

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 #51:

Focus Point: At the end of September, we celebrate the feast of Padre Pio, our patron saint. He is known for his comforting and encouraging motto: pray, hope and don't worry! Like so many of us, he had multiple health concerns accompanied by constant and intense pain. Perhaps that is why he is so frequently portrayed as serious, somber and physically burdened. He served quite actively as a priest for many years. He attracted quite a following, not because of his disabilities, but because of his intense spirituality, enthusiasm, and unbridled passion for nurturing an intimate relationship with God. His genuine desire to share that passion with others through the priesthood directly benefits us all! He spent a sacrificial amount of time in personal prayer, deepening his love for God as well as his personal relationship with God. His hope for the world was based on the comfort he derived from Jesus living within his heart. No wonder the last part of his motto is "don't worry!" We should consider him a superlative role model for coping with life! As Fr Joe says, "Keep praying! Your prayers will have an effect, even though we might not understand how and when. Never give up on God! Continue to pray and you will always be in his graces!"

Prayer for Trust in God Through Prayer:

Dear Lord, please help me to recognize how personal, heartfelt prayer can transform my life and deepen my relationship with You. Could feeling Your love deeply within my heart bring me to a level of comfort, peace and Joy that I have never experienced? Help me to wholeheartedly believe that this can happen to ordinary people. May I trust in Your providence for me and take comfort in the steadfast and passionate love that You have for all of us. Please raise me to a level of trust that I don't worry, and that I feel a true passion for sharing my feelings with others! Amen.