

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

Evening Devotions – Wednesday 25th 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: Enter, Rejoice and Come In

1. Enter, rejoice and come in.
Enter, rejoice and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice and come in.
2. Open your ears to the song.
Open your ears to the song.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice and come in.
3. Lift up your hearts to the Lord.
Lift up your hearts to the Lord.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice and come in.

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: Philippians 4:6-9

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 85

(All pray together)

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am faithful:
save the servant who trusts in you.**

**You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
Give joy to your servant, O Lord,
for to you I lift up my soul.**

**O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.**

**In the day of distress I will call
and surely you will reply.
Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord;
nor work to compare with yours.**

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 (Lec I, p.272)

Talk: Brendan McGinn

Hymn/Music

Litany of Loreto

In our need we humbly ask Mary our help to pray for us.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
God, Our Father in heaven	Have mercy on us
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world	Have mercy on us
God, the Holy Spirit	Have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, one God	Have mercy on us
Holy Mary	Pray for us
Holy Mother of God	Pray for us
Holy Virgin of Virgins	Pray for us
Mother of Christ	Pray for us
Mother of Divine Grace	Pray for us
Mother most pure	Pray for us
Mother most chaste	Pray for us
Mother inviolate	Pray for us
Mother undefiled	Pray for us
Mother most amiable	Pray for us
Mother most admirable	Pray for us
Mother of good counsel	Pray for us
Mother of our Creator	Pray for us
Mother of our Saviour	Pray for us
Virgin most prudent	Pray for us
Virgin most venerable	Pray for us
Virgin most renowned	Pray for us
Virgin most powerful	Pray for us
Virgin most merciful	Pray for us
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: Colours of Day

1. Colours of day dawn into the mind.
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down to the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

Refrain:

So light up the fire and let the flame burn.

Open the door, let Jesus return.

Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow.

Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.

2. Go through the park, on into the town.
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again.
The people of darkness are needing our friend.

Chorus:

So light up the fire and let the flame burn.

Open the door, let Jesus return.

Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow.

Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.