

# The Prayer of Saint Francis



## Make Me Your Peace

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me bring love.*

*Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.*

*Where there is discord, let me bring union.*

*Where there is error, let me bring truth.*

*Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.*

*Where there is despair, let me bring hope.*

*Where there is darkness,*

*let me bring your light.*

*Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.*

*O Master, let me not seek as much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
for it is in giving that one receives,  
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,  
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,  
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.*

## Prayer

*Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid*



## Reflection

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give  
you. I do not give to you as the world*

**John 14:27**





## An Advocate for Peace

*If you love me, keep my commands.*

<sup>16</sup> *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—*

<sup>17</sup> *the Spirit of truth*

John 14:15-17

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## Further Reading

Although it is called “The Prayer of Saint Francis,” this poem was not written by St. Francis nor is it part of his teachings.

The poem was first published in France by La Clochette in 1912. The original title was, *Belle prière à faire pendant la Messe*.

[Prayer of Saint Francis-Wikipedia](#)

What did Saint Francis teach?

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## Scripture in Song

<https://youtu.be/Qh53815Zzho>

This recording of the prayer “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” was written in 1967 by South African songwriter Sebastian Temple (Johann Sebastian von Tempelhoff, 1928–1997), who was a third order Franciscan.

Gateway Worship, 2020 YouTube.

## References

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