



LET US WALK PILGRIMAGE

FINAL PRAYER

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
Because by your holy cross you have
redeemed the world.*

St Francis of Assisi



A prayer to conclude the walking pilgrimage to the
Metropolitan Cathedral of St George, Southwark,
from the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Maidstone,
on Friday 9th October 2026
to mark the 800th anniversary of St Francis' death
and in preparation for *Adoremus 2026*.

Prayer leader welcomes the pilgrims to the Metropolitan Cathedral of St George, Southwark

We say together the prayer of arrival at the destination of the pilgrimage

Lord Jesus Christ,
By your Passion, Cross and Resurrection you obtained
for us the power to cast off our old selves and to step into
new life.
In this holy place, we leave behind all that holds us back
from following you more closely.
We thank you for the gift of your servants, St Francis of
Assisi, St George and St Oscar Romero.
Help us to walk in their footsteps as missionary disciples.
Guided by their examples, may we be always faithful and
courageous in proclaiming your Gospel.
Lord, show us your mercy and come to our aid.
We ask this in your Most Holy Name.
Amen.

(Adapted from Forward in Mission pilgrimage prayers)

Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope

Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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*(Words and Music by Sebastian Temple, based on a
prayer associated with St Francis of Assisi)*

**A brief reflection on the *Let Us Walk* pilgrimage by
one of the perpetual pilgrims.**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the
Lord.

V. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Canticle of Creation

To be said antiphonally

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong
praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and
especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the
day and the light; he is strong and shines
magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we
look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face.

(ALL) We praise and bless you, Lord, and give thanks to you, and we will serve you in all humility.

We say a Franciscan blessing together:

May the Lord bless us.

May the Lord keep us.

May He show His face to you and have mercy on us.

May He turn His countenance to you and give us peace.

And may the Lord bless us.

Amen

Closing hymn: To Be a Pilgrim

We, who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster.
Let us with constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make us once relent
Our first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset us round
With dismal stories
Do but themselves confound
Our strength the more is.
No foes shall stay our might
Though we with giants fight
We will make good our right
To be a pilgrim.

No hobgoblin nor foul fiend
Shall daunt our spirit
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away
We'll fear not what they say
We'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

(Written by John Bunyan in 1684, adapted by Percy Dearmer in 1906)

