

PRAYER FOR OFS LEADERSHIP
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Anne and Kevin	Anne's Further Adaptation
Give us, O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.	<u>First</u> we ask God to give us visionaries—prophets—dreamers—holy men and women <u>Next</u> – we pray for courage to embrace these leaders and not to <i>stone</i> them
In seeking a leader, let us seek more than our own enhancement -- though enhancement we hope for -- more than security for our own plans and vision -- though security we need -- more than satisfaction for our own selfish wants -- though many things we desire	Leaders are still human beings— the human part of us wants EGO ENHANCEMENT—and SECURITY—and SATISFACTION – This is a prayer for leaders to rise above SELF – and seek the enhancement, security and satisfaction of those we serve
Give us the hearts to choose and follow the leader who will work with other leaders to bring Your will to the agenda and help us to fulfill it.	This calls us to reflect and choose leaders on the <u>strength of ability and NOT POPULARITY</u> . Don't vote for your friends if they are not collaborative
Give us leaders who lead us to virtue without seeking to impose their own version of virtue on others.	This is a call to elect the righteous—not the SELF-righteous. There is a difference!
Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.	This is a prayer for spiritually mature leaders—(1) strength is good—power corrupts— (2) growth is good—greed is sinful (3) greatness comes from God—Grandiosity comes from self
We trust you, Great God, to open our hearts to learn from those to whom you speak in different tongues and to respect the life and words of those to whom you entrusted the good of other parts of this globe.	This is a prayer for inclusiveness. Other cultures express themselves differently. <u>Different is simply different.</u> <u>We must listen and learn from them!</u> Whether we like it or not we are part of a global movement and we are only part of the Order's leadership.
We beg you, Great God, give us the vision as Secular Franciscans to know where holy leadership truly lies, to pursue it diligently, to ask it to respect the integrity of every person in the entire Order.	This part of the prayer ADMITS that in and of ourselves, we don't know what is best for us—so—we ask for wisdom to choose holy leadership that respect all.
We ask these things, Great God, with minds open to your word and hearts that trust in your eternal care. Amen.	This is a prayer of relinquishment – we ask God to open our minds and hearts and trust in God's providence and direction.