

**THE PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP
of Cleveland**

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**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:**

Mar 2 -
Padre Pio Prayer Group Gathering beginning with Rosary at 8:00 AM and Mass at 8:30 AM, St. Barnabas Church, 9451 Brandywine Rd., Northfield

Jun 5-15 -
Pilgrimage to Poland and Italy (see website for details)

Check the online Community Bulletin Board on our website to view upcoming events in the area



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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A Holy Family

The Month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. It isn't a coincidence that we celebrate Valentine's Day in February. The Holy Family exemplifies love. The Feast of the Presentation (February 2) forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18). In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved." Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord. God is inviting us to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).

Is your family a Holy family? It is up to you to guide your family so gently into becoming a Holy family. Ask the Holy Family for help.



The Holy Family Prayer

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety. Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

*We all have secret fears to face,
Our minds and motives to amend.
We need Your Truth, we seek Your grace
Our saving Lord and present friend.*

This is a verse from one of the songs in the Liturgy of the Hours. During the past year, I reflected on this verse and it was a tremendous help for me in my recovery. The first two lines



reminded me that I had been living in fear and secrecy. I was struggling to find what I was missing, but in all the wrong places. Food and buying and hoarding were the ways I thought that I would find attention, affection, appreciation and love. But I realized that these things and behaviors lacked truth and grace. The worse thing about this was that it kept me away from what is more important; relationships, friendships and intimacy with other people and with God. When I came to realize that I can make friends and be in relationships that can be intimate, I also

discovered God. Through these earthly relationships and friendships I discovered the gift of intimacy in giving of myself to another person as a friend. I found in this friendship a greater friendship with “our saving Lord and present friend”, Jesus Christ. I pray that all you have had the opportunity to have or are in an authentic, intimate friendship with another person to share the good, the bad and the ugly of what happens in life. I also pray that this relationship has caused you to form the greatest authentic, intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. There is so much that is happening in our world that is causing many people to become anxious, lonely, fearful and depressed. Until I truly found my best friend, Jesus Christ, my life was full of anxiety, loneliness, fear and depression. When I “laid it all out” to Jesus, He took it and showed me how we would make it better. His part would be to put people in my life so that I would be able to have care, compassion and love for them and in return I would love my best friend, Jesus Christ.

Since I have been home, it has been a challenge. I have been tempted to go back to some of my old ways, but what is different this time is that I have people to talk to [my therapist, my dietitian, my spiritual director, my pastor and fellow colleagues at St. Rita, my brother Knights of Columbus and any of you in the St. Padre Pio Prayer Group] and to help me to amend my mind and motives. I also bring these concerns to my best friend, Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother and to the Saints. If you are struggling, realize that you cannot do it alone. I thought I could do it alone and see what happened to me. Remember that Jesus also needed people to help Him on this way to His crucifixion. I feel great relief and joy in sharing this reflection with you. Your sincere care, compassion and love for me at my return to the St. Padre Pio Prayer Group is giving me the strength to take each day, one day at a time and to let go of my will and let God’s Will be done. I love you and pray for you every day.

Your humble servant,



Perseverance

A significant liturgical feast in February is the Presentation of the Lord. It occurs during one of the coldest and darkest months of the year when the nights are long and the days are short in which we can suffer from cabin fever and seasonal deprivation disorders. The theme of the feast is light. When Simeon held the infant Jesus in his arms he cried out "...my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see, a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32). Simeon and the prophetess Anna were both well advanced in years but they persevered in waiting until they had seen Jesus, the light of the world. They are examples of perseverance for us. In our spiritual journeys, when going through dark seasons, we need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus the light of the world. We need to pray for the virtue of perseverance.

