



**Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Prayer Groups**

*"It is prayer that spreads the smiles and blessings of the Lord"*

## **Vigil For The Liturgical Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina**

**22nd September 2022**

***Together to invoke peace***

### **Entrance Hymn**

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Silent Adoration*

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Priest: Brothers and sisters, "It is prayer that spreads the smiles and blessings of the Lord" is an expression of Padre Pio taken from the speech he prepared for the tenth anniversary of Casa Sollievo, in 1966, two years before his death.*

In this vigil we will listen again to some of the words of Padre Pio's, to reflect together on the mission that he left us, that of praying for the needs of everyone, of our families, of the needy, of the Church and of the whole world.

During this moment of prayer, we particularly want to invoke the gift of peace from God, so that in his mercy, he can lead all men and women towards a path of reconciliation and mutual respect.

*You can sing a song that invokes the Spirit of peace or a song that praises peace.*

*Priest: Lord, our peace, come and renew our hearts*

**All: Kyrie eleison**

*Priest: Christ Jesus who sacrificed yourself as a victim of reconciliation, come and give us salvation*

**All: Christe eleison**

*Priest: Lord Jesus, after your resurrection, you appeared to the apostles. Let us live in the peace for which you died and rose again.*

**All: Kyrie eleison**

### **Lets Pray**

O God, author and lover of peace, to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign; protect the people who invoke you from any aggression, so that, trusting in your defence, we shall not fear the weapons of any enemy. For our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God, and he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all ages. Amen

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### From the book of the prophet Isaiah (52,7-10)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Salmo 133

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

### Alleluia alleluia

Whatever you ask of my Father in my name, he will grant you.

**Alleluia.**

### **From the Gospel according to John(14,27-31)**

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, „I am going away, and I will come to you.“ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here”.

Word of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

### **From the speech of Padre Pio on the tenth anniversary of the inauguration of Casa Sollievo**

My dear children of Italy and around the world, to all of you, near and far, peace and blessing from the Lord. While speaking to you on this solemn and memorable day, my soul is greatly moved by Divine Providence which in a truly extraordinary way has been generously supporting the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" for the last ten years.

I am still touched and thankful towards those who from the very first hour collaborated in the implementation of this Work and now from Heaven, where they have gone to receive the reward of their generous charity, continue to lend spiritual assistance to the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza". My paternal thoughts go particularly to the Prayer Groups, who are widespread in the world and are present today on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the "Casa" and for their second International Conference.

Together with the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza", they are the frontline of this "City of charity", as they are nurseries of faith and hearts of love, in which Christ himself is present whenever they gather for prayer and the Holy Sacrament, under the guidance of their Shepherds and spiritual Directors. It is prayer, this joint force of all good souls, which moves the world, which renews consciences, which sustains the "Casa", which comforts the suffering, which heals the sick, which sanctifies work, which elevates medical assistance, which gives moral strength and Christian resignation to human suffering, which spreads the smiles and blessings of the Lord upon the weak and the frail.

Pray- as much as you can, my children, pray always, without ever getting tired, because it is to prayer that I entrust this Work, which came about because of God's will and which will continue to stand and prosper thanks to the help of Divine Providence and the spiritual and charitable contribution of all the souls who pray.

May the Almighty and Merciful Lord, who welcomes in Himself all the benefits made to the suffering brothers, reward you in a thousand doubles, with a full, crushed, superabundant measure.

### **Adoration hymn**

*Time for personal worship*

*Priest: Brothers and sisters, with a spirit of gratitude towards the Lord for giving us Saint Pio of Pietrelcina as a model of life and our particular intercessor, we want to pray for his Work, the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, as grateful sons and daughters, so that it may always be faithful to its mission.*

O holy and glorious God, so full of love for your children  
You sent your Son to give us life and salvation,  
we thank you because the Holy Spirit,  
poured out on the Church by Jesus  
continues to bring forth brothers and sisters  
who put their own existence at the service  
of the poor, the suffering and the needy,  
following the example of Christ.  
Through the intercession of Padre Pio,  
who carried the signs of Jesus' love on his body,  
grant to his Work, the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza,  
the grace to be faithful to the charisma of its founder,  
so that all of us can bring your love to the bed of the sick:  
make the Casa a temple of life,  
guiding hearts to loyalty and transparency in their actions.  
Instill feelings of gratitude and love  
in the Prayer Groups and in the devotees of Padre Pio  
so that even today they may be the sign of that same Providence  
which wanted this work as a testimony  
to all of the boundless trust in the Love and Mercy of God.

