

Coronavirus: A Prayer For All The Prayer Groups Of Padre Pio Scattered Around The World

Petition to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina in time of "coronavirus"

The adherents to the "Padre Pio prayer groups" and "all the devotees of the saint" will be able to resort to his intercession, in this emergency period, to obtain an end to the scourge of the coronavirus, with the words of a specific supplication, specially written by the archbishop of Manfredonia - Vieste - San Giovanni Rotondo, father Franco Moscone, who is also president of Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza and general director of the Prayer Groups.

The prelate read it for the first time this evening, at the end of the homily, during the evening Eucharistic celebration presided over by him in the crypt of the sanctuary of Santa Maria delle Grazie.

The Mass was held behind closed doors, concelebrated by the Capuchin friars of the convent of San Giovanni Rotondo. But in the previous days the Archbishop had issued an appeal to the Saint's prayer groups and devotees, asking to "join spiritually" with him in this celebration through the direct broadcast by *Padre Pio Tv* .

Father Franco began his reflection, visibly excited, with "a confidence: in the situation in which we are living, it is not easy, even for a bishop, to comment on the word of God and to hold the homily, because we expect security, we expect comfort. But I assure you that they are not easy to transmit ». "The strength - he explained - comes from the Word of the Lord and is, for us, also in this place that preserves the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina and where the Crucifix was placed, in front of which he received the stigmata". However, before going into the commentary on the readings proposed by the liturgy on the fourth Sunday of Lent, the pastor invited "to remove from us certain images of a chastening God, who judges and condemns", recalling that, instead, he "lives of mercy. and forgiveness ».

We report below the text of the supplication to allow each one to repeat it in personal or family prayer.

SUPPLICATE TO SAN PIO DA PIETRELCINA in time of "coronavirus"

O glorious Padre Pio, when you set up *Prayer Groups* you "*joined us at Casa Sollievo, as advanced positions of this Citadel of charity*", and you assured us that our vocation is to be "*nurseries of faith and hotbeds of love, in which Christ himself is present* » .

In this time of pandemic it becomes impossible to gather physically as *Prayer Groups* , but each of us knows that we are a *person of prayer* in communion with many others and knows many of their names and faces. In this tragic or glorious time, P. Pio, make us feel that we are truly united in one *large Group* which embraces the whole world and which makes itself the voice of all the *Citadels of charity* who struggle, suffer and pay with their professionalism to defeat the evil of the coronavirus.

O glorious Padre Pio, mediate our prayer to the Crucified Christ, from whom you were constituted *Cyrene of humanity* .

Through your mediation we want to intercede:

· For *people affected* by the virus and for those who have left this world for this scourge: "wounded and fallen" of a war that has come suddenly and without being declared;

- For the *families of the deceased and the sick* , marked in the most dear and apprehensive bonds: "unarmed victims" of an enemy who has come to modify affections and relationships like a thief;
- For *those forced into isolation in quarantine* : experience almost of "house arrest", not because of a fault committed, but touched by an incomprehensible event, perhaps infected while performing their professional duty;
- For *family doctors and first aid operators* : in the "trench", with little safety and, sometimes, without means to fight an invisible enemy;
- For *doctors , nurses , health workers and workers*, all from hospital wards: "battlefields" without schedules, shifts and with forces that seem to decrease;
- For those responsible for civil life, *rulers and administrators* : leaders in calamitous times, obliged to take decisions that appear bitter and unpopular;
- For the world of economy, for *workers , workers and entrepreneurs* of all categories, who see their business weakened and fear for the resistance of their businesses: it will be up to them to rebuild at the end of this "war"; that creativity and a sense of the common good are strengthened in them;
- For the *forgotten* : the elderly and people who live alone, beggars and homeless people, all categories that have remained "excluded" from social circles, which were already in default and weak towards them;
- For the *last* who no longer appear in journalistic and television information: *emigrants , refugees* , those who risk their lives by crossing "our sea" on boats: all these still exist, as before, and continue their Calvary;
- For each of us, who lives this time with a wounded heart, but knows that especially in a situation like this it must be even more a *nursery of faith and a hotbed of love* .

Help us, glorious Padre Pio, to intercede for all these people: I am the *flesh of Christ* , I am the Eucharist, which we cannot receive in these days; I am the living Eucharist, made a weak and suffering person ... on their faces the Face of the Son of God shines, the *sweet Jesus Crucified and Risen*. Amen.

