

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

– St. Francis of Assisi, *The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi*

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – St. Francis of Assisi

“He who works with his hands is a laborer.

He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.

He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that have received--only what you have given.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, He can work through anyone.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“No one is to be called an enemy, all are your benefactors, and no one does you harm. You have no enemy except yourselves.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“And St. Francis added: "My dear and beloved Brother, the treasure of blessed poverty is so very precious and divine that we are not worthy to possess it in our vile bodies. For poverty is that heavenly virtue by which all earthy and transitory things are trodden under foot, and by which every obstacle is removed from the soul so that it may freely enter into union with the eternal Lord God. It is also the virtue which makes the soul, while still here on earth, converse with the angels in Heaven. It is she who accompanied Christ on the Cross, was buried with Christ in the Tomb, and with Christ was raised and ascended into Heaven, for even in this life she gives to souls who love her the ability to fly to Heaven, and she alone guards the armor of true humility and charity.”

– St. Francis of Assisi, *The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi*

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
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 [to ourselves] that we are born to eternal life.”

– Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

“Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and able of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“We should seek not so much to pray but to become prayer.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“What we are looking for is what is looking.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

“And St. Francis said: 'My dear son, be patient, because the weaknesses of the body are given to us in this world by God for the salvation of the soul. So they are of great merit when they are borne patiently.’”

– St. Francis of Assisi, *The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi*