



# Pope Francis

*“Well done, good and faithful servant!”*

## **Prayers Upon the Passing of Pope Francis into Eternal Life**

### **1. Prayer of Commendation: Entrusting His Soul to God**

Just as Jesus committed His spirit into the Father's hands on the cross, we now, as one body, commend the soul of Pope Francis to the God he loved and served. This moment is sacred: we release him to God's perfect will and boundless love.

*"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." — Luke 23:46*

#### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

We come before You in solemn reverence,  
releasing Pope Francis into Your everlasting arms.

As Your son and servant, he journeyed through this life preaching peace,  
showing mercy, and walking humbly with You. Now, Lord, receive him.

In the silence beyond this world, embrace his soul and whisper into his spirit  
the words of eternity. Let angels surround him,  
and may the saints rejoice at his coming home.

We entrust him fully to You—our Creator, our Redeemer, our God.

Amen.

### **2. Prayer for Eternal Rest: May He Rest in Divine Peace**

In our grief, we find comfort in the promise of eternal rest.

The earthly journey ends, but a heavenly one begins.

We pray for Pope Francis to rest peacefully in God's light.

*"And the dust returns to the earth as it was,  
and the spirit returns to God who gave it." — Ecclesiastes 12:7*

#### **Prayer**

O Lord of eternal peace,

Grant Your faithful servant, Pope Francis, the rest that comes only from You.

As his earthly body returns to dust, let his spirit soar into the radiance of Your  
presence. Let him dwell where sorrow is no more, where light never fades,  
where love is perfect and eternal. May his labors be rewarded, his tears wiped away,  
and his soul made whole in You.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Amen.

### **3. Prayer of Thanksgiving for His Life**

Gratitude is the proper response to a life well-lived for Christ. We thank God for  
the gift of Pope Francis, whose life bore witness to the Gospel in action.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant!" — Matthew 25:21*

## **Prayer**

Gracious God,

We thank You for the life of Pope Francis, whom You chose and anointed to shepherd Your people. You filled him with wisdom, humility, and courage. Through his words and witness, many found comfort, clarity, and the call to deeper faith. Thank You for every sermon he preached, every soul he touched, every poor person he embraced, and every cry for justice he uttered.

We praise You for his example, his heart, and his obedience to Your call.

May our gratitude rise like incense before Your throne.

Amen.

## **4. Prayer for the Church in Mourning**

The death of a spiritual father leaves a wound in the Body of Christ. We now pray for healing across the Church, that mourning might be transformed into mission.

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” — Matthew 5:4*

## **Prayer**

Lord of compassion,

We, your people, feel the ache of loss.

The Church weeps today, for her shepherd is gone.

But in this sorrow, we look to You, the One who binds the brokenhearted and gives beauty for ashes. Comfort the grieving, unite the scattered, and hold us steady in Your truth.

Let not our sorrow paralyze us, but awaken in us renewed faith and fervent hope.

May we become the living legacy of Pope Francis—servants of mercy, lovers of peace.

Amen.

## **5. Prayer for His Legacy to Continue**

A leader’s legacy lives on through those who believe in his mission. We pray that the vision of Pope Francis—centered on mercy, humility, and love—will continue to guide the Church.

*“The memory of the righteous is a blessing.” — Proverbs 10:7*

## **Prayer**

Eternal God,

We ask that the voice of Pope Francis never be silenced. Let his calls for justice echo in our halls, his plea for unity ring in our hearts, and his love for the poor shape our priorities.

Raise up leaders who carry his torch and walk in his spirit. Let his memory become more than history—let it be a living light for generations to come.

Amen.

## **6. Prayer for Divine Mercy upon His Soul**

Even the holiest among us stands in need of mercy. In humility, we plead for God's infinite compassion to wash over Pope Francis' soul and prepare him for eternal union.

*"For the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love." — Psalm 103:8*

### **Prayer**

Merciful Savior,

In Your presence stands a soul who sought to mirror Your heart.

We now implore You to show him the mercy he preached, the forgiveness he offered, the grace he lived. If any stain lingers upon his soul, we ask that You, who died to cleanse, would purify and redeem him fully.

