Opening Prayer

Prayer of Pope John Paul II to Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Padre Pio, teach us also, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be among the humble to whom the Father in the Gospel promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus. Support us in our hours of trouble and trial and, should we fall, let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness. Teach us tender devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus and our Mother. Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed Homeland, where we too, hope to arrive to contemplate forever the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer to Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

You were generously endowed by God,

The Giver of all good gifts,

With the gifts of the Spirit,

Signing your body as a living witness to the saving

Passion and Death of Jesus, His Son.

Many looked upon the reflection of the

Crucified Jesus in your body

And experienced anew God’s saving mercy.

Through your ministry,

God reconciled penitents to Himself

And invited them to taste His sweetness

In the Holy Eucharist.

Through your powerful intercession before God,

Pray for us, that we may follow

Your example of prayer and penance

And come to follow more closely our Risen Lord

So that one day we may rejoice with you in that kingdom

Where God calls all his faithful children

To live in the light of His love and eternal peace.

Pray for us Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

God of mercy and love, you called St. Pio of Pietrelcina to extend the mystery of the cross visibly into the lives of sinners and sufferers, that they might be converted to believe in the Gospel. Through his intercession, strengthen all believers in the willingness to take up the cross daily and follow Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.