

**Banagher Parish Novena in Honour of
St. Pio of Pietrelcina 2024**

Evening Devotions – Tuesday 24th September

Communal Prayer

A Prayer of St. Pio after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak
and I need your strength.

Stay with me, Lord, for you are my life
and without you I am without fervour.

Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light
and without you I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear your voice and follow you.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love you very much
and always be in your company.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I may be faithful to you.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late
and the day is coming to a close.

Stay with me, Jesus, in life with all its dangers.

Stay with me Lord, and let me recognise you
in Holy Communion as your disciples did
at the breaking of bread.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death,
I want to remain united to you.

Stay with me, Lord, because I love you
and ask no other reward but to love you
on earth and during all eternity. Amen.

Hymn: Nearer My God to Thee

1. Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me:
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to Thee,
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone:
Yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
3. Deep in Thy sacred heart, let me abide
Thou who hast come for me, suffered and died.
Sweet shall my weeping be, grief surely leading me,
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Greeting/Opening Rite

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Welcome

The Cross is the great symbol of God's love for us. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ our Saviour and brother, eternal life is offered to us. In Baptism we share in the death and resurrection of Christ, the Light of the world. The Easter candle, the paschal candle, which we light at Christenings and Funerals, symbolizes Christ presence among us. As his brothers and sisters we, his followers, take that light to others.

Through the waters of Baptism we have been united with the suffering of Christ. And so I invite you to trace the cross on your forehead.

The congregation trace the sign of the cross on their foreheads.

Through the waters of Baptism we have received the call to proclaim Christ by our way of life. And so I invite you to trace the sign of the cross on your lips.

The congregation trace the sign of the cross on their lips.

Through the waters of Baptism we have been empowered to bring the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters. And so I invite you to trace the sign of the cross on your heart.

The congregation trace the sign of the cross on their hearts.

Scripture: 1 John 3:18-19a,21-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 40

(All pray together)

**I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.**

**You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim,
instead here am I.**

**In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.**

Your justice I have proclaimed

Virgin most faithful	Pray for us
Mirror of justice	Pray for us
Seat of wisdom	Pray for us
Cause of our joy	Pray for us
Spiritual vessel	Pray for us
Vessel of honour	Pray for us
Singular vessel of devotion	Pray for us
Mystical Rose	Pray for us
Tower of David	Pray for us
Tower of Ivory	Pray for us
Ark of the covenant	Pray for us
Gate of heaven	Pray for us
Morning Star	Pray for us
Health of the sick	Pray for us
Refuge of sinners	Pray for us
Comforter of the afflicted	Pray for us
Help of Christians	Pray for us
Queen of angels	Pray for us
Queen of patriarchs	Pray for us
Queen of prophets	Pray for us
Queen of Apostles	Pray for us
Queen of Martyrs	Pray for us
Queen of Confessors	Pray for us
Queen of Virgins	Pray for us
Queen of all Saints	Pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin	Pray for us
Queen assumed into heaven	Pray for us
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary	Pray for us
Queen of peace	Pray for us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	Spare us O Lord
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	Graciously hear us,
	O Lord
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	Have mercy on us,
	O Lord
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God	That we may be made worthy
	of the promises of Christ

Eternal God,
let your people enjoy constant health in mind and body.
Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary
free us from the sorrows of this life
and lead us to happiness in the life to come.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We are a people united in faith and in trust. We are a people united in the family of God. We are a people united in Baptism. Together, let us pray to God in the words Jesus taught us.

Our Father

Prayer of Petition (Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Pio)

St. Pio, teach us, we pray, humility of heart,
so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel
to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of his Kingdom.
Help us to pray without ceasing,
certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him.
Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize
in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus.
Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and, if we fall,
let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness.
Grant us your tender devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus and our Mother.
Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed Homeland,
where we too, hope to arrive to contemplate forever
the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.