

LITANY OF SAINT FRANCIS OUR SERAPHIC PATRIARCH - Feast Day October 4th

Lord: have mercy upon us.
Christ: have mercy upon us.
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O Christ: hear us.
O Christ: graciously hear us.

O God the Father, of Heaven: have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us.
O God, the Holy Ghost: have mercy upon us.
O Holy Trinity, one God: have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary: Pray for us.

Immaculate Virgin: Pray for us.

Mother and Mistress of our Order: Pray for us.

St. Francis, Seraphic Father: Pray for us.

St. Francis, Patriarch of the Poor: Pray for us.

St. Francis, Founder and Leader of three armies of God: Pray for us.

St. Francis, Abraham of the Gospel by reason of thy countless children: Pray for us.

St. Francis, like unto the Baptist in the preaching of penance: Pray for us.

St. Francis, like unto Moses, giving the law of perfection: Pray for us.

St. Francis, like unto Elijah, borne aloft in a fiery chariot: Pray for us.

St. Francis, herald of the great King: Pray for us.

St. Francis, messenger of peace: Pray for us.

St. Francis, valiant knight of Christ: Pray for us.

St. Francis, mighty lover of souls: Pray for us.

St. Francis, ensample of Gospel perfection: Pray for us.

St. Francis, spouse of Lady Poverty: Pray for us.

St. Francis, model of dedicated chastity: Pray for us.

St. Francis, master of holy obedience: Pray for us.

St. Francis, sublime in corporal penance: Pray for us.

St. Francis, uplifted in heavenly contemplation: Pray for us.

St. Francis, marked with the Stigmata of Jesus: Pray for us.

St. Francis, verily a living crucifix: Pray for us.

St. Francis, wholly set on fire of seraphic love: Pray for us.

St. Francis, lover of the Babe of Bethlehem: Pray for us.

St. Francis, lover of the Sacred Passion: Pray for us.

St. Francis, lover of the Blessed Sacrament: Pray for us.

St. Francis, lover of the Name of Jesus: Pray for us.

St. Francis, lover of the Holy Scriptures: Pray for us.

St. Francis, lover of all the creatures of God: Pray for us.

St. Francis, physician of the sick: Pray for us.

St. Francis, light of the blind: Pray for us.

St. Francis, healer of the lepers: Pray for us.

St. Francis, raiser of the dead: Pray for us.

St. Francis, terror of demons: Pray for us.

St. Francis, enthroned in Lucifer's place: Pray for us.



St. Francis, apostle of the infidels: Pray for us.
St. Francis, martyr in desire: Pray for us.
St. Francis, confessor of the Faith: Pray for us.
St. Francis, virgin in soul: Pray for us.
St. Francis, endowed with the virtues of the Sacred Heart: Pray for us.
St. Francis, our Advocate: Pray for us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: spare us, O Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: graciously hear us, O Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis. Alleluia.
R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Choose one of the following Collects.

1. O God, Who by the merits of our blessed Father Francis dost increase Thy Church with a new offspring: grant, we beseech Thee; that after his pattern we may learn to despise all things earthly, and ever to rejoice in the partaking of Thy Heavenly bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
2. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, when the world was waxing cold, to the inflaming of our hearts with the fire of Thy love didst renew in the flesh of our most blessed Father Francis the sacred marks of Thy passion: mercifully grant that by his merits and intercession, we may be enabled ever to bear Thy Cross, and to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.
3. O God, Who in many fashions didst shew forth in Thy Confessor our blessed Father Francis the wondrous mysteries of the Cross: grant us, we beseech Thee, ever to follow the pattern of his devotion, and, continually thinking on the same holy Cross, thereby to be defended against all temptations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
4. O God, Who didst bestow Blessed Francis on us, for to be our teacher and leader in following the ways of Thy Only-Begotten Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who do honor his memory on earth; may one day be partakers of his glory in Heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.
5. O God, Who resisteth the proud, and givest grace unto the humble: grant us, through the intercession of our blessed Father Francis, to decrease in pride, and to increase in that humility which is so pleasing to Thee; that following in his footsteps, we may attain the gifts of Thy grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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