

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 #48:

Focus Point: During the month of June, we have many opportunities to celebrate special moments in life, one of which is Father's Day! Fathers are important in so *many* ways, especially because they are a source of strength for so many. A father's responsibility to provide for his child is grounded by his love for that child. His actions reflect his strength and determination. May all fathers and *all adults* find the inner strength they need to be good role models for *all* of our children. May they resist the temptations that come their way and may God grace them with His love, support, and enthusiasm. In Fr Joy's words, "When we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, we become empowered!" Let us use our "power" to teach children to look to Jesus as a source of strength and holiness. May they build an unbreakable bond with their God that will sustain their spirit all the days of their life.

Prayer for Inner Strength

Dear Lord, help me to find the strength, courage and determination to be a moral role model for all those that I meet, most especially our children. May my actions reflect my Christian values. Inspire me to be of help to my community as Jesus was, by showing kindness, forgiveness and compassion to others. May I find the time to develop quality relationships with my children and others who are uncertain of the proper moral values needed to attain the rewards of heaven. Strengthen me so that I never lose my determination to stay focused on this most important task. And each day, bless me with the joy of Your love and peace. Amen.