

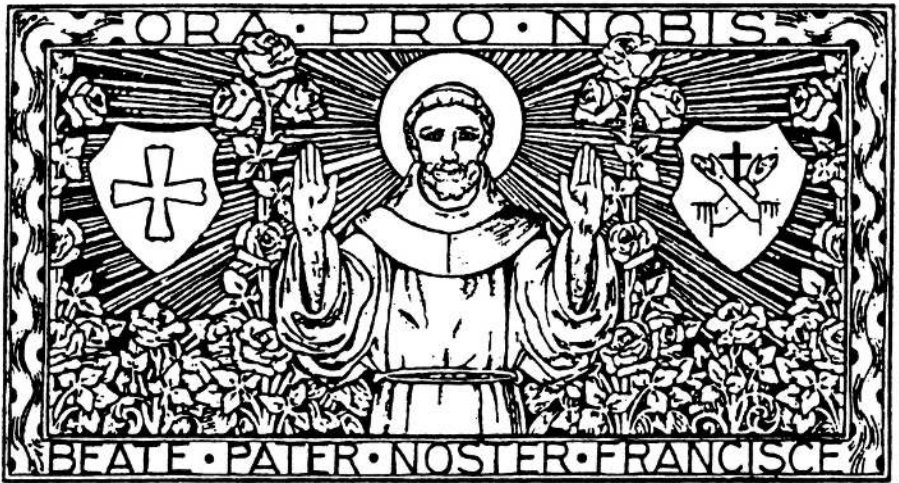
# Prayers by St. Francis of Assisi



*St. Francis of Assisi (1181 or 1182-1126) is well known for his founding of the Franciscan Order, his intense love of God, his love of all creation, his gentleness, and his humility. God gave him the gift of bearing the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) on his body. He was canonized in 1228 by Pope Gregory IX, and his feast day is celebrated on October 4. As Franciscan brothers, the Knights of the Holy Eucharist look to St. Francis for guidance as they strive to live their consecrated lives.*

## **Prayer on Entering a Church**

We adore You, most holy Lord Jesus Christ,  
here, and in all Your churches throughout the world,  
and we bless You,  
because by Your holy Cross,  
You have redeemed the world.



### **Salutations of the Blessed Virgin**

Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen,  
Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin,  
chosen by the most holy Father in heaven,  
consecrated by Him, with His most holy beloved Son  
and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;  
on you descended and in you still remains  
all the fullness of grace and every good.

Hail, his Palace.

Hail, his Tabernacle.

Hail, his Robe.

Hail, his Handmaid.

Hail, his Mother.

### **Prayer in Praise of God**

You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are  
wonderful.

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.  
You are love.  
You are wisdom.  
You are humility.  
You are endurance.  
You are rest.  
You are peace.  
You are joy and gladness.  
You are justice and moderation.  
You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.  
You are beauty.  
You are gentleness.  
You are our protector.  
You are our guardian and defender.  
You are our courage.  
You are our haven and our hope.  
You are our faith, our great consolation.  
You are our eternal life, great and wonderful Lord, God Almighty, merciful Savior.  
Amen.

### **Prayer before the Crucifix**

Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me  
true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command. Amen.

### **Meditation Prayer**

My God and my All!