

# 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 #11**

Focus idea:

We are all SO far out of our normal routines. Have you kept up with your prayer life? Fr Doug believes that, "God works things out in the midst of tragedy." We need God's support and His steadfast love now more than ever. And so do those who have experienced physical, emotional or financial loss, and do not have a close personal relationship with God. Where do they turn? This month, we will dedicate our prayers to those who need to bond with God. We pray that God will call them back to Him and hold them tenderly in His loving arms.

### **Prayer for a Close Relationship with God:**

**Oh heavenly father, I pray today for those who have lost the light of Christ in their lives, for those who are overwhelmed by life's hardships and sorrows, and for those who feel the emptiness of despair:**

**May God's love grip you in the quiet and desolate moments of the day, bring light into your heart, and return to you an inner peace. May Jesus reveal to you His power to fill your heart with hope, and to awaken your desire to stay close to Him forever. May the miraculous intervention of the Holy Spirit guide your judgement, and inspire you to call upon Him all the days of your life. May you be blessed with the passion to share the comfort and beauty of God's love with all of humanity. Amen.**

Closing thoughts: Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His most sacred heart!