

## **Padre Pio Prayer Anthology**

### **Prayer #56**

Focus Point: God's greatest Commandment is to love! Show your love for God and for your neighbor - it is a beautiful commandment coming directly from God's heart to ours! In a world filled with love, kindness and generosity, there are also many occurrences of hate, disrespect and selfishness. As we try hard to live by God's commandment in our personal lives, we must also try our best to influence others to do the same. Converting the hearts of evil doers is a monumental task! Yet we must try through prayer, through acts of kindness toward those we know and those we have never met, and by offering support to our church and to social programs that build motivation and opportunity for living moral lives. As Fr Joe has stated, "The gospel calls us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Reach out to show kindness, especially to those in despair".

Prayer for Following God's Greatest Commandment: Dear Lord, Thank you for my many gifts, most especially for the gift of Your love and unfailing support in difficult moments. Knowing that You are always there for me brings me the greatest comfort I could ever imagine. Help me to show my gratitude and love for You by bringing love to others. Help me to seek out those in need and lend a helping hand. Help me to courageously try to help others that I have never met, not just in my community, but in my country and in other parts of the world. Help me to be more self-less, understanding, kind and loving. Remind me to pray not just for my own needs, but for the needs of Your world. Bless me with motivation, determination and opportunity. Amen