



THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS AMERICAN PROVINCE

AN ASSOCIATE'S OFFICE

To be used privately or corporately

ST FRANCIS PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

Both here and in all your churches throughout the whole world, we adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

THE INVITATORY

V/ O God, make speed to save us.

R/ O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
(Alleluia)

PSALM 121 (or 66 or 111)

Antiphon: My help comes from our God, the maker of heaven
and earth.

Easter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

- 1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills:
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from our God,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved
the one who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold the one who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you;
God is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 God will preserve you from all evil,
the Most High will keep you safe.

8 God will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word
and to the Spirit, indwelling;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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heaven and earth.

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READING (use one of the following scriptures)

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is
pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these
things. (Phil. 4:8)

R/ Thanks be to God

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you
rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and
lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is
easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-30)

R/ Thanks be to God

(On Feast days use reading from Franciscan Feasts booklet)

THE PRAISES OF GOD

(Francis of Assisi)

Antiphon: You are holy, Lord, the only God, and your deeds
are wonderful. (ES Alleluia)

You are strong, you are great.
You are the Most High, you are Almighty.
You, holy Father, are King of heaven and earth.
You are Three and One, Lord God, all good.
You are Good, all Good, supreme God.
Lord God, living and true.
You are love, you are wisdom.
You are humility, you are endurance.
You are rest, you are peace.

You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches, and you suffice for us.
You are beauty, you are gentleness.
You are our protector, you are our guardian and defender.
You are courage, you are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord.
God Almighty, Merciful Savior.

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(From the keepsake given by St. Francis to Brother Leo after
the Stigmata in 1224)

A TIME OF SILENCE IS KEPT

INTERCESSIONS

PRAYERS

V/ God, have mercy (Lord, have mercy)

R/ Christ, have mercy.

V/ God, have mercy (Lord, have mercy)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

V/ O God hear our prayer.
R/ And let our cry come to you.
V/ Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK (may be said and one or more of the following prayers)

THE ABSORBEAT

(St. Francis)

May the power of your love, O God, fiery and sweet as honey, so absorb my heart as to withdraw it from all that is under heaven. Grant that I may be ready to die for love of your love as you died for love of mine. Amen

CLOSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Brothers and Sisters, the Lord bless you. Amen. (Num. 6:24-26)

(or)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

OTHER FRANCISCAN PRAYERS

FOR THE FIRST ORDER

Grant, O God, that as your servant Francis carried the love and peace of your Son into the hearts of all who knew him; so may those who seek to follow his example shed abroad that same love and peace into the minds of all and in the dark places of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FOR THE THIRD ORDER

O God, who opened the eyes of blessed Francis to the vocation of those you call to serve you in the world; grant such grace to the members of the Third Order, that being crucified with Christ they may show forth among all the radiance of his risen life; who with you and the Holy Spirit, is alive and reigns one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FOR ASSOCIATES/COMPANIONS

Loving God, you came among us as a servant: pour forth your grace upon the Associates/Companions of the Society of St. Francis that through them the Franciscan marks of humility, love and joy may be a way for all who seek after you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble, help us not to think proudly, but to serve you with the humility which pleases you. So may we walk in the footsteps of your servant Francis, and receive the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God, you have made your church rich through the poverty of blessed Francis. Help us, like him, not to trust in earthly things; but to seek your heavenly gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, when the world was growing cold you warmed men's hearts with the fire of your love. You raised up blessed Francis bearing in his body the marks of your suffering. Help us always to turn to you with true hearts, and for love of you to bear the cross: who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God, by the life of blessed Francis you moved your people to the love of simple things. May we, after his example, hold lightly to the things of this world and store up for ourselves treasures in heaven: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God, you are always pleased to show yourself to those who are humble in spirit. Help us to follow the example of our blessed Father Francis, to look upon the wisdom of this world as foolishness, and to set our minds only on Jesus Christ and him crucified; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all praise for ever. Amen.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS
FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS

[With slight variation these intercessions are shared with
Companions (Associates) in the Pacific Islands]

Sunday

Pray for the whole Franciscan Family: Pray for all Associates

Monday

Pray for the Pacific Islands Province; for the brothers in the
Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea

Tuesday

Pray for the Australia-New Zealand Province and the Korean
Franciscan Brotherhood and Sisterhood

Wednesday

Pray for the brothers and sisters of the European Province and
the Community of the Divine Compassion in Zimbabwe

Thursday

Pray for the American Province, for the brothers and sisters in
the U.S.A. and the West Indies and the Order of St. Francis in
Brazil

Friday

Pray for the Sisters of the Community of St. Clare in England

Saturday

Pray for the Third Order, for the Pacific Islands and the
Australian, American, European, New Zealand, and African
Provinces