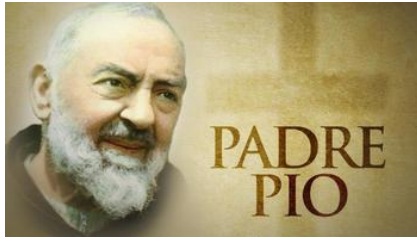


# Saint Padre Pio Sacred Heart Novena Prayer Chaplet

Feast Day: September 21

Patron Saint: Healing,  
Stress Relief, Civil  
Defense Volunteers, and  
Adolescents



*It is made up of a medal of Padre Pio followed by fifteen beads and ending with a medal of the Sacred Heart. The prayer below (written by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque) was the one Padre Pio would use when people asked him to pray for them.*

## On the Padre Pio medal:

Dear God, You generously blessed Your servant, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, with the gifts of the Spirit.

You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son.

Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio labored endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls.

With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of Mass, he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, I confidently beseech You to grant me the grace of (here state your petition).

**First Set:** On the first bead say: O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of (name you request).

Second bead: Our Father.

Third bead: Hail Mary.

Fourth bead: Glory be to the Father.

Fifth bead: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

**Second Set:** First bead: O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you." Behold in Your Name I ask the Father for the grace of (name your request).

Second bead: Our Father.

Third bead: Hail Mary.

Fourth bead: Glory be to the Father.

Fifth bead: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

**Third Set:** First bead: O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but My words will not pass away." Encouraged by Your infallible words I now ask for the grace of (mention your request).

Second bead: Our Father.

Third bead: Hail Mary.

Fourth bead: Glory be to the Father.

Fifth bead: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

On the **Sacred Heart medal** say: O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of You, through the sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your tender Mother and ours.

Say the **Hail Holy Queen** and add: Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

## Padre Pio's Prayer to Jesus

Oh my Jesus, give me Your strength when my weak nature rebels against the distress and suffering of this life of exile, and enable me to accept everything with serenity and peace.

With my whole strength I cling to Your merits, Your sufferings, Your expiation, and Your tears, so that I may be able to cooperate with You in the work of salvation.

Give me strength to fly from sin, the only cause of Your agony, Your sweat of blood, and Your death. Destroy in me all that displeases You and fill my heart with the fire of Your holy love and all Your sufferings.

Clasp me tenderly, firmly, close to You that I may never leave You alone in Your cruel Passion. I ask only for a place of rest in Your Heart. Amen.



## The Life of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He was the son of peasant farmers Grazio Mario Forgione and Maria Giuseppa Di Nunzio. He had three younger sisters (Felicita, Pellegina, and Grazia) and one older brother (Michele), as well as two other siblings who had passed away as infants.

Padre Pio was baptized in the Church of Saint Ann in Pietrelcina. He was an altar server later on in this same chapel. By the time he was five years old, he had already made the decision to dedicate his life to God. He began taking on penances to prove his dedication and love for God. He expressed great desire to be involved with the Catholic faith, mainly because of his upbringing. The Forgione family was devoted to their faith. They were all devout Catholics, but Francesco had a deeper connection.

As a child, he worked on the farm by taking care of a small flock of sheep that the family owned until the age of 10, which delayed his education greatly. When it came time to join the Capuchin order, he was told he needed to be better educated before he could become involved. He was able to receive private tutoring at the age of 15 and this allowed him to enter the novitiate with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Morcone. This is where he took on the name "Friar Pio". Capuchin priests seek extreme poverty, strictness, and simplicity. They try to live as closely to St. Francis' ideals as possible.

Once he joined the Friary of St. Francis, he had several bouts of serious illness and religious ecstasy. Friars would report that strange noises would come from his cell. Padre Pio had frequently spoken about attacks from the devil, and it was there where these battles had taken place. Although he was very ill, he was still ordained a priest in 1910 at the Cathedral of Benevento in southern Italy.

In November of 1914, World War I began and many Capuchins became drafted in the Italian Army. Padre Pio served his country in the 10th Company for the Italian Medical Corps. His title was "Private Francesco Forgione". His illness stayed persistent and he grew ill. He has extreme stomach pain and the Italian army doctors diagnosed him with chronic bronchitis. He took a leave of absence for medical reasons and returned to his beloved town of Pietrelcina.

In 1916, Padre Pio moved to our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary located in San Giovanni Rotondo. There he taught the students at the seminary and prayed alongside the townspeople. Due to the war, many Capuchins were drafted and only seven friars were at the friary when he arrived.

Padre Pio was called back into active duty in August of 1917. He had to take a medical leave of absence again in November, and was given a permanent discharge on March 16, 1918. He would go and visit his hometown for

the last time in his whole life, and then returned to the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo. He stayed here for the remainder of his life.

In August of 1918 (some reports state it started as early as 1910), he began experiencing a painful stigmata that would come and go over a period of weeks. This would soon become permanent, and remain on his body for the next 50 years. It only disappeared miraculously a few days before his death in September 1968. Countless experts and doctors looked at his wounds with no clear explanation. Some questioned the authenticity of the wounds, and others could not find a sure diagnosis. Many professionals saw the wounds but did not keep a written record of their thoughts. Padre Pio never had a fever or drops in blood pressure, but the wounds bled day after day for 50 years.

In the beginning, Padre Pio felt great humiliation at the wounds on his body. The visible stigmata on his body was one that brought him great pain, but he welcomed it. He welcomed the pain for all of mankind. He had stated many times that his "greatest wish was to die." He was visited by so many pilgrims wishing to see some of the miraculous manifestations that his presence attracted.

Padre Pio died of a heart attack at Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo on September 23rd, 1968. When died, many of the friars were eager and willing to begin the great process of canonization. This is when a mystic can become named a saint in the eyes of the Catholic Church. The memory of Padre Pio was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Mass on May 2nd, 1999. This was held in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

On June 16th, 2002, Padre Pio was Canonized by Pope John Paul II.

<https://padrepio.com/padre-pio/biography/>



### Padre Pio's Prayer for Trust and Confidence

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence 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 mountain 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.