

**FRANCISCAN VOCATION PETITIONS
FOR LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Sunday Morning Prayer:

O God, you revealed the mystery of your being Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier
--help the Franciscan family to witness to the diversity of community life.

Sunday Evening Prayer:

O God, you have called Franciscans to be a people united in your love,
--may our witness help bring about justice and peace for all.

Monday Morning Prayer:

O God, you have given us the mission of sharing the Good News of your Kingdom with all people,
--continue to raise up in the Franciscan family more of our brothers and sisters to spread the Gospel.

Monday Evening Prayer:

O God, you sent your disciples to all the world to announce the Kingdom,
--may all Secular Franciscans be faithful witnesses of your love and peace.

Tuesday Morning Prayer:

O God, you have called us to conform our lives to the Gospel
--teach all Franciscans to embrace a life of joyful penance and keep us single minded in your service.

Tuesday Evening Prayer:

O God, you have called us to be people of prayer after the example of Francis and Clare,
--may our lives of prayer be our source of strength in serving the People of God,

Wednesday Morning Prayer:

O God, the Apostles answered Jesus' call to 'come and see',
--grant us the favor to invite others to our Franciscan way of life.

Wednesday Evening Prayer:

O God, Francis and Clare were poor and humble,
--may our living of these virtues encourage others to follow the Franciscan way of following Christ.

Thursday Morning Prayer:

O God, Francis and Clare had great awe and reverence for the Eucharist.
--may our devotion to Jesus' Body and Blood be an example to those who aspire to the Franciscan life.

Thursday Evening Prayer:

O God, Francis saw your love for us in Brother Sun, Sister Moon, and all creation,
--may his joyful contemplation of your handiwork lead us to a deeper knowledge of you.

Friday Morning Prayer:

O God, Francis' imitation of Christ led him to the gift of the Stigmata,
--may our daily crosses lift us up to a greater love of you and your people.

Friday Evening Prayer:

O God, Jesus taught us by his life to place our lives in your hands,
--give all Franciscans the courage and love to accept a share in the Paschal Mystery.

Saturday Morning Prayer:

O God, the Virgin Mary accepted the call to be the Mother of Jesus,
--may the love of our own Franciscan vocation bring forth a new birth of justice and holiness in the world.

Saturday Evening Prayer:

O God, help us to listen to your will by walking in the footsteps of your Son,
--so that guided by the Spirit, our Franciscan lives may call others to holiness and service.



Morning Prayer: The Canticle of Zachariah
(Benedictus)

† Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to His people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of His servant David.
Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant.
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear,
holy and righteous in His sight
all the days of our lives.
You, my child, will be called the prophet
of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way.
to give His people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.

Amen.

Evening Prayer: The Canticle of Mary
(The Magnificat)

† My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He has remembered His promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.

Amen.