

## Prayer #28 - 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.*

### **Prayer #28**

Focus idea: We are very blessed in our parish community to have so many people who treasure their families! We speak of our family members who have passed on with such pride, love and respect. Our children and grandchildren make our hearts burst with love and joy. Our spouses are our sources of strength, comfort and contentment. Do we think of Jesus as a member of our family? Do we have the same warm and tender feelings for Him? Perhaps it would benefit us to think of Jesus in His humanity, so that we could love Him more deeply and with greater emotion! Perhaps we would think of Him more often, and be energized and comforted by the feeling of His presence within us! As Fr. Fred has said, "Jesus is **living** inside of us!" **Enjoy** having Jesus by your side every minute of every day. He is **always** with you, with His arm around your shoulder, and a smile on His face!

### **Prayer for a More Tender Relationship with Jesus:**

Dear Jesus, Help me to think of You in Your humanity, so that I can feel your warm and loving arms wrapped around me. Help me to think of you often during the day, and to focus on how much You love me. Let that bring a smile to my face and contentment to my heart! Help me to think of You gratefully during times of tremendous joy, not just in times of sorrow. Help me to think of You as a member of my own family, so that I will turn to You often for direction, comfort and support. Most importantly, help me to **feel** the intensity of Your love for me, and help me to love You back with **all** my heart. 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!