

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

Closing Ceremony – Sunday 29th 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: Guardian Angel

1. Guardian angel from heaven so bright,
watching beside me to lead me aright,
fold thy wings round me, O guard me with love;
softly sing songs to me of heav'n above.
Chorus:
**Beautiful angel, my guardian so mild,
Tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.**
2. Angel so holy whom God sends to me,
Sinful and lowly, my guardian to be.
Wilt thou not cherish the child of thy care?
Let me not perish, my trust is thy care. **Chorus**
3. O may I never forget thou art near;
But keep me ever, in love and in fear.
Waking and sleeping, in labour and rest,
In thy sweet keeping my life shall be blessed. **Chorus**

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 communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

Welcome

Each evening of our Novena, we have begun our devotions tracing the sign of the cross on our foreheads, on our lips and on our hearts reminding ourselves that our Baptism unites us with the suffering of Christ and empowers us to bring the love of Christ to others. On this last day of our Novena, we bless water and renew our baptismal promises to remind us of our connection with our sisters and brothers in the faith here on earth and with our brothers and sisters in the faith, such as St. Pio, in heaven.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Dear friends, through the Paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism so that we may rise with him to a new life. Let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church. Our response is: **I do.**

Do you reject Satan? **I do.**

And all his works? **I do.**

And all his empty promises? **I do.**

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, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now 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, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you therefore to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 22
(All pray together)

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.**

**He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and staff;
with these you give me comfort.**

**You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.**

**Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 (I p.1014)

Hymn/Music

Litany of Loreto

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

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
God, Our Father in heaven
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Have mercy on us
Have mercy on 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.

Blessing of Candles

Blessing of Roses

Hymn: **An Ephesian Prayer**

**Chorus: May the Lord, our God, bless you with love.
May the Lord, our God, fill you with peace.
May he lead you and guide you,
may he love you with compassion.
May God bless you and hold you;
may he always live in you.**

1. From the wealth of his glory
may you have power through his spirit
to be strong within yourself
and to build your lives on love.

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May the Lord, our God, fill you with peace.
May he lead you and guide you,
may he love you with compassion.
May God bless you and hold you;
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