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 #47:

Focus Point: May is a month when we feel all around us the "newness of life". It is a time of renewal. During this month, let us make a renewal of faith, a renewal of our belief in the power of prayer and a renewal of our commitment to be good people! We can never give up on this mission - our loving God is counting on us! As events taking place in our communities, our nation and our world make it seem like there is an absence of good, let us look around and take comfort in all of the wonderful selfless people that we know, and all of the wonderful works of charity taking place. Let us look into our own hearts and find ways that we can be greater contributors to the spirit of goodness. May we be inspired by the goodness of others, and most especially by the goodness of Jesus. Fr Joy explains that, "Jesus is looking for us to open our hearts to those around us!"

Prayer for Personal Goodness:

Dear Lord, please help me to be thankful that I have had a good upbringing, that I have a strong faith and that I have a genuine desire to live in a way that is pleasing to You. May I make the time to pray for those who do not know You, and have not felt the warmth of Your love. May I look around my own community, recognize the needs of others, and lend a kind and helping hand. May the sacrifice that Jesus made for me, motivate me to find the time and energy needed to be a good person, in EVERY sense of the word. And may my heart be filled with joy in knowing that You love me unconditionally, that You will help me always, and that You are pleased with my efforts to live in Your image and likeness. Amen.