

# 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 #37:**

Focus Point: In July, our hearts fill with pride to be Americans, and with gratitude for our freedoms. So also should our hearts be filled with the desire to serve. To serve our fellow Americans and future generations of fellow Americans is our moral obligation. By serving in our military and government, contributing to our many charities and non-profits, and participating in community and parish organizations, we are helping to make God's world better. Uncle Sam needs you and GOD needs you! As our country and our world struggle in so many ways, we pray that God will motivate us to step up for Him and our fellow human beings. Fr Joe pointed out that "Jesus is no longer with us physically on this earth. But He remains with us in our HEARTS! He left us with the obligation to be Christ to one another through our good works and our good example." ***NOW is the time to ACT on that obligation!***

## **Prayer for a Christ-like lifestyle:**

Dear Lord, Help me to be thankful for all that I have, to be grateful for the sacrifices of others, and to be deserving of the sacrifice that Jesus made for **MY** salvation. Keep the fire of the Holy Spirit alive in my heart to inspire **ME** to help others with passion, dedication and love! May the flames in **MY** heart spark a flame in the hearts of **ALL** those that I encounter! Help my energy and generosity to present the Catholic faith positively to others. May **MY** efforts lead others into a closer relationship with the God who loves them **SO** much. Inspire me daily to be Christ-like in my thoughts, words and deeds. Help me to find pure joy in the sacrifice of my time and to truly feel that I am on the path that Jesus wants me to follow! 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!