

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 #12

Focus idea:

July is the month that we honor our country, and it's citizens throughout history that made it great. Sometimes it seems that we are now more divided than united. Many times we are quick to judge one another, treating each other condescendingly with condemnation and disrespect. We can be selfish, sarcastic, hateful and inconsiderate. Let us pray wholeheartedly that each of us in our great nation would show love toward one another. Remember Corinthians 13: 4 - 7, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Prayer for the healing of our nation:

Help us God, to desire righteousness and to show sacrifices rather than selfishness. You know us well, and You understand our flaws. Turn our weaknesses into strengths; shower us with Your grace and Your mercy. Fill us with the courage to choose the kind of freedom that will benefit all, rather than a few. Open our eyes to see others as You do - with godly potential and great value. Teach us to live by Your example. Free us from divisiveness, and melt our hardened hearts to love and heal one another. Make us good, Lord, with a heartbeat that wants every person, regardless of their background, to know Your love. Make us wise and gentle. Turn our fears to faith, as we look to You for the future of our country. 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!