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8th August 2008 (Night Prayer)

My dear children,

I thank you for your faithfulness to your prayers. I want you to embrace the grace you are given. Use this sanctifying grace to help you lead a virtuous life of holy love. The more you strive to embrace holiness the more grace you will be given. Do not try and take any part of your journey by your own means. Walk in trust and love and be guided by your Heavenly Father through Jesus His Son every moment of your day. I want you to walk in the present moment. You heard the reading today from Matthew 6:25-34 to trust in Divine providence and to fully comprehend that if your Heavenly Father cares for the birds in the sky and the flowers in the field how much more will He look after you and all your needs. You must learn to trust more in the guiding hand of your Heavenly Father. Do not be afraid to walk in blind faith. Do not worry about what tomorrow may bring. Have faith my little ones and walk always in the present moment. You will be looked after. God the Father is a God of infinite love. He longs for all of His children to come to know the fullness of this Divine love. Do not become trapped in the web of deception which satan tries to weave. Stay close to your Lord and God in every moment and you will receive the nourishment from my Son Jesus your Bread of life for you to live your life in the fullness of God's love. Surrender all your doubts and fears, your family problems and insecurities and walk the narrow path of salvation moment by moment with your Lord and Saviour Jesus by the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit.

8th August 2008

Thank you for inviting me to be with you this night. Know that the humble prayers which you offer to The Eternal Father are received with much gratitude by Him. Keep the peace and love of our Eternal Father with you always for through His grace you will have the courage to accept my adored son, Jesus, The Christ. Let Him live within you and be an example of His merciful love to all whom you meet. Be humble and obedient at all times for it is through obedience that you will show your true acceptance of God's will and providence in your life. Do not object to the trials which come to you but ask that God's will be shown to you through everything which happens to you and about you. Be filled with the joy which belongs to all who have accepted the gift of salvation that is promised by The Christ to all who come to him in honesty repentance and filled with the desire to transform their life. Be aware that all have different needs and different levels of understanding of God's presence. Be gentle with all who you proclaim the redemption through Jesus to and remain quiet and compassionate and persistent. Never allow the faith which you have to be weakened by the temptations to seek recognition for yourself for the service you offer. Let Jesus be your source of truth and the fountain of mercy which you will drink from. Do everything with Him as your guide and through His holy name. Dedicate each day to Him and be thankful for each day that He helps you to remain truly faithful to His example. Do not hesitate to try and serve because of a fear of failure. The only failure you can have is if you fail to try. Through your love and application of that love, you will grow in holiness and understanding. Trust and continue to strive for God's excellence to be visible to all of His children.



Through Mary
to Jesus

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Last night at the Rockingham City Council meeting it was approved that we could run S.O.U.L. Soup Patrol. This is great news and now we can get started on getting this up and running. While Eileen was at WYD she went to pray at the tomb of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and was given that we are to use him as our patron saint for the Soup Patrol. Pier Giorgio Frassati was a handsome,



athletic, courageous and devout Catholic who lived well and died young. He was born on April 6, 1901 in Turin, Italy and died there on July 4, 1925. Born into a prominent Italian family, he was an avid mountain climber and skier and was working toward a degree in mining engineering at the time of his death. Pier Giorgio was politically active during very turbulent and anti-clerical times in Italy – publicly opposing Fascism and participating in many Catholic demonstrations. He became a member of the Third Order of Dominicans and was very committed to daily Mass, the rosary and Eucharistic adoration. He was an active member of the conference of St. Vincent de Paul and faithfully served the poor and unfortunate in Turin.

He contracted polio from one of the poor whom he visited and died shortly afterward at the age

of 24. Much to his family's astonishment, the news of his death brought thousands of mourners to line the streets and pay their respects to the "Man of the Beatitudes" – the name later given him by Pope John Paul II. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati demonstrated that holiness is for everyone and that charity is the foundation of Christian life. He was beatified in May 1990. Yesterday while tidying my office I found a Novena through Pier Giorgio which I have printed on the next page. Eileen and I feel called to say this novena to pray that S.O.U.L. Soup Patrol will be effective in reaching out in love to those who are homeless or underprivileged. We would love if others felt called to also pray this novena before we start in our street ministry. We are hoping to be up and running by the end of September.

