

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 #36:

Focus Point: There are so many worthy causes to pray for and to dedicate our time and energy to strengthen and improve. The news, tv and radio commercials, the internet, and our home mailboxes tug at our heartstrings as they pitch their many worthwhile causes. As kindhearted people, we sometimes spread ourselves too thin! Perhaps the way for us to make the **greatest** impact is to work toward bringing the “**spirit of giving**” to as many people as we can personally reach. As we make God a bigger part of our daily lives, God becomes a bigger **influence** in our daily lives. As we spend more time with God, we want to please Him more because we love Him more! The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the apparitions to St Margaret Mary, **JESUS** says “Look at this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return. Through **YOU** My divine Heart wishes to spread its love **everywhere** on earth.” Let us begin the mission that **Jesus Himself** leaves us with by working to strengthen our parish life and thus bring people into our parish to **join us** in fulfilling **JESUS’S** mission!

Prayer for our Parish Community:

Dear Jesus, Please help me to realize that the more I love You, the happier I will be, and the more dedicated I will be to fulfilling Your mission. Inspire me to find ways to make my parish of great influence in the choices made by this community, so that we **all** may learn to love You more! Help me to be an **active** participant in parish life and to use my influence so that others will do the same. Help me to work toward bringing new programs to my parish so that my parish will draw new people into a meaningful and lasting relationship with God! Help me to give of my time, talent and treasure to help my parish and thus respond to **YOUR** call! May my sincere efforts bring great joy into Your most Sacred 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!