

The Assisi Project
A Franciscan Night Prayer
Thursday

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father,
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Mercy

Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sins.
From earthborn passions, set me free
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
with care and woe oppressed.
Let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife.
In all my pain and misery,
be my health and my life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
don't let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity,
point me toward the heavenly way.

Psalm 16 - A Prayer of Hope

You are safety. You are rest.

You are joy and gladness. You are our hope.

Preserve me, God,

I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my God.

My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvelous love

for the faithful ones

who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods

increase their sorrows.

Never will I offer their offerings of blood.

Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

The lot marked out for me is my delight:

welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord

who gives me counsel,

who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight

since he is at my right hand,

I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices,

my soul is glad;

even my body will rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever.

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to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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You are joy and gladness. You are our hope.*

The Word of God

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace
make you completely his own,
and keep your whole being,
spirit, soul, and body,
free from all fault,
at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Franciscan Spirit

From the Writings of Saint Francis of Assisi

God has given
and gives each one of us
our whole body,
our whole soul,
and our whole life.
He created us and redeemed us;
and he will save us
by mercy alone.

Glory to the Father,
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Canticle of Simeon

*Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake.
Watch over us as we sleep;
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ
and asleep, rest in his peace.*

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared
in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Glory to the Father,
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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The Closing Prayer

Most High and Glorious God,
bring light to the darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith,
certain hope, and perfect charity.
O Lord, give me insight and wisdom,
so that I might always discern
your holy and true will. Amen.

May the Lord grant us a quiet night and a peaceful end. Amen.

**The Salutation of the Virtues
By Saint Francis of Assisi**

Hail, Queen Wisdom!
May the Lord protect you,
with your sister, holy Simplicity!
Lady holy Poverty,
may the Lord protect you,
with your sister, holy Humility!
Lady holy Charity,
may the Lord protect you,
with your sister, holy Obedience!
Most holy Virtues,
may the Lord from whom you come,
protect you and save you! Amen!

Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!
Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us!
Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us!

About the Assisi Project

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May the Lord give you peace!