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 <u>personal</u> and <u>intimate</u>.

Prayer #39:

Focus Point: September is another month when we celebrate Mary, as the feast of her birth is celebrated on September 8th. This past summer, literature was published about "The Flame of Love", the diary of a third order Hungarian Carmelite, which contains communications from Jesus and Mary that were written down at the command of Jesus Christ! These communications from heaven are recognized by the Catholic Church and support and amplify the urgency of the message of Fatima (which is to remind us that man's future is in God, and that we are active and responsible partners in creating that future). This "Flame of Love" is the grace that comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart. And it is this grace that creates a powerful, imploring force that will blind Satan and renew the face of the earth! We pray that people everywhere will embrace the strength that flows from Mary to work passionately for the salvation of souls!

Prayer for Strengthening of our Soul and our Passion:

Dear Lord, May the "Flame of Love" in Mary's heart spark the same "Flame of Love" in my own heart. May **my** gratitude for **Your** sacrifices motivate me to resist earthly temptations, to believe in my own power to influence others, and to spread Mary's flame to those closest to me, illuminating their souls with the passionate love of Jesus our Savior and Mary our Mother! Help me to NOT be passive in this mission but to truly believe that through just a few people, a great outpouring of graces **CAN** change the world. May I **always** live in steadfast persistence, and **joyfully** do my part to spread faith in Jesus throughout God's world! 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!