Day One

Jesus says: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “The faith given to me in Baptism surely suggests to me that of yourself you will do nothing; but if you have God as the centre of all your actions, then you will reach your goal.”

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, teach me true poverty of spirit. Help me understand that God cares for me; and that He asks me, in return, to care for others, especially those in need. Guide me to make choices in my life which will show a preference for service of God and neighbour, rather than accumulating financial wealth and social advantage for myself. Give me a special love for the poor and the sick.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is the Lover of the poor, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Two

Jesus says: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “Our life, in order to be Christian, has to be a continual renunciation, a continual sacrifice. But this is not difficult, if one thinks what these few years passed in suffering are, compared with eternal happiness where joy will have no measure or end, and where we shall have unimaginable peace.”

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, teach me that I must be able to mourn if I will be able to rejoice. Show me how to face my sorrow, and not avoid it or pretend that it does not exist. Help me to enter into any present sorrow, so that my soul can empty itself and be filled with God’s peace.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is our Consoler, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Three

Jesus says: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “With violence you sow hatred, and you harvest its bad fruits. With charity, you sow peace among men – not the peace that the world gives, but the true peace that only faith in Jesus Christ can give us in common brotherhood.”



Sr. Monica

This wonderful woman on the left is Eileen and my Year 11 teacher. She inspires us, is joyful, loving, caring, and truly a beautiful person. Sister Monica is a Presentation Sister and took the order to Thailand where she worked teaching English mainly to young seminarians. Through her connection with our family in around 1990 she asked whether the family would host exchange students from Thailand so that they could come to Australia in their summer holidays and learn English and experience the Australian lifestyle. In 1994 a group of us went to Thailand to visit the students and teachers who had stayed in Australia and it was then that I purchased the statue.

About 8 weeks ago Sr. Monica was flown home from Thailand as they found that she has Pancreatic Cancer. Please would you please pray with us through the intercession of Our Lady of Eternal Grace if it is the Will of God that Sr. Monica be healed. Sr. Monica feels that she still has work to do in Thailand.

We thank you all for the love and support that you show to Eileen and I. I am sorry if sometimes it takes a while for us to answer letters and e mails.

The House of Prayer is still very busy. We have just dug up my back yard and replaced it with raised vegetable beds. We have purchased another 4 chooks which brings our poultry numbers to 8. We have 4 living at Bethany and 4 living at St. Michael’s. St. Michael’s is another house that friends have bought and allow us to use for pilgrims. We also have vegetables growing at St. Michael’s.

We had full houses before and after WYD. We had 4 priests and 4 men stay before WYD and then the whole group of 20 from French speaking Gabon stayed on their way home. We had a lovely e mail from Fr. Pedro saying how much they all enjoyed the visit to the House of Prayer. We have also had 3 pilgrims from United States staying with a priest also.

We lost majority of our fences during a recent mini tornado. God is so good as we also lost the aviary but found it under a neighbours patio and by the end of the day had recovered nearly all the birds. We still have one half of a fence to be replaced. It was such a blessing that the house was not touched as people near lost roofs and extensive damage. I was praying at the time in the Shrine and in about 30 secs my fences etc were gone. We also thank God that no one was injured during this time.

People still visit the Shrine of the Weeping Madonna from all over the world. Even though Our Lady stopped weeping last February people comment that the face changes. We still have the prayer vigil on the first Saturday to pray against abortion. We also now come back after 8.30am Mass to the Shrine and say a rosary for the same intention.

The Days of Prayer this year have been particularly special. We decorate the altar with flowers and say The Servants of the Little Way prayers followed by Midday Prayers and then lunch. There is such a feeling of love on these days.

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.
All the angels and saints, pray for us.
Blessed Pier Giorgio, pray for us. (Repeat after each invocation.)

