

For the Brothers

Lord Jesus,
you did choose your apostles to the number of twelve,
and if one of them did betray you,
the others, remaining united to you,
preached your holy Gospel,
filled with one and the same inspiration.
O Lord, look on your church now,
and remember the former days,
when you called your people into one family to uphold faith,
that by them the mystery of your Gospel may be accomplished.
Who will take their place if they give themselves up to the works of darkness
instead of fulfilling their mission and being shining examples for all? Amen.

Source: Francis of Assisi, 13th Century

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For Your Love

O Lord,
I pray that the fiery and sweet strength of your love
may draw my soul to you from all things that are under heaven,
that I may die for love of your love
as you did die for the love of my love. Amen.

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Praise and Guidance

Almighty, most holy,
most high, and supreme God,
highest good, all good, wholly good,
you alone are good,
to you we render all praise, all glory,
all thanks, all honor, all blessing,
and we shall always ascribe all good to you.

Almighty, eternal, just, and merciful God,
help us wretches to do for you
what we know is your will
and always desire whatever is pleasing to you.
Purify us within, enlighten us within,
kindle us with the flame of your Holy Spirit,
so we may be able to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
and by your grace alone
come to you, the Most High,
who in perfect Trinity and simple unity lives and reigns and glorifies God Almighty for
ever and ever. Amen.

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The Prayer before the Crucifix at San Damiano

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out Your holy and true command.

A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen,
Mary, holy Mother of God,
Who are the Virgin made Church,
chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven
whom he consecrated with His most holy beloved Son and with the Holy Spirit the
Paraclete,
in whom there was and is
all fullness of grace and every good.
Hail His Palace!
Hail His Tabernacle!
Hail His Dwelling!
Hail His Robe!
Hail His Servant!
Hail His Mother!
And hail all Your holy virtues
which are poured into the hearts of the faithful through the grace and enlightenment of
the Holy Spirit, that from being unbelievers,
You may make them faithful to God.

The Praises To Be Said at All the Hours

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty,

Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

O Lord our God, You are worthy to receive
praise, glory and honour and blessing.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

The Lamb Who was slain is worthy to receive
power and divinity, wisdom and strength,
honour and glory and blessing.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit:

And let us praise and glorify Him forever. Bless the Lord. all you works of the Lord.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

Sing praise to our God, all you His servants
and you who fear God, the small and the great.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

Let heaven and earth praise Him Who is glorious.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

Every creature in heaven, on earth and under the earth; and in the sea and those which
are in it.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

And let us praise and glorify Him forever