

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 #29

Focus idea: The month of November begins the wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving.

We call to mind our many blessings, most importantly our family and friends. Most of us have been touched in some way by the presence of God in our lives, and so we wholeheartedly give thanks for God Himself, and for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. But is God thankful for us? Is He happy with the way we are living our lives? Do we have the right priorities? Have we put our faith into action? Fr Joy tells us, “try to understand that our gifts come from God and that we are to use our gifts to carry out the Gospel message of love for others!”.

Prayer for Living a More Selfless Life:

Dear Jesus, I want You to be thankful for **my** life here on earth. I love You so much that I want You to be proud of me. Help me to be a contributor in building up Your Kingdom. Help me to recognize my faults, especially greed and envy. Help me to set a good example for my family and friends by giving to others in every way that I can. Reward me with your warmth and give me the strength to resist temptation. Please, never give up on me as I sometimes struggle to stay on the right path. I **know** that You love me unconditionally, but please help me to **feel** that love deeply and with great intensity! Help me to lead others to You through my kindnesses and to light the flame of Your love firmly within their hearts. 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!