

## Prayer #27 - 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: Peaceful summer days provided us with relaxation and rejuvenation! We had time for self-reflection and time to assess our accomplishments and our shortcomings. Sadly we often judge ourselves by the quality of our “material life”. Do we ever give our spiritual life a second thought? Often in September we refocus our energies and our priorities. Lets move God up on our list! For it is the **strength** of our **faith** that sustains us through the many difficult times that we have to face in our lifetime! We walk by faith! The seeds of our faith are planted in us, but it is **up to us** to develop their growth and make our faith stronger! As Fr. Joe has said, “When your hearts are troubled with fear, bring that to the Lord, and let your **faith** in God’s **providence** bring you peace!”

### Prayer for Pride and Strength in Your Faith:

Dear God, help me to appreciate the gift of my faith and recognize its importance in my personal happiness. Help me to realize that I need to pray and to be good, because every time I pray or do a good deed, my relationship with You deepens, my trust in You gets stronger, and my faith in Your providence becomes more important in my life. Help me to be proud of my faith and not be reluctant to depend on my faith when my heart is troubled. Help me to find ways to share my faith, and to actively spread the gift of faith throughout Your kingdom, so that others may benefit from Your loving comfort! 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!