

St. Francis Jubilee Prayer

St Francis, wounded by love, Crucified in body and in spirit,
We look to you to learn how to Love the Lord Our God with our whole hearts,
our whole souls and our whole strength
and to love our neighbors and brothers and sisters
with the fervor and passion that you carried
when your feet walked the earth,
and your eyes beheld the same light of Brother Sun and Sister Moon
that we behold today.

With you we contemplate and follow our poor and crucified Lord; and the fire of Love in our heart's burns with His perfect charity and turns us to open our eyes to the poor and suffering in our world.

Today our Holy Father Pope Leo calls and convicts us anew to do what is ours to do and be what is ours to be, in Christ, in the Holy Church, in our families and fraternities and in the world.

Give us, St Francis the freshness of your faith, the certainty of your hope and the gentleness of your charity. Intercede for us that it may be sweet for us to bear the burdens of life,

and in trials may we experience the tenderness of the father and the balm of the Spirit.

Pray with us, dear poor one of Assisi that our hearts are healed and strengthened by the heart of Christ that we become, like you, witnesses of His mercy, love and peace which continues to heal and renew the life of those who seek him with sincere heart.

St. Francis, St. Clare and all Franciscan saints and blessed, we beseech thee to accompany us with your prayers on this journey through the Holy Jubilee Year of St. Francis. Amen. *Adapted from Pope Francis' Prayer to S., Francis Given at the Vatican April 5, 2024*