

The Assisi Project
A Franciscan Night Prayer
Tuesday

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 143: A Prayer for Troubled Times

If joy of spirit fills the heart, the serpent shoots his deadly venom in vain.

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgement
for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made dwell in darkness
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails;
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land, my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer;
for my spirit fails within me.
Do not hide your face
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning, let me know your love
for I put my trust in you.
Make me know the way I should walk:
to you, I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge.
Teach me to do your will,
for you alone are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth.
For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;
in your justice, save my soul from distress.

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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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The Word of God
From the First Letter of Saint Peter

Be calm but vigilant,
because your enemy the devil
is prowling like a roaring lion,
looking for someone to devour.
Resist him, strong in faith.

The Franciscan Spirit
From the Writings of Saint Bonaventure

When you are too sure of yourself,
you are less on guard against the enemy.
Therefore, be alert for the devil.
If he can claim even one hair on your head,
he will lose no time in making a braid of it.

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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.

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.

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to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
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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.

A Prayer for the Intercession of Our Lady of the Angels

Our Lady of the Angels,
bless us, your children;
and with a mother's love,
bless the innocent and the guilty,
the faithful and the lost,
the believers and the doubters.

Bless all peoples everywhere,
so that recognizing ourselves
as the children of God
and your children,
we may discover true love, true peace,
and the one true God. Amen.

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

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May the Lord give you peace!