Let no shadow remain—only the brilliance of Your mercy.

May he stand blameless before You, wrapped in robes of righteousness.

Amen.

## **7. Prayer for Joy in the Presence of the Saints**

Heaven is a communion of saints, a joyous celebration beyond imagining. We pray Pope Francis is now among those who forever behold the face of God.

*"You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." — Psalm 16:11*

### **Prayer**

Lord of Hosts,

Receive Pope Francis into the company of apostles and prophets, martyrs and mystics, saints and shepherds. May their voices welcome him in jubilant chorus. Let him see Peter, whose chair he held; Paul, whose letters he cherished; Mary, whom he loved; and Christ, whom he followed.

Let joy flood his soul and laughter rise from his lips as he joins the everlasting feast. In Your presence is the fullness of joy. May it now be his.

Amen.

## **8. Prayer for Consolation to His Family and Friends**

Behind the global figure was a man with family, friends, and loved ones. Their grief is personal and deep. We pray for their comfort and strength in this time of loss.

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18*

### **Prayer**

Loving Father,

You see every tear, hear every sob, and cradle every aching heart.

Comfort those who knew Pope Francis not just as a leader, but as family and friend.

Be near to them now—surround them with peace, hold them with tenderness, and remind them that in You, love is never lost.

Though their hearts are heavy, may their memories be sweet and their hope in reunion sure.

Amen.

## **9. Prayer for the Next Shepherd of the Church**

The Chair of Peter now stands empty, awaiting another chosen by God.  
We pray that the next pope will be led by the Holy Spirit  
to guide the Church in wisdom and truth.

*“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart.” — Jeremiah 3:15*

### **Prayer**

Holy Spirit,  
As the Church mourns, prepare her for new leadership.  
Inspire those called to discernment,  
and raise up a successor after Your heart—holy, humble, courageous, and faithful.  
Let the new shepherd walk in continuity with truth,  
yet be unafraid to lead with fresh fire.  
May he honor Pope Francis’ legacy and build upon the rock of Christ.  
Guide Your Church in unity and grace.  
Amen.

## **10. Prayer of Hope in Resurrection**

Christian grief is never without hope. The resurrection of Christ guarantees  
that death does not have the final word. We claim that hope over Pope Francis’ life.

*“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” John 11:25*

### **Prayer**

Risen Lord,  
In the face of death, we declare life. We believe that Pope Francis, who confessed  
Your resurrection, now shares in it. Let the promise of eternal life wrap us in peace.  
Let the trumpet of heaven announce victory over the grave.  
May his body sleep in the dust,  
but his soul dance in the glory of the risen King. Hallelujah! He lives in You.  
Amen.

## **11. Prayer for Forgiveness of His Shortcomings**

Though called to greatness, every soul is human. We ask for God’s mercy upon any  
area where Pope Francis fell short, trusting in Christ’s redeeming power.

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” — 1 John 1:9*

### **Prayer**

Compassionate Lord,  
If there be anything Pope Francis carried any weakness, any burden, any hidden  
flaw, we lay it at the foot of Your cross. Forgive him, restore him, and wash him  
completely clean. Let nothing hinder his passage into eternal light. You alone judge  
rightly and redeem fully. Let grace cover every shadow and love rewrite every line.  
Amen.

## **12. Prayer for Unity in the Global Church**

The pope stood as a symbol of unity across cultures and continents.  
In his passing, we pray for harmony to flourish in the Body of Christ.

*“That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you.” — John 17:21*

### **Prayer**

Lord of every tribe and tongue,  
let Pope Francis’ legacy draw the Church closer, not divide.  
May his message of inclusion, dignity, and love ignite a new season of unity.  
Break down walls of pride and prejudice.  
Help us walk as one body, one faith, one Spirit.  
In mourning, let us find communion.  
In loss, let us rediscover the heartbeat of heaven.  
Amen.

## **13. Prayer for the Vatican and Its Leaders**

As the heart of Catholic leadership, the Vatican now enters a solemn transition.  
We pray for wisdom, peace, and discernment among its leaders.

