

Padre Pio Prayer Anthology
Prayer #58

Focus Point:

Pope Francis has asked us to make 2024 a "Year of Prayer" with an emphasis on "The Lord's Prayer". How many times have we said the Lord's Prayer in our Life? Such a perfect and concise Prayer - but do we really focus on the words? Especially "Thy will be done". During Lent, we are reminded that as Jesus faced Crucifixion, he prayed, "Father, if it is possible, take this cup from me. Father, not my will, but Your will be done." As Jesus prayed for God not to abandon Him, He trusted his Faith in the Father and prayed for God's will to be done. So many of us face sadness, grief, illness and the everyday struggles that life can bring. Life doesn't always unfold according to "our" will and we may not know what God's will is at the moment, but we continue to pray for God's will to be done in our lives. God's will IS perfect. Our Faith tells us that Jesus will never abandon us in our need.

Father Joe has said that "Praying strengthens our relationship with God". And when we pray for God's will to be done, He will bring us peace ... even in our suffering.

Prayer for God's Will:

Dear Lord, please bless me with insight to Your perfect will so that I may form my life's plan through Your inspiration. Help me to have the courage to face the trials and sufferings that are part of our earthly lives by turning to You for help when I feel hopeless. Remind me how faith guided our Blessed Mother through her life, and how she aligned herself with Your will. Help me to face adversity by offering myself to You and grant me the wisdom to discern what is meant for me in life. May I always keep You as the center of my life, and find joy in following Your will for me. In good times and in bad, may I always remember to thank You for always being there for me with Your comforting love and support. I ask that You send the Holy Spirit into my heart so that I may trust that following Your will in my most desperate moments will bring me true peace and happiness. Amen.