Our church is experiencing a dark season with the scandals, confusion regarding the papacy, and declining church attendance. Some are disowning the church. They are not practicing perseverance. We need to look to Jesus our light as our example. He was prophesied in Isaiah as the "suffering servant, a man acquainted with infirmity." Part of his infirmity was psychological and spiritual. He was without honor in his home town, was persecuted by the authorities, not understood by his apostles, and yet he persevered through it all. It is good to meditate on the life and passion of Jesus when we are in a dark place. He can enlighten us.

We can look to famous people, most of who really had to practice perseverance:

St. Peter had to persevere through the ordeal and aftermath of his denial. In contrast, Judas did not persevere.

February 11th is the feast of our Lady of Lourdes. Little Bernadette was highly misunderstood and persecuted. Mary even told her, "I cannot promise you happiness in this life, but only in the next." However, she persevered to the end and now Lourdes has been a source of light to millions of pilgrims.

Eli Whitney was laughed at when he displayed his cotton gin.

Thomas Edison in 1914, after working 10 years to develop the battery, saw his factory was burned to the ground. With amazing humor under the circumstances, he sent for his wife

and family to "see the biggest and grandest fire you will likely ever see!" After all was destroyed, he picked up right where he left off. Also, he had to install his electric light free of charge in an office building before anyone would even look at it.

The first sewing machine was smashed to pieces by a Boston mob.

People scoffed at the idea of railroads.

McCormick persevered for fourteen years to get people to use his reaper.

Westinghouse was considered a fool for stating that he could stop a train with wind.

Morse had to plead before ten congresses before they would even look at his telegraph.

Napoleon Hill, an originator of the concept of positive thinking, studied Edison and Henry Ford closely for years and concluded that it wasn't so much their minds that made them great, but rather their perseverance through thick and thin.

Filmstrips of England during the Nazi nighttime bombings of London show the amazing perseverance of the English citizens. In the mornings after all-night bombings, they smiled as they worked in their defense factories inspired by Churchill's words, "never, never, never, never, never give up."

Some Suggestions

- Remember Shakespeare's words: "This too shall pass."
- Remember the words of Scripture: "The one who perseveres to the end will be saved."
- Pray all the more earnestly.
- Read the lives of the saints and notice their perseverance.
- Don't isolate. Reach out to others and talk about your concerns to a trusted friend and confessor.
- Recall your own salvation history and how God led you through dark valleys.
- Imagine yourself entering the gates of heaven welcomed by Padre Pio. Your struggles are over. An eternity of happiness awaits you.



