

Padre Pio - Prayer Anthology

Prayer #18

Focus idea: We are now in the season of Advent, a time of preparation. We have so much to do to get ready for Christmas! We spend many hours thinking about, shopping for, and wrapping those “special gifts” that will be given with great love and excitement to those we care about the most. Does God make that list? What would God like from us for Christmas? We probably ALL know the answer. God wants our hearts! He wants our hearts to be filled with love and compassion for others. And He wants our actions to be driven by that love. God wants us to make His world better, and to spread His word! The Franciscan Friars have said it beautifully, “Wouldn’t it be great if we were as excited about Jesus as we are about other things in our life? It is our passion that leads us into action!”

Prayer for an Impactful Christmas:

Dear Jesus, help me to appreciate that You are my Christmas gift, a gift that can change my life! Help me to hold Your love tenderly in my heart, that I may draw upon it for strength and encouragement. Help me to deepen my love for You and to act upon that love! Please bring the peace of Christmas back into our world, and inspire me to do my part to make that happen. Help us all to find healing through Your love and support. And instill in me a passion that will endure the trials and tribulations of my life, so that I can remain able to love You and to serve You according to your will. 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!