

The Assisi Project
A Franciscan Night Prayer
Wednesday

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 31 - A Prayer for Troubled Times

*You are our protector. You are our guardian.
You are our defender. You are our strength.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free,
hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a mighty stronghold to save me,
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Release me from the snares they have hidden,
for you are my refuge, Lord.
Into your hands, I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

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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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Psalm 130 - A Prayer from the Depths

*Bend the ear of your heart,
and the obey the voice of the Son of God.*

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchmen count on daybreak,
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord, there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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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and the obey the voice of the Son of God.*

The Word of God

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (4:26-27)

Do not let resentment
lead you into sin;
the sunset must not find you still angry.
Do not give the devil
his opportunity.

The Franciscan Spirit

From the Legend of the Three Companions

Do not provoke others
to anger or give scandal.
Rather, let your gentleness draw them
to peace, goodness, and concord.
This is our vocation:
to heal wounds,
to bind what is broken,
and to bring home
those who are lost.

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.

*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.*

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 Mary, Queen of Heaven**

Holy Virgin Mary,
among all women born into the world,
there is no one like you.
Daughter and servant
of the most high and supreme king,
and of our Father in heaven.
Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ,
Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us
with Saint Michael the Archangel,
all of the powers in heaven
and all of the saints,
at the side of your most holy beloved Son,
our Lord and Teacher. 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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