

## INTERCESSIONS FOR LITURGY OF THE HOURS

### MORNING PRAYER

#### *Sunday*

You, Father of mercy, who called us to live according to evangelical penance following the example of St. Francis of Assisi,

- grant that by careful listening to your Word, we may go from the Gospel to life and life to the Gospel (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 4).

#### *Monday*

You who in baptism united us to the death and resurrection of Christ and made us living members of the Church,

- make us witnesses of the Risen One and instruments of the Church's mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 6).

#### *Tuesday*

You who call us to be conformed to Christ as “brothers and sisters of penance,” through our profession of the gospel life,

- grant that on our road to conversion, we may daily seek to overcome our human frailty and not become discouraged by lack of trust (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 7).

#### *Wednesday*

You who in Jesus taught us to worship you in Spirit and in truth along the roads of our lives,

- grant that we may make prayer and contemplation the soul of all we are and all we do (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 8).

#### *Thursday*

You who in the Eucharistic banquet have given us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ to nourish us on our journey,

- grant that each one of us and our fraternities find in the celebration of the Holy Mass the source and summit of our whole life (cf. *OFS Constitution*, art. 14.2).

#### *Friday*

You who never tire of calling us to conversion,

- grant that we may always follow the poor and crucified Christ witnessing the love of the Father, source of joyful reconciliation, even in difficulties and persecutions (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 10).

#### *Saturday*

You who, in the Virgin Mary -- ever docile to your Word and your will -- have given us under the cross a Mother and an Advocate,

- grant that, in imitation of her unconditional availability, we may offer her an ardent and indescribable love, as did Saint Francis (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 9).

## EVENING PRAYER

### *Sunday*

In every age, you, Father, have called people to holiness in communion with the Church,

- grant that, moved by the Holy Spirit, we may commit ourselves through our Profession to live the Gospel by observing the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order approved by the Church (cf. *OFS Constitution*, art. 1.1).

### *Monday*

You, Lord, have given us words of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior,

- grant that in the spirit of the Beatitudes, we may free our hearts from every tendency of greed, possession and power (cf. *OFS Rule*, art. 11).

### *Tuesday*

You Lord, who have always called to evangelical penitence, as you did with Elizabeth of Hungary our Patroness,

- raise up new Franciscan vocations through the action of the Holy Spirit and the witness of the brothers and sisters (cf. *OFS Constitution*, art. 45.1).

### *Wednesday*

You, Lord of creation, made marriage the foundation of the human community and a sacramental sign,

- grant that husbands and wives find in the Secular Franciscan Order a valuable aid in their own journey of the Christian life (cf. *OFS Constitution*, art. 24).

### *Thursday*

You, Holy Father, call us to be bearers of peace in our families and society and build a just and fraternal world and a civilization, in which the dignity of the human person is at the foundation,

- grant that, following the example of St. Louis of France, our Patron, we assume social and civil responsibilities with a spirit of service (cf. *OFS Constitution*, art. 18.1 and 20.2).

### *Friday*

You call some to live with private vows to help the spiritual and apostolic development of our Order,

- grant that these brothers and sisters commit themselves to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes and to make themselves more disposed to contemplation and to the service of the fraternities (cf. *OFS Constitution*, art. 36.1).

### *Saturday*

Father, your Son Jesus Christ has opened heaven to us by his death and Resurrection,

- welcome into your kingdom our departed Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters so that they come to enjoy your eternal reward.