*“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” — Proverbs 16:3*

### **Prayer**

Almighty God,  
Cover the Vatican in this sacred hour. May every leader, cardinal, and counselor be led by Your Spirit. Let peace reign over the halls where decisions will be made.  
Preserve the integrity of the Church, and guide her next steps with divine precision.  
Help them honor the past while looking boldly to the future.  
Amen.

## **14. Prayer for the Poor He Advocated For**

Pope Francis had a special place in his heart for the poor, the marginalized,  
and the forgotten.  
Let us pray that his concern for them never fades from the Church’s mission.

*“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40*

### **Prayer**

God of the poor,  
Pope Francis championed the lowly, walked with the homeless, and embraced the rejected.  
Now, Lord, continue his work. Raise up voices that echo his. Protect the vulnerable,  
feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and dignify the voiceless.  
Let his compassion ripple outward through us. Make us living hands of mercy.  
Amen.

## **15. Prayer for Pilgrims Mourning Worldwide**

From cathedrals to huts, across languages and borders, millions grieve his loss. We lift their hearts to God, praying they find peace and purpose through this mourning.

*“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” — Psalm 147:3*

### **Prayer**

Lord of all peoples, your servant touched many across the earth. Today, from Rome to Rio, from Lagos to Los Angeles, your children mourn. Visit every heart, every home, every church with Your presence. Let their tears be seen, and their prayers answered. Bring healing in this loss. May this global grief unite us in love and reverence. Amen.

## **16. Prayer for the Faithful to Remain Strong**

A leader’s death can shake the faith of some. We pray that believers everywhere remain anchored in Christ and encouraged in mission.

*“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” — 1 Corinthians 15:58*

### **Prayer**

Father of all strength, Hold Your people steady in this season. May our faith not falter, our hope not wane, and our love not grow cold. Let Pope Francis’ example stir us to deeper devotion. May we arise stronger, purer, and more resolute than ever before. Root us in Your truth, and carry us forward in grace. Amen.

## **17. Prayer of Celebration for His Homecoming**

While we grieve, heaven rejoices. We celebrate Pope Francis’ entrance into eternal glory, believing that angels welcomed him home.

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” — Psalm 116:15*

### **Prayer**

God of Glory, We do not mourn without also rejoicing. For Your son, Pope Francis, has come home. We imagine the welcome—songs of angels, embraces of saints, and Your arms open wide. Thank You for receiving him in honor. We celebrate the victory of a life lived for You and an eternity now shared with You. Amen.

## **18. Prayer for the Youth He Inspired**

Pope Francis inspired a generation of young Catholics with his humility, joy, and authenticity. We pray that they carry the fire forward.

*“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example.” — 1 Timothy 4:12*

### **Prayer**

Lord of the young and old,  
Ignite the hearts of youth around the world  
who looked to Pope Francis as a father and guide.  
May they rise to answer Your call.  
Let his humility birth boldness in them. Let his wisdom spark innovation.  
Let his faith awaken passion.  
May the youth now lead with courage, just as he led with compassion.  
Amen.

## **19. Prayer for the Healing of the World**

Pope Francis called often for global peace, healing, and ecological justice. In his name, we continue to intercede for a world in need of restoration.

*“The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay.” — Romans 8:21*

### **Prayer**

Creator God,  
We echo Pope Francis’ cry:  
Heal this world. Heal the broken systems, the aching earth, the divided nations.  
Bring peace where there is war, wholeness where there is disease,  
and justice where there is oppression.  
May his dream of a better world not die with him, but live through us.  
Amen.

## **20. Final Commendation: Into the Arms of God**

We end where we began—entrusting Pope Francis to the eternal embrace of God, where love never ends.

*“To live is Christ, and to die is gain.” — Philippians 1:21*

### **Prayer**

Father Eternal,  
Into Your arms we place Pope Francis—Your son, Your servant, Your shepherd.  
He led us faithfully; now lead him into everlasting peace. We release him to You, not in despair, but in trust. Keep him in the light of Your face, and let his soul shine like the sun in Your kingdom. Until we meet again, may he rest in You.  
Amen.