

Padre Pio - Prayer Anthology

Prayer #19

Focus idea: 2021 is now upon us, and we should be looking forward to the chance to begin anew. We could just be worn and weary from the frenetic pace of the holiday season, but we could also be feeling saddened by loneliness when the holidays end. 2020 was certainly a year that impacted our lifestyle, most especially by diminishing the joy and the warmth that we get from our personal relationships. When was the last time you actually hugged a friend? As the year begins, are we still looking for personal comfort? We tend to make plenty of New Year's resolutions, all with the good intentions of making improvements in our lives. Fr. Joe believes that, "God provides the inspiration that makes our ideas come to fruition. His love gives us the strength, confidence and energy that we need in our lives to keep us on the right path." So renew your enthusiasm for making your life and the lives of others better. Ask God to inspire you to act positively and lovingly. Happy New Year!

Prayer for God's Loving Inspiration:

Dear God, help me in my quest to be good. Help me to remember how Jesus resisted temptation and how He lived an earthly life of goodness and kindness to others. Help me to live as best I can in His image and likeness! When I am uncertain about what I should do in life, guide me along your path. When I am tempted, help me to be strong. When I become overwhelmed or distraught, help me to have faith and courage. May I thrive in the power of Your spirit. May Your love be the passion in my heart. May Your presence bring peace, joy and warmth into my life. And may Your loving and tender inspiration bestow upon me an enriching and steadfast desire for goodness, and bring me peace all the days of my life. 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!