

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 #49:

Focus Point: July is a month when we celebrate our national pride. We become enthusiastic about being Americans. We become emotionally connected to our forefathers and also our armed forces when we recall the sacrifices they made for future USA. Their wisdom and dedication inspire us and energize us. The spirit is contagious! Perhaps we need this type of holiday for our church, our Catholic faith and our parish! We need to become enthusiastic about being Catholics! How can we possibly spread our faith to others without this contagious enthusiasm? What will be the future of our Church, and most critically, the future of our parish, if we don't do everything that we can to bring people into the fold? Fr Joy states, "Let us open ourselves to the Spirit, so that He may empower us! Let us ask for the special grace to inspire in others the holy spirit of Jesus!"

Prayer for Pride and Enthusiasm in our Church

Dear Lord, Help me to have a positive attitude about the Catholic Church and recognize its good qualities and practices. Help me to pray daily for more positive changes to take place that will encourage more people to adopt and internalize our faith, especially young people and those who have fallen away. Help me to pray that all negative occurrences can be resolved, repaired and ended. Help me to pray for the healing of all those involved. Inspire me to bring to mind all the ways that my faith and my church have helped me, especially in times of need or despair. May these recollections bring warmth and gratitude into my heart. May I feel God's love for me deeply and sincerely. May I recognize the responsibility that I have to bring my personal morality to its highest level, to have pride and enthusiasm for my faith, to be a positive Christian role model for my community and to actively engage in spreading our faith to those around us. How else could we thank God more effectively for all that He has blessed us with. Our forefathers called the troops to arms. God is calling us! Help me to find the courage, strength and determination to use my God given talents to do my part to the very best of my ability for the future of the faith and our parish! Amen.