

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 #50:

Focus Point: Each day of our lives, we are presented with choices and temptations, and then faced with decisions. Who and/or what influence those decisions? Our family and friends? Social media? Commercial advertising? Our human desires for the comforts of life? Does God make our list? Perhaps we can take a moment to think about our priorities in life and how our level of faith and love for Jesus affect our priorities, our moral values, and ultimately our decisions. Many of our decisions can affect others, and therefore *greatly* affect the morality of our community. Our actions are the greatest expression of our faith. The manner in which we choose to live our lives sets an example (good or bad) for those we come into contact with, most especially our children. As Msgr. Phil has stated, "The Holy Spirit dwells within us, and opens our eyes to see things from God's point of view." May we always let God greatly influence our choices, and make us shining role models for our neighbors, friends and most especially our family!

Prayer for Making God-Centered Choices:

Dear Lord,

Sometimes my choices in life are self-centered. Help me to make choices that are God-centered by inviting the Holy Spirit into my mind, heart and soul to strengthen my morality and my faith in You. Energize my spirit, help me to resist temptations, and fortify my commitment to be a positive influence on the lives of others through the way I live my life. May I recognize this as a responsibility given to me by God in order to renew the face of the earth. May I enthusiastically practice sacrificial living and sacrificial giving, and may my heart be filled with the warmth of Your love all the days of my life. Amen.