanding, comfort and guidance. Our loving Blessed Mother is a magnificent role model because of her dedication to prayer, her trust in God, her purity, and her genuine and natural goodness. May we be guided by Mary's example and her unshakeable trust in God! In Fr Joy's words, "We must trust that in God, great things can be done through our faith. May we be inspired to live by faith, compassion and dedication to God and to one another."

Prayer for Mary's Support and Inspiration:

Dear God, help me to build an intimate relationship with Your Blessed Mother through prayer. Help me to call upon Mary when in danger, difficulty or doubt. Help me to take refuge in her most loving heart with all of my trust, knowing that she will always help me to find peace in my troubles, and will tenderly hold my hand so that I will no longer be afraid or grow weary. Help me to take comfort in Mary's guidance and make choices in my life that are faith filled, choices that show my love and appreciation for her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Beginning to Prayer to Our Blessed Mother:

Dear Mary, thank you for listening to my concerns. I know that you will understand my worries. I am asking you to intercede with your loving Son, Our Lord to bring me peace and comfort. Help me to be receptive to God's will, and to grow closer to Jesus in everything I do. Renew my spirit and restore my soul through your intercession. As I seek your guidance and protection, bless me with your purity of heart, compassion for others, and fill me with the blazing love of Jesus all the days of my life. Amen.

