

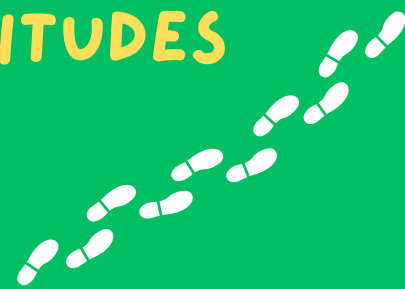


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**FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 6 –
8 DAYS WITH PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI
– THE MAN OF THE 8 BEATITUDES**



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#DAY1

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

To be poor in spirit means to recognize that our true wealth is Christ.
It is not what we possess that makes us happy, but what we give.



"IT IS NOT POVERTY THAT MAKES US BLESSED,
IT IS BLESSEDNESS THAT MAKES US POOR:
IN THE HEART, IN RELATIONSHIPS, IN THINGS."

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#DAY2

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

Weeping is not a sign of weakness, but of sharing in the pain of the world
and in the suffering of God Himself.

Those who weep with faith find consolation in the Risen Christ.

**"WEEPING PRESUPPOSES CLOSENESS:
IT SAYS THAT THE DISCIPLE OF JESUS
IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF
INDIFFERENCE."**

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#DAY3

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Meekness is the strength of love that does not answer with violence,
but resists with perseverance.
It is the style of Jesus, meek and humble of heart.



**"THE MEEK PERSON DOES NOT SEEK VICTORY
OVER OTHERS, BUT THE VICTORY OF GOOD:
HE BELIEVES IN LOVE NOT AS A POET,
BUT AS A PROPHET."**

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#DAY4

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Justice is not only a social rule, but God's plan of love for humanity.
To hunger and thirst for it means to ardently
desire that this dream be fulfilled.



**"TO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
MEANS TO WANT GOD'S PLAN FOR US
WITH THE SAME INTENSITY
WITH WHICH ONE DESIRES LIFE."**

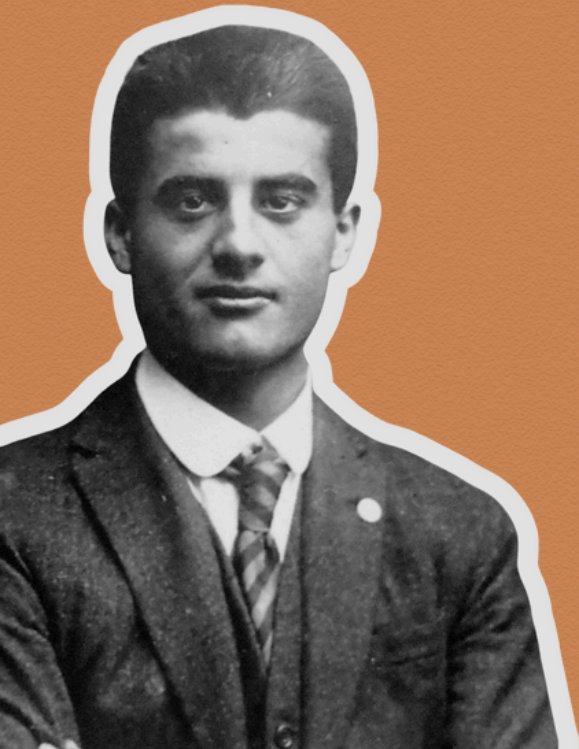
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#DAY5

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Mercy is God's style and becomes ours
when we know how to forgive and take care of others.
It is not sentimentalism, but love put into action.



"MERCY, BEFORE BEING A WAY
OF ACTING,
IS GOD'S WAY OF BEING."

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#DAY6

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Purity is not outward perfection, but a transparent, authentic heart, without duplicity. It is inner freedom that allows us to recognize God in life.



