

Prayers of St. Francis of Assisi

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An antiphon from the office Holy Virgin Mary, among women, there is no one like you born into the world: you are the daughter and the servant of the most high and supreme King and Father of heaven, you are the mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, you are the spouse of the Holy Spirit. Pray for us with St. Michael the Archangel and all the powers of the heavens and all the saints to your most holy beloved Son, the Lord and Master. [pp. 83 – 84]

At the conclusion of the office, St. Francis used to say: Let us bless the Lord, the living and true God; to Him let us always render praise, glory, honor, blessing, and every good. Amen. Amen. So be it. So be it. [p. 84]

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The Testament Prayer

We adore You, Lord Jesus Christ, in this Church and all the Churches of the world, and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world. Amen.

Saint Francis Meditation Prayer

My God and my All!

Saint Francis Blessing to Brother Leo

The Lord bless you and keep you; May He show His face to you and have mercy. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace. The Lord bless you, Brother LEO. (cf. Numbers 6:24 – 26)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

All powerful, most holy, most high and supreme God, holy and just Father, Lord, King of heaven and earth, we thank you for yourself, for by your holy will, and through your only Son and in the Holy Spirit you have created every spiritual and corporeal being, and, having made us in your own image and likeness, you placed us in paradise. And through our own fault we fell. And we thank you for just as through your Son you created us, so also, through your holy love, with which you have loved us, you caused him to be born true God and true man of the glorious, ever-virgin, most blessed, holy Mary, and you willed to redeem us captives through his cross and death and blood. And we thank you for your Son himself will come again in the glory of his majesty to send the wicked ones who do not do penance and who do not know you, into the eternal fire, and to say to all those who do know you and adore you and who serve you in penance: “Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom, which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world.” (cf. Mt. 25:34) And because we are all wretches and sinners and are not worthy to pronounce your name, we humbly ask that our Lord Jesus Christ your beloved Son, in whom you are well pleased, together with the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, would give you thanks for everything as it pleases you and him, who satisfies you in everything, through whom you have done so much for us. Alleluia!

Identified as St. Francis’ Prayer of Self Giving

I beg you, Lord, let the fiery, gentle power of your love take possession of my soul, and snatch it away from everything under heaven, that I may die for love of your love as you saw fit to die for love of mine.



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