- *padre Franco Moscone crs*

## **Homily**

Adoration hymn

*Silent prayer*

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Brothers and sisters, May the joy and amazement of Mary when she embraced the Son of God whom She had just born to life be our amazement and our joy in finding that we are brothers in him, called to invoke God with the name of "Father".

Let us pray together and say: **Father, give us your peace!**

· May our leaders who call themselves Christians get over ethnic hatreds and national rivalries by rediscovering in Christ the reasons for a fraternity that generates peace, freedom and social justice. Let's pray. **Father, give us your peace!**

· May every man and woman, in the amazement of seeing God's smile shine in Christ, recover the sentiments, gestures, words of a renewed fraternity. Let's pray. **Father, give us your peace!**

· May all Christians, despite receiving the Gospel to different traditions, feel confirmed in fraternal communion by sharing the joyful experience of the encounter with Christ. Let's pray. · May all priests be among men as a word that brings about conversion, may they see their neighbour not as an enemy, but a brother to take care of. Let us pray. **Father, give us your peace!**

· May our community be the place where we learn to combine the Word with the events of life and history in order to put in place a universal brotherhood in Christ. Let us pray. **Father, give us your peace!**

· May the praise of the poor be raised to God from all over the earth who see their hopes fulfilled in the growth of a real brotherhood among people and between peoples. Let's pray. **Father, give us your peace!**

### **Our Father**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the great gift of peace, without ever getting tired; listen to the prayer of this your people who alongside Our Lady invokes the gift of the Spirit to walk paths of peace towards the encounter with you. For Christ our Lord. Amen

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR ALL PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUPS**

Lord Jesus, You called us to be together  
as followers in Padre Pio's footsteps:

Give us your Spirit

So that with You we can say,

"Abbà Father".

Through the intercession of Padre Pio,

Who was apostle of the Divine Mercy,

Make us missionaries of peace and mercy

For all the peoples of our times.

Inspire us with feelings of loyalty and love,

So that we can become witnesses of Your Gospel in our families,

at work and among people.

Pour down Your blessings on us gathered here together,

so that filled with Your grace,

we may become like new creatures

Who trust totally in Your Divine Providence.

We want to abandon ourselves into Your embrace,

and looking towards Mount Tabor,

we shall follow You on Calvary,

Children and apostles of Your sanctifying love.

*+ padre Franco Moscone crs*

## **BLESSING WITH THE HOLY SACRAMENT**

Hymn of adoration

### **Let us pray**

Lord Jesus Christ, who left us the memorial of your Passover in the sacrament of the Eucharist, let us adore the holy mystery of your Body and Blood with a passionate faith, in order to always feel the benefits of redemption in us. You are God ...

*Blessed be God.*

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen.

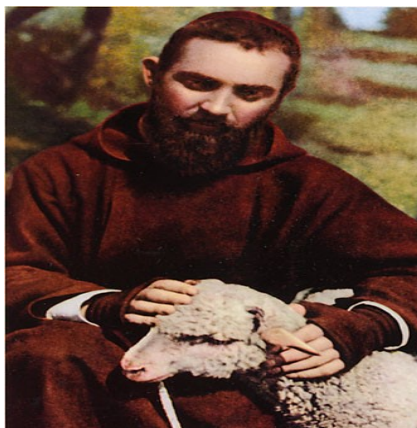
### **Hymn to Padre Pio**

#### **Image of Christ, marked with His Blood, effigy of the Cross in the body of the Church!**

You know, good Cyrenean, what it is to perform in you the trials and sufferings of our Savior;  
You know, good Cyrenean, what it is to carry the weight on the shoulders of your many brothers.

The Father, who is moved, celebrates the prodigal son.

Relive again, Padre Pio, beside those who are far away, and the Father who is in heaven and does mercy, for you faithful servant gives peace to those who return.



Padre Pio the Good Shepherd