

St. Padre Pio

September 23

Who was St. Padre Pio?

Saint Padre Pio, born Francesco Forgione, was a Capuchin friar and mystic who is acknowledged for his spiritual gifts and intense devotion to God. He was an Italian priest who is remembered for his piety and charity. One day, while taking confessions, St. Padre Pio noticed sharp pain in his hands and feet; the stigmata, the wounds of Christ on the Cross, had appeared on his body.

From a young age, Padre Pio exhibited a strong love for spirituality and a deep devotion to a prayerful life. In 1903, at the age of 16, he entered the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and took the name Pio in honour of Saint Pius V. He entered the priesthood in 1910 and spent the majority of his life in the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

St. Padre Pio's life was marked by his intense devotion to prayer and his remarkable spiritual experiences. He spent several hours each day in prayer, particularly focusing on the contemplation of the Passion of Christ. St. Padre Pio became distinguished for his gift of healing, both physically and spiritually.

From the stigmata, St. Padre Pio's fame spread, attracting numerous pilgrims in search of his counsel, confession and prayers. Despite the attention, he was known for his humility, gentleness, and compassion, as he provided spiritual guidance and support to countless individuals. His confessional ministry was especially acclaimed, as he spent long hours hearing confessions and offering forgiveness and guidance to lost souls.

Throughout his life, Padre Pio endured severe criticism and faced skepticism from those within and outside the Church who accused him of fraud. However, his holiness, the authenticity of his stigmata and the countless testimonies of healings and spiritual conversions associated with him eventually led to widespread recognition and confirmation of his abilities.

St. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968, and was proclaimed a saint by St. Pope John Paul II in 2002. His life and teachings continue to inspire millions of people around the world. The San Giovanni Rotondo friary, where he resided for the majority of his life, has become a major pilgrimage site, drawing believers who seek spiritual comfort and intercession through his prayers.

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Quotes

"You must speak to Jesus also with the heart, besides the lips; indeed, in certain cases, you must speak to him only with the heart."

"God loves man with an infinite love and when he punishes he does so with reverence, almost fearing to hurt."

"Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God."

Prayer

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit:

Heavenly Father,
I thank you for loving me.
I thank you for sending us your Son to the world to save and to set me free.
I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

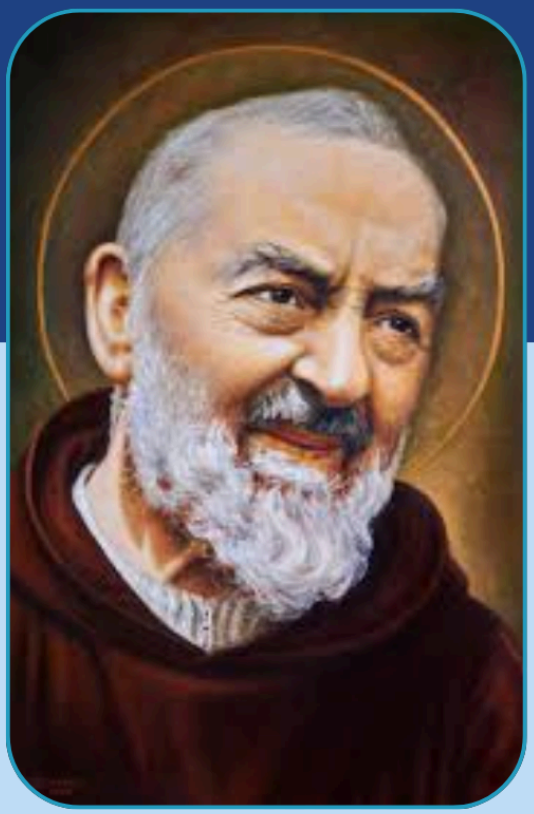
Loving Father, help me now with your healing hands,
for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit.
Look upon me with the most precious love of your Son, Jesus Christ
and please give me the strength to continue to heal and work towards wellness,
from the top of my head to the souls of my feet.

Amen.

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FEAST DAY:
September 23

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Woodbridge, ON

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God."
-St. Padre Pio

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