**"A PURE HEART IS
A WINDOW OPEN TO GOD."**

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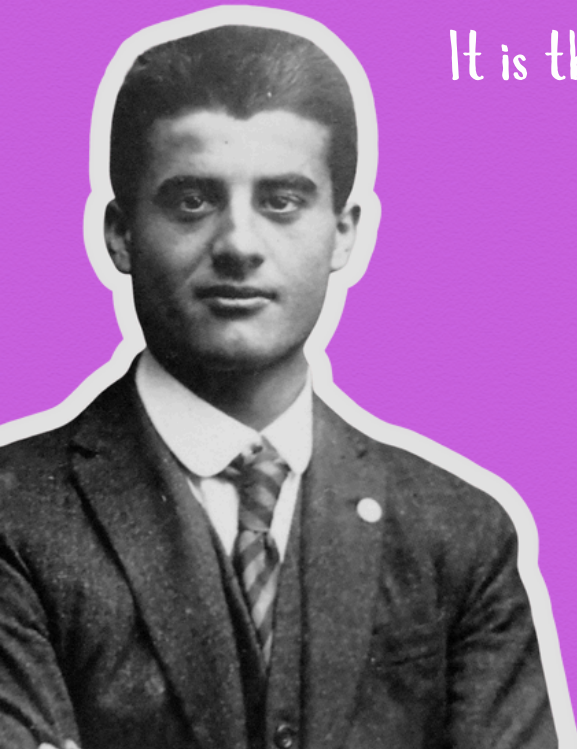
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#DAY7

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Peace is not improvised: it is built day by day in justice, in welcome,
and in forgiveness.

It is the fruit of the Cross and a sign of divine sonship.



"PEACEMAKERS HELP
THE EARTH NOT TO LOSE
THE MEMORY OF HEAVEN."

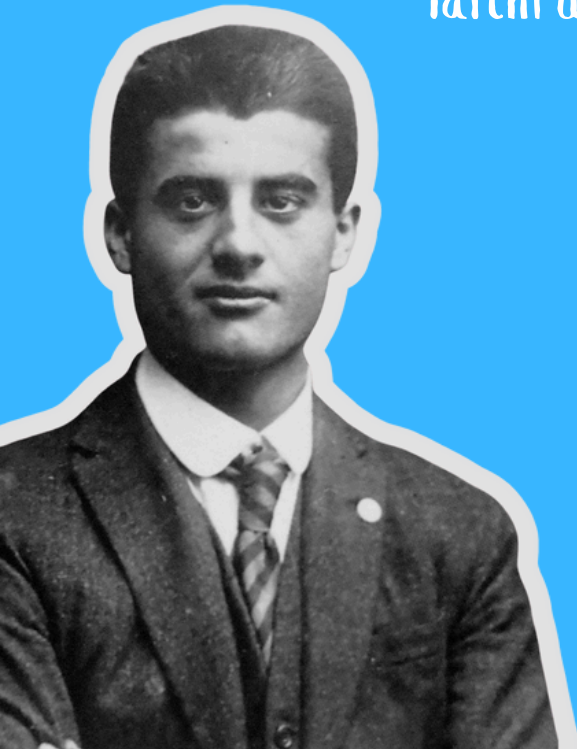
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#DAY8

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

Faithfulness to the Gospel brings misunderstanding and at times persecution. But this suffering is fruitful and becomes the seed of the Kingdom.



**"PERSECUTION IS NOT A PUNISHMENT,
BUT THE SEAL OF AUTHENTICITY
OF OUR FAITH."**

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7TH
SEPTEMBER

CANONIZATION OF PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"With his life, brief but intense,
Pier Giorgio Frassati shows that holiness is possible for everyone.
He is the young man of the eight Beatitudes."

(Beatification of Pier Giorgio Frassati - Homily of John Paul II, May 20, 1990)

**"THE BEATITUDES ARE NOT A SPEECH,
BUT A JOURNEY:
AND PIER GIORGIO MADE THEM LIFE."**

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