Daily Reflection on Sacred Scripture February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 3 John 20:22-23 Lord, Jesus, I bow before You in a spirit of thanksgiving. I have been made clean many times in my life. Because of You I have been restored. 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	AND JESUS SAID: "AND SO I SAY TO YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF THE NETHERWORLD SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." Matthew 16:18-19	5 Psalms 98:5-6 Dear Lord, thank You for my love of music. It rejoices my heart. I sing forever to Your glory. St. Agatha	6 Deuteronomy 6:5 Jesus, I will it. I will love You. Help me to reach perfection one day, but for now, just be pleased that I give You myself as best I can. St. Paul Miki and Companions	 7 Galatians 2:20 Dear Jesus, in Your love I find my strength and joy. St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita	1 Romans 8:18 Lord, when my time comes help me to accept death peacefully. Be my escort into heaven so that I will not be afraid. First Friday	2 Luke 2:22 O Lord, help me to remember that my faith is not a set of agreed upon beliefs, but a truth that cuts to the heart, and must be lived at every moment. THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD First Saturday
10 Proverbs 23:25 O Lord, Your love is at the center of my being. You are with my parents in the same way. Tell them I love them and give me the grace to live joyfully in Your Presence. 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11 1 Corinthians 13:5b Lord, I need Your help in this. I want always to do Your Will. I never realized that Your Will includes my happiness here and now. I surrender to You, and ask You to teach me how to love and be joyful. Our Lady of Lourdes	12 Psalms 34:4 Calm my fears, O Lord, and relieve my anxiety. Let me place all my hopes in You. And when the storms threaten, assure me that You will guide me safely home.	13 John 15:16 Dear Holy Spirit, You have chosen me and You lead me in directions I would not have chosen for myself. Give me the wisdom to discern Your Will and the courage to follow it.	14 1 Corinthians 13:7 Lord God, transform me into the compassionate, tender person I want to be. I give You my weaknesses in exchange for Your strength. Ss. Cyril and Methodius	15 2 Corinthians 4:17 Dear Jesus, help me to stay focused on the present moment, as I offer You all my joys and sufferings. BVM	16 Matthew 6:22 Lord, help me to be pure of heart that I might live without fear and needless anxiety. BVM
17 2 Corinthians 11:29 Dear Lord, give me the weakness I need to turn to You automatically for strength. With You and in You I know all will be well. 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	18 1 Corinthians 13:4 Jesus, my Lord, help me to realize that You will be with me in my times of waiting. Give me the patience of a Saint, that I may serve You faithfully. Presidents' Day	19 Matthew 6:33 Jesus, my Lord, let me taste the freedom that You offer to those who love You. Let me grow in Your Spirit day by day, seeking You above all.	20 Jeremiah 32:27 Dear Lord, nothing is too difficult for You. If only I could live in that knowledge on a day to day basis. You will bring good out of evil. In You all will be well.	21 Matthew 8:13 O Lord, I want to live in Your love, and allow You to use me as Your instrument. Give me inspiration to believe with an unshakable faith. Fill my lungs and heart with songs of joy. St. Peter Damian	22 John 15:9 Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours. You are the vine, I am one branch among many. Keep me healthy in Your life. Feed me Your energy and strength. THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER	23 1 Corinthians 1:25 O God of Light and Truth, give me wisdom that I may seek first Your Kingdom. St. Polycarp
24 John 15:20 O Lord, when I suffer for being a Christian, at work, at school, with my family, remind me that You will never abandon those who suffer in Your Name. 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	25 Mark 4:40 Enable me, Lord, to banish fear. Help me to understand that You are my strength and joy. I will follow You.	26 Matthew 7:7-8 Quiet my troubled soul, O Lord, and give me Your hand to lift me up. Lead me to safety, and I will follow You.	27 Philippians 4:7 Dear Father, how fortunate I am to enjoy the gift of life. Thank You.	28 Psalms 103:13 Grant me, O Lord, sweetness of spirit, which is born of reverential fear. I feel Your compassion, and it makes me happy.	"All Sacred Scripture is but one book, and that one book is Christ, because all divine Scripture speaks of Christ, and all divine Scripture is fulfilled in Christ" Hugh of St. Victor	

Works of Mercy

There are two kinds of "Real Presence" of our Lord in this world: the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, where He fills us with His light, His life, and His love, and our Lord's real presence in the poor, both in those materially poor and those spiritually poor, where He is waiting for us to give Him back His light, His life, and His love.

Living on the Bread of Life, we receive our Savior's merciful love; sharing our bread with those who hunger physically and spiritually, we return that love back to Him, giving His compassionate Heart solace and joy. These were words St. Teresa of Calcutta lived by. She dedicated her life to picking up the poor and the suffering from the streets of Calcutta and other major cities in India and providing for them the most basic necessities: food, shelter, a blanket, and a bit of human warmth, love and kindness. Many were desperately sick with incurable illnesses, but it made no difference to Mother Teresa and her Sisters of Charity. They were committed to loving the poor as "Jesus in disguise," so to speak. The sisters saw the Lord as truly present in all who suffer.



The Catholic Church has traditionally encouraged her children to understand the practice of merciful love by dividing the works of mercy into two kinds: corporal (that is, bodily) and spiritual. What we see in the life of Mother Teresa is a shining example of a life dedicated especially to practicing the corporal works of mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless. Visit those in prison. Comfort the sick. Bury the dead. Perhaps your first reaction upon reading this traditional list might be, "This list is a bit out of date." Don't be too hasty, however, in dismissing the usefulness of this old list of the corporal works of mercy. It may be more helpful than you think in challenging us to discern new ways that our merciful Savior is calling us to follow Him.

