

# 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 #54:**

Focus Point: December is a month of great preparation and expectation! We are excited to be giving gifts because of the pleasure it brings to those we love. Even if we won't admit it, we enjoy receiving gifts too, simply because it makes us feel loved. God the Father has given us the gift of our life and of His eternal love. His gifts of Jesus, His loving Son and the Holy Spirit complete the package and provide us with the means to attain eternal life with Him in heaven! Amidst the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, we need to take a step back, show our gratitude, and offer a prayer of thanks. Only through recognizing the magnitude of God's gift to us, will we be able to experience the great joy of the Christmas season: having God walking alongside of us each day of our lives and experiencing the feeling of warmth and comfort that His love and support brings into our hearts. As Fr. Joe has stated, "Rejoice in the love that God has for you and let that love bring you peace."

## **Prayer for a heartfelt thank you to God:**

Dear Lord, thank you for the countless blessings that You have bestowed upon me. Every day I feel Your presence through the love shown to me by the kind words and actions of my family and friends. They look out for me, guide me through difficult times and give me the courage to face what comes my way. I know it is You working through them to bring me comfort and hope. Knowing that you love me unconditionally fills my heart with the greatest comfort that one could ever experience! Thank You for bringing joy to me in my earthly life. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to bring me the promise of salvation through His suffering and death on the cross. May I always try my very best to be worthy of His gift! Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to keep me strong and help me to resist temptation. Help me to show my appreciation through prayers, self-sacrifice and charitable works. I love You and am so happy to have You at the forefront of my life. Amen.