Prayer #26 - 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 <u>personal</u> and <u>intimate</u>.

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Focus idea: We are all blessed by God in many ways, in our strengths and talents and in His loving graces that fill our hearts. We are nurtured by **God** through His unconditional love for each of us. **Jesus** in His humanity acts as our role model for living, and the **Holy Spirit** motivates us to share our gifts generously by "touching us with His fingerprints", fingerprints of love, kindness and forgiveness! Our words and our deeds become the fingerprints of the Spirit. Our mission is to leave our fingerprints everywhere, to influence others emotionally and spiritually. The Holy Trinity has set us on the path of goodness and is counting on us to show others the same path. In Fr. Joe's words, "Have the courage to help others reach salvation!" It is a joyous and rewarding task!

Prayer to Bring Salvation to the World:

Dear God, help me to recognize my faults and to celebrate my strengths, for my strengths are an extension of Your love, and one of Your many gifts! Please, God, motivate me to resist temptation and minimize my shortcomings, so that I may live in Your image and likeness as best I can. Most importantly, inspire me to be a strong and loving role model for everyone I encounter. Invigorate me with excitement, so that all will see that being on the path to goodness is a greatly desired place to be! Bless me with the "fingerprints of the Spirit", and enkindle in me the *fire* of Your love. Let *all* of Your faithful joyfully and enthusiastically take up Your mission to bring salvation to the world!! Amen.

Closing thoughts: Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His most sacred heart!