

## **COMPLINE : THE FRANCISCAN NIGHT PRAYER**

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, come to my assistance. *Lord, make haste to help me.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Mercy**

*Lord Jesus, think on me/and purge away my sins, From earthly passions set me free/  
and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, with care and woe oppressed./ Let me your loving servant  
be/and taste your promised rest.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me/Amid the battle's strife/ in all my pain and misery/ be my health  
and my life.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me/ don't let me go astray/ Through darkness and perplexity/ point  
me toward the heavenly way.*

### **Psalm 143: In Troubled Time**

Lord, listen to my prayer/turn your ear to my appeal. You are faithful, you are just; give answer/ Do not call your servant to judgement/ for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul/he has crushed my life to the ground/ he has made me dwell in darkness/like the dead, long forgotten, therefore my spirit fails;/ my heart is numb within me.

Lord, make haste and answer/ for my spirit fails within me/Do not hide your face/ lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love/ for I put my trust in you,/ Make me know which way I should walk to you/lift up my soul.

Rescure me, Lord, from my enemies;/ I have fled to you for refuge/Teach me to do your will/ for you alone are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me/ in ways that are level and smooth/ For your name's sake, Lord, save my life/ in your justice, save my soul from distress.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

### ***The Canticle of Simeon***

*Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake, Watch over us as we sleep; that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.*

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people, Israel.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Protect us Lord, as we stay awake, Watch over us as we sleep, that awake we may keep watch with Christ and asleep, rest in his peace.*

Most High and Glorious God, bring light to the darkness of my heart; Give me right faith, certain hope and perfect charity.

O Lord, give me insight and wisdom, so that I might discern your holy and true will.  
Amen.

May the Lord grant us a quiet night and a peaceful end. Amen.