

Closing Prayer

Saint Francis of Assisi lived in Italy about 800 years ago. He loved God very much and dedicated his life to teaching people about Jesus. This beautiful prayer of St. Francis was written to help us put things in perspective. It is so easy to get confused about what matters most. Prayer helps us get our priorities straight. Let's pray Saint Francis' prayer together:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

