

**FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
**CYCLE B**  
**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** We are God's friends, his adopted children, but in humble prayer we come to him as servants, seeking to do our duty, and asking him to "increase our faith."

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For those ordained to serve the Church, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, all priests and deacons, that they will always use the permanent gifts granted by the laying-on of hands for the benefit of all God's people. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For all of our Capuchin priests, who belong to the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, may they continue to draw inspiration and strength from St. Francis in their ministry as instruments of peace, love, hope and light. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For persecuted Christians and all innocent people in every land who bear the heavy burdens of war and conflict. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For all members of St. Joseph's parish, that we live the message of St. Francis by providing loving support of the priests and nuns and fostering a holy and peaceful family life that promotes religious vocations. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the dead will rise to everlasting life and glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God our Father, increase our faith, as once more we make our petitions, offering them confidently with Saint Francis, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*