First and Second: Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty We can help the hungry in simple ways: for example, by making donations to the local food bank or, if we have the time, by helping at a local soup kitchen for the homeless. We can take the time to educate ourselves about the problem of hunger in the world, and we can use our voices and our votes to petition and pressure our politicians to make the fight against world hunger a higher priority for our government. Assist to bring fresh water wells to areas of the world suffering without water.

Third and Fourth: Clothe the Naked and Shelter the Homeless We can practice these works of mercy by using our votes: this time to support policies of the local and national governments that lead to the creation of jobs and that provide an adequate

"safety net" for the poor and the homeless. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "[Human] misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior ... Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church" (2448). There are also well-established groups that specialize in relieving the problem of homelessness. Supporting their work is almost always a great way to practice these works of mercy. The project for Christmas that our Prayer Group participated in was clothing the homeless living under the bridges. Finally, bear in mind that those of you who are working hard each day to earn the money to provide food and drink, clothing and shelter for your own families, and those of you who cook and clean at home, are already practicing these corporal works of mercy, at least outwardly. Why not practice them inwardly now as well, from the heart, not grudgingly or merely out of routine, but with compassion and love for your spouse and children, doing all to the glory of God and giving thanks to God the Father for providing for all your needs (see I Cor 10:31, Col 3:17). In this way, as St. Paul wrote, the simplest daily chore becomes "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," a true "spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1).

Fifth and Sixth: Visit those in Prison, Comfort the Sick Visiting those in prison certainly does not mean being "soft on crime." On the contrary, there are some crimes so horrible that their perpetrators must be completely and irrevocably quarantined, put behind bars for a long time or even for life, for the protection of society and to deter other criminals from daring to commit such evil acts in the future. With some violent criminals, society has little choice but to "lock them up and throw away the key." Throw away the key, indeed — but not the person. Punishment deters and quarantines and gives the criminal the opportunity to do penance. Our friendship through prayer has the capacity to reform and to heal. A true work of mercy is done by Christians who befriend those in correctional institutions in the name of Jesus Christ, thereby affirming their human dignity as persons made in God's image. Padre Pio built a hospital for the suffering. Visiting the "sick" in our world can



mean reaching out to the friendless in our local nursing homes: those who are "sick at heart" from being lonely and forgotten and who are regularly deprived of the basic human need called "friendship." This corporal work of mercy is relatively easy to do. Visiting the homebound elderly and the chronically and terminally ill is no easy task. Our mere presence, as someone willing to be a friend and a listening ear, can mean much more to them than we can imagine, and along the way they will be giving a precious gift to us as well: the gift of growth in the virtue of compassion.

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Prayers for Priests, Religious and Vocations



World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, has been designated since 1997 by the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, now St. John Paul II, as the day to pray for those in the consecrated life. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in the consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Prayer:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world! We humbly beg of Thee to manifest in Thy Church the Spirit Whom Thou didst so abundantly bestow upon Thy Apostles. Call, we pray Thee, very many to Thy priesthood and to the religious life. May zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls inflame those whom Thou hast chosen; may they be saints in Thy likeness, and may Thy Spirit strengthen them.

O Jesus, give us priests and religious according to Thine own Heart!

O Mary, Mother of Jesus! Obtain for fervent souls the grace to hear and the courage to follow thy Divine Son in the path of religious perfection.

Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Queen of Virgins, pray for us.



Prayer for a Priest

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him. In his sorrows, strengthen him. In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much. Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

Renew
their
knowledge
and love
of you.