Loving son and brother,
Support of family life,
Friend of the friendless,
Most Christian of companions,
Leader of youth,
Helper of those in need,
Teacher of charity,
Patron of the poor,
Comfort of the sick,
Athlete for God's kingdom,
Conqueror of life's mountains,
Defender of truth and virtue,
Opponent of every injustice,
Patriotic citizen of the nation,
Loyal son of the Church,
Devoted child of the Madonna,
Ardent adorer of the Eucharist,
Fervent student of the Scriptures,
Dedicated follower of St. Dominic,
Apostle of prayer and fasting,
Guide to a deep love for Jesus,
Diligent in work and study,
Joyful in all of life's circumstances,
Strong in safeguarding chastity,
Silent in pain and suffering,
Faithful to the promises of Baptism,
Model of humility,
Example of detachment,
Mirror of obedience,
Man of the Beatitudes,
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
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Pray for us, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, guide me in claiming my rightful inheritance as a child of God and heir of His kingdom. Show me, by your own example, how to be slow to anger, and gentle in my dealings with others. Help me to show forth the peace of Christ by speaking words of peace, and by living a life of peace.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is meek and humble of heart, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Four

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Pier Giorgio responds: "What wealth it is to be in good health, as we are! But we have the duty of putting our health at the service of those who do not have it. To act otherwise would be to betray that gift of God."

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, help me to seek God's righteousness, His plan for my life and for the salvation of the world. Show me the way to self-surrender, so that I may desire nothing more than to be of service to the Lord and His Kingdom. Lead me to the table of love, where I will be satisfied.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is righteous and just, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Five

Jesus says: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Pier Giorgio responds: "St. Paul says that "the charity of Christ urges us." Without this flame, which should burn out our personality little by little and blaze only for other people's griefs, we would not be Christian, let alone Catholic."

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, teach me by your example of mercy to open my heart more widely to those in need, especially the poor and the sick. Guide me in extending that mercy both to friends and strangers, to those who love me and those who do not. Help me to reflect God's own mercy, especially in words and deeds of forgiveness.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is gracious and merciful and just, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Six

Jesus says: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “I beg you to pray for me a little, so that God may give me an iron will that does not bend and does not fail in His projects.”

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, lead me in the path of purity, for only those who are clean of heart can behold God’s face. Help me to be faithful to the covenant I have made with God in Baptism, that I may always be loyal to His commands and thus offer Him sincere worship. Show me by your life how to be single hearted and completely, unswervingly, dedicated to proclaiming the kingdom of God here on earth.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is pure love and holiness, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Seven

Jesus says: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “I offer you my best wishes – or, rather, only one wish, but the only wish that a true friend can express for a dear friend: may the peace of the Lord be with you always! For, if you possess peace every day, you will be truly rich.”

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, despite your daily struggles, you found peace by fostering your own well being in work, study, and play; in prayer alone and with others; in silence and in song, in laughter and in serious conversation with friends. Guide me to that inner peace which will enable me to share peace with others.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is our peace, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Eight

Jesus says: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth – that is not living, but existing.”

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, teach me silence in the face of personal humiliation and unjust criticism. But guide me to be courageous like you in standing on the side of God’s truth. Help me to be faithful to Him in all things, so that His Will may be done in and through my life. Show me how to persevere in the struggle for those things which are holy and honourable.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who is the source of grace and truth, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Day Nine

Jesus says: “Blessed are you when they revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

Pier Giorgio responds: “We who by the grace of God are Catholics must steel ourselves for the battle we shall certainly have to fight to fulfil our program and to give our country, in the not too distant future, happier days and a morally healthy society. But to achieve this we need constant prayer to obtain from God that grace without which all our powers are useless.”

We pray: Blessed Pier Giorgio, show me how to bear all wrongs patiently. Help me to accept the sufferings which others inflict on me because of my desire to be faithful to Jesus.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, I ask for your intercession in obtaining from God, Who protects the innocent, all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I confidently turn to you for help in my present need: (mention your request.)

Daily Closing Prayers

Litany of Pier Giorgio Frassati
(for private devotion)