## THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Cleveland

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**Group Leader:** Cindy Russo

## MISSION & VISION:

To carry out the works, words and devotion of St. Padre Pio through prayer and charitable works where we can touch lives and change souls.

Our vision is to create more Spiritual
Children and lead souls to heaven.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Oct 3 -

Padre Pio Prayer Group Gathering beginning with Mass at 8:30 AM, St. Barnabas Church, 945 I Brandywine Rd.

#### Oct 5 -

Group Leader Presentation following Rosary at 6:00 PM and Mass at 6:30 PM, St. Martin of Tours Church, 14600 Turney Rd., Maple Hts.

#### Nov 7 -

Padre Pio Prayer Group Gathering (same details as Oct 3 above)



# St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

FEAST DAY 2015

SPECIAL EDITION

## Prayer to St. Padre Pio

O St. Pio, I pray with the words of Pope John Paul II as I beg for your prayers on my behalf:

"Glorious, humble and beloved Padre Pio. Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father

promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him.

"Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus.

"Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and, if we fall, let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness. Grant us your 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.

In closing, St. Pio, we pray the prayer you composed for Confidence and Trust in God's Mercy:

"O Lord, we ask for a boundless confi-

dence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the moun-

tain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.

May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us as You desire for your greater glory.



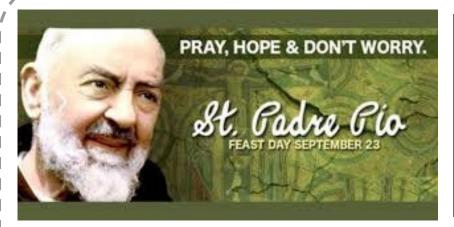
O Jesus, most adorable Heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your heavenly Father."

Amen.

All glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

St. Padre Pio, Pray for us!

Amen.



**Feast Day:** September 23

**Born:** May 25, 1887 in

Pietrelcina, Italy

**Died:** September 23, 1968 in

San Giovanni Rotondo

Canonized: June 16, 2002, Rome, Italy

by Pope John Paul II

Major Shrine: San Giovanni Rotondo

Like the Apostle Paul, Padre Pio placed at the centre of his life and apostolic work the Cross of his Lord as his strength, his wisdom and his glory. Inflamed by love of Jesus Christ, he became like Him in the sacrifice of himself for the salvation of the world. In his following and imitation of the crucified Christ he was so generous and perfect that he could have said: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). And the treasures of grace which God had granted him so lavishly he unceasingly passed on through his ministry, serving the men and women who came to him in ever greater numbers, and bringing to birth an immense host of spiritual sons and daughters.

The love of God filled Padre Pio, and satisfied his every desire; charity was the chief inspiration of his day: to love God and to help others to love him. His special concern was to grow in charity and to lead others to do so.

"The most
beautiful act of
faith is the one
made in darkness,
in sacrifice, and
with extreme
effort."

- St. Padre Pio

For Padre Pio, the servant of God, faith was life: he willed everything and did everything in the light of faith. He was assiduously devoted to prayer. He passed the day and a large part of the night in conversation with God. He would say: "in books we seek God, in prayer we find him. Prayer is the key which opens God's heart". Faith led him always to accept God's mysterious will.

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Monthly Prayer Group Gatherings are held on the first Saturday of each month. Our Gatherings consist of Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Guest Speakers and Refreshments. You can read the Mission & Vision of our Prayer Group on the front page of this newsletter. As a catalyst to pass on the work and words of St. Padre Pio, our goal is to pray, support those in need, and carry out charitable works to lead others back to Christ and the Church, just as St. Pio did in his days on earth, and become his Spiritual Children, something that he hopes to obtain in us all as followers of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Upcoming Events found on the front page of this newsletter.

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