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Seventh: Bury the Dead No doubt most of us make sure that our relatives and friends have a proper funeral service. But we also need to be aware of the needs of those who are grieving: struggling to "bury their dead" emotionally. Grieving can be a long and arduous process; shedding tears at a funeral rarely completes it. We need to help one another to truly bury our lost loved ones by letting go of them, entrusting them to the hands of our merciful Creator and Savior. That takes friendship — a patient friendship that keeps on visiting the bereaved, keeps on helping them dry their tears, even when the grieving process takes many months or even years. When we come to the Holy Eucharist, we are actually closer to the faithful departed than at any other time in our lives. After all, whether in

purgatory or in heaven, they are in the nearer presence of Jesus Christ, who is also uniquely present to us here on earth in the Blessed Sacrament. To be at "Holy Communion" with Him, therefore, is to be gathered up in a mysterious way into the whole "Communion of Saints" in this life and the life to come. Thus, we can make every Holy Eucharist a time of prayer for departed loved ones and encourage others to do the same.

To accept the challenge of being a true disciple of Jesus Christ, a Spiritual Child of St. Padre Pio, means making yourself available to whatever our Lord might call you to do in His service. Of course you can't possibly do all of the things that are suggested. But perhaps you can do a couple. This means opening your eyes, opening your hearts, and serving His children. It's our duty.

Corner

For the month of February, I chose to write about Saint Geltrude Comensoli. She is the Founder of the Sacramentine Sisters of Bergamo. In America, she is a lesser-known Saint, but she had a wonderful life. Saint Geltrude Comensoli was born on January 18, 1847, in Biunno, Italy. She was given the name Caterina and Baptized the same day. Caterina was a holy child. She would pray often and loved Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament dearly. Caterina longed for the Blessed Sacrament and could not be without the Blessed Sacrament any longer. So, one morning, she got up early, put on her mother's shawl, and went to the nearby Church of Saint Mary to secretly receive Jesus. She felt a heavenly experience at that moment and gave her life to Jesus. Caterina felt a call to start a Religious Institute of Sisters dedicated to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. With the support of her bishop and her friend, the recently Canonized, Saint Francesco Spinelli, she founded the Sacramentine Sisters of Bergamo on December 15, 1842. Caterina took the name Sister Geltrude of the Blessed Sacrament. She was known for her love for the Eucha-



rist and her love to serve the poor. On February 18, 1903, Saint Geltrude was in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and died. The people who knew Saint Geltrude Comensoli during her life believed her to be a Saint. Saint Geltrude Comensoli was beatified on October 1, 1989, by Saint Pope John Paul II. She was Canonized on April 26, 2009, by Pope Benedict XVI.

Saint Geltrude Comensoli is one of my favorite Saints. I pray to her very often and she is very dear to me. She was very reverent towards Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and I think that more people need to be like her. Saint Geltrude Comensoli's life was one for the Eucharist. I think we can be like Saint Geltrude Comensoli by imitating her virtues and by appreciating the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. Her Feast Day is February 18.

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, pray for us!

Prayer to Be Merciful to Others

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

You Yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy — if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: prayer — if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.

O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for You can do all things. Amen.

KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Call Helen Husky 440-232-3462 to add a member to the list.

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† OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

Rudy DiDonato, Padre Pio Prayer Group member

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS IN OUR ONLINE PRAYER BASKET, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters of Padre Pio,

It has been my prayer to better serve you in your path to holiness. One of the ways has been to go to Holy pilgrimage sites. The Holy Land pilgrimage was led by Fr. Terry O'Connell. He asked at the Mass in Shepherd's Field, "Why are you here?" Just like the shepherds heard the words "Come and see", that's what Jesus said to us, and we did. We walked in His holy footsteps. Scripture became alive and implanted in our hearts forever. Six married couples renewed their vows at Cana during the Mass. I always seem to say after every pilgrimage, "This is the best one yet!"

Sincerely,
Cindy Russo OFS



BEST WISHES to our *Spiritual Children* celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the month of February, and a very special *Happy Anniversary* to the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland as we celebrate our 6th Anniversary this month!

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