



The day of fidelity

22nd January 2024

Anniversary of the Religious Dressing of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Every year our Prayer Groups are called to confirm their commitment of fidelity to the Gospels, following the spirituality of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, their founder.

THE RITE OF THE OATH OF FIDELITY

The rite of this commitment of fidelity is celebrated on the day we commemorate the dressing of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, January 22 (or another day agreed upon with the Spiritual Assistant). If Holy Mass is celebrated, this rite can be performed after the homily or before the final blessing.

Song

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

the Lord is with you.

and with your spirit

Let us open our spirit to his voice, and in remembrance of our Baptism and in prayer we show our gratitude to the Lord for the gift of faith.

We give thanks to the Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Jesus says: “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness”. (John 12:46)

Lord Jesus, our light, make it possible for us to walk in the light of your Word and live in the light of your friendship.

Psalm 143

Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word!

Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your word.

My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.



My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.
Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.
Let my soul live and praise you,
and let your rules help me.
I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.
Amen

O God, good and faithful, You create the existence of man and renew him, look with love at the people you have chosen and call incessantly new generations to establish their friendly relationship with You, so that, according to your promise, they can joyfully receive as a gift the dignity of children of God. For Christ our Lord.

Meditations from the writings of St. Padre Pio

All of us are not called by God to save souls and spread His glory by the noble apostolate of preaching. Remember, moreover, that this is not the only means of achieving these two great ideals. One can promote God's glory and work for the salvation of souls by means of a truly Christian life, by praying without ceasing that "His kingdom come", that His name "be hallowed", that "we may not be led into temptation" and that He "deliver us from evil".
This is what we ought to do, offering ourselves continually to the Lord for this purpose. We are asked to pray for the wicked, pray for the lukewarm, pray even for fervent souls, but pray especially for the Supreme Pontiff, for all the spiritual and temporal needs of the Holy Church, our most tender mother. We can also offer a special prayer for all those who are working for the salvation of souls and for God's glory on the mission to many infidels and unbelievers.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Where possible, those who have chosen to be part of the Prayer Group arrange themselves around the altar.

Brothers and sisters, through Baptism, in Jesus's Passover we were buried with him in death to rise to new life. In various ways, the Lord has led us to learn about the spirituality of Padre Pio and to look at him as a model in following and imitating Christ poor and obedient to the Father. Following his example, we renew the promises of our Baptism, committing ourselves to recognise the voice of Jesus who calls us by name and invites us to follow Him.



Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

I do

God and Father of Jesus, who freed us from sin and made us to be reborn from water and from the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina may He protect us with His grace, in the Lord Jesus, for eternal life.

Amen

Let us invoke together the intercession of Mary Most Holy, of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and of all the saints, so that with their help we can be persevering in our purposes:

Holy Mary, Mother of God	pray for us
Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	pray for us
St. John the Baptist	pray for us
St. Joseph	pray for us
Holy apostles and evangelists	pray for us
St. Peter	pray for us
St. Paul	pray for us
St. Mary Magdalene	pray for us
Saint Benedict	pray for us
St. Dominic	pray for us
Saint Francis of Assisi	pray for us
Saint Clare of Assisi	pray for us
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina	pray for us
St. John Paul II	pray for us
Saint Teresa of Calcutta	pray for us
Saints of God	pray for us



FIDELITY COMMITMENT

Brothers and sisters, the Church invites us to live in the spirit of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, the charism of prayer and help to the suffering, living our fidelity to the Gospel to be salt of the earth and light of the world, we now publicly renew that commitment of fidelity that many times, on a personal level, we presented to Padre Pio, invoking his protection.

O Father,
you have chosen and called us to be
«nurseries of the faith, the fertile soil of love»,
we commit, here in front of our community,
to be ministers of prayer and service to the sufferings;
to renounce sin with serious commitment;
to grow in virtues, especially within our families;
to share our journey in this Prayer Group,
following the spirituality of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and the teachings of the Church.
We promise fidelity to the Pope, to our pastors
and to the commitments we take on the common journey with the brothers and sisters of our
Group.
In the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi,
we choose to welcome the needy,
to support the poor and be loving and respectful of creation.
Virgin Mary, You who guided the journey of St. Pio of Pietrelcina,
welcome our holy desires and accompany us on our journey towards holiness.
Amen.

Our Father...

the Lord is with you
and with your spirit

May Almighty God, through Whom You we were born to a new life from the water and the Holy Spirit, bless you all, so that wherever you will be, you may be living members of his Church: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

May the Almighty God give you His peace: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen