

WORDS FROM SAINT PADRE PIO

*I belong to everyone and everyone
can say "Padre Pio is mine."*

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is a key that opens God's heart. You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips, but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart.

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O Mary, sweetest Mother of priests, mediatrix and administratrix of all graces, I pray to Thee from the depths of my heart; I beg and entreat Thee to thank, today, tomorrow and always, Jesus, the Fruit of Thy womb.

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Mary's blessed soul, like a dove set free, disengaged from Her saintly body, flew straight to the bosom of Her Beloved.

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Jesus, Who was reigning in Heaven with the most holy humanity which He had received from the womb of the Virgin, also wanted that His Mother be reunited to Him, not only with Her soul, but also with Her body, and that She share in the fullness of His glory.

And that was right and dutiful. That body which had never been the slave of the devil, nor of sin, not even for a moment, could not become the slave of deterioration either.

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Always be faithful in keeping your promises to God, and don't worry about the mockery of fools. You may be sure that the saints have always scorned the world and everything mundane,

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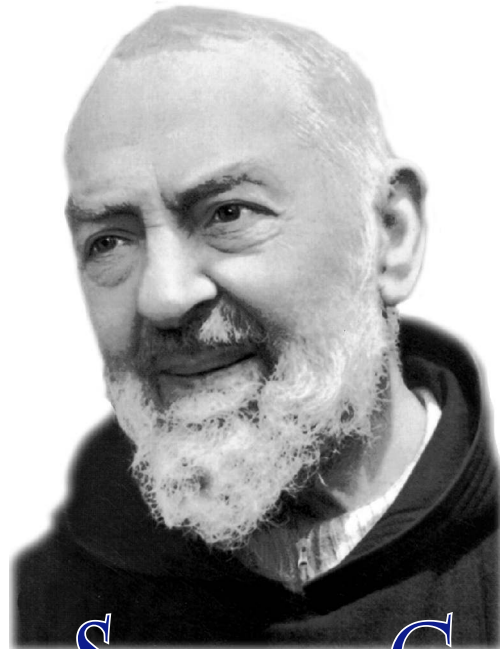
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THE SERVANT OF GOD SAINT PADRE PIO

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CAPUCHIN

"PRAY, HOPE AND DON'T WORRY"

H Pietrelcina
25 May 1887

† San Giovanni Rotondo
23 September 1968

ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Padre Pio was born of simple, hardworking farming people on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Southern Italy. He was tutored privately until his entry into the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15. Of feeble health but strong will, with the help of grace he completed the required studies and was ordained a priest in 1910.

On September 20, 1918, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion appeared on his body, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church. Countless numbers were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence. His whole life was marked by long hours of prayer and continual austerity. His letters to his spiritual directors reveal the ineffable sufferings, physical and spiritual, which accompanied him all through life. They also reveal his very deep union with God, his burning love for the Blessed Eucharist and Our Blessed Lady.

Worn out by over half a century of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity in San Giovanni Rotondo, he was called to his Heavenly reward on September 23, 1968.

After a public funeral which attracted almost 100,000, his body was entombed in the crypt of Our Lady of Grace Church. Increasing numbers flock to his tomb from all parts of the world and many testify to spiritual and temporal graces received.

The Diocesan Process for Padre Pio's Beatification was concluded in the shrine of Our Lady of Grace on January 21, 1990 and consigned to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on February 12, 1990.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II beatified Padre Pio on May 2, 1999 and canonized him on June 16, 2002.

Those who wish to make known graces or favors received through Padre Pio's intercession are asked to write directly to the addresses on reverse.

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

I. O my Jesus, Thou hast said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of ...

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father ... Sacred Heart of Jesus. I place all my trust in Thee.

II. O my Jesus, Thou hast said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Behold, in Thy name, I ask the Father for the grace of ...

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father ... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

III. O my Jesus, Thou hast said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but My words will not pass away." Encouraged by Thy infallible words I now ask for the grace of ...

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father ... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of Thee, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thy tender Mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

N.B. This novena prayer was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked his prayers. The faithful are invited to recite it daily, so as to be spiritually united with the prayer of Padre Pio.