



Fondazione Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza  
Centro Gruppi di Preghiera di Padre Pio

## **SUPPLICATION TO PADRE PIO IN TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

**O glorious Padre Pio,**

when you set up Prayer Groups you "*placed us alongside Casa Sollievo, at the forefront of this little Citadel of Charity*", and you assured us that our vocation is to be "*nurseries of faith and centres of love in which Christ Himself is present*".

In this time of Pandemic it is impossible to unite physically as Prayer Groups, but each of us knows that we are a person of prayer in communion with many others – many of whom we know the names and faces.

In this tragic time, o glorious Padre Pio, let us feel that we are truly united as *one large Group* which embraces the whole world and is the voice of all the *Citadels of Charity* which struggle, suffer and pay with their professionalism to overcome this evil of the Coronavirus.

**O glorious Padre Pio, be a mediator of our prayer to Christ Crucified, from whom you became a Cyrene for humanity.**

Through your mediation we wish to intercede:

- for *people affected* by the virus - and for those who have left this world through this scourge;
- for *the families of the deceased and the sick*, marked through intimate bonds "unarmed victims" of an enemy who came as a thief to modify things and relationships;
- for *those in forced isolation in quarantine*, almost an experience of "house arrest" not for any crime they have committed but touched by an incomprehensible event, perhaps infected whilst carrying out their professional duty;
- for *family doctors and first aiders*: "in the trench" with little safety and without the means to fight an invisible enemy;
- for *doctors, nurses, health workers and all workers* of hospital wards: "battle fields" without hours, shifts and with forces that seem to diminish;
- for those responsible for civil life, *rulers and administrators*: leaders in times of calamity, obliged to make decisions which appear bitter and unpopular;
- for the world economy, for *workers, entrepreneurs* of all categories, who see their work activities weakened and fear resistance in having to rebuild their businesses themselves: at the end of this "war" so that creativity and good will be strengthened in them;
- for the *forgotten*: the *elderly* and *people who live alone, beggars* and the *homeless*, all categories who have remained as "excluded" by social circles which were already suffering and weak;
- for those who are no longer mentioned in journalistic or televised news: *migrants, the refugees* who risk their lives crossing "our sea" on boats. All these still exist as before and continue their calvary;
- for each one of us, who live with a wounded heart at this time but who know in a situation like this, that we must be even more a *nursery of faith and centre of love*.

Help us o glorious Padre Pio, to intercede for all these people: they are the *flesh of Christ*, they are the Eucharist which we cannot receive these days: they are the living Eucharist, made up of weak and suffering people.....the face of the Son of God shines on their faces. "*Sweet Jesus Crucified and Risen*".

Amen!

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