

PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR¹



God, Our Father,

We give you thanks for the wonders that you have accomplished through your servant Saint Louis. He consecrated his life to the service of your Kingdom according to the example of Saint Francis of Assisi. This is why he has been chosen, with Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, as co-patron of the Secular Franciscan Order. We therefore ask Saint Louis to be close to each one of us and to the entire Franciscan Family.

Saint Louis,

You, who considered your baptism as the greatest gift received, rekindle in us the grace of our own baptism and of our profession in the Secular Franciscan Order

You, who meditated on the Word of God every day, help us to live the Gospel, to conform our lives to the life of Jesus, poor and crucified, and to offer our lives out of love for our brothers and sisters.

You, who understood in your youth the horrors of sin, help all young people in the Franciscan Youth to grow in righteousness of heart and in fidelity to their baptism.

You, who were a loving husband and father, help our families to be a leaven of unity and peace in our world.

You, who served the poor, who sought justice and peace, open our hearts to the overwhelming needs of so many of our brothers and sisters who suffer, and grant us the courage to commit ourselves courageously to say "yes" to life and family.

You, who ventured bravely into foreign lands to witness to your faith in Christ the Lord, lead us along the path of the new evangelization.

Lord,

Through the example and intercession of Saint Louis, grant us to take all of our decisions by going from Gospel to life and life to Gospel, while having life in heaven clearly in our sight.

Amen.

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