

Prayer for the late Pope Francis

In the Roman Missal

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pope Francis' Funeral

- Saturday, April 26, at 1:00 am PT

with live coverage on vaticannews.va in 15 languages and many news outlets.

Commemorating Pope Francis at Church of the Ascension

- Friday, April 25, at the 8:00 am Mass

- At every Mass this Saturday evening and Sunday, April 26-27.

You may want to pay tribute to the late Pope by placing flowers at his portrait in our church this April 26-27 weekend.

Diocesan Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

- Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph.

Reflections on Pope Francis

“Pope Francis will long be remembered for his outreach to those on the margins of the Church and of society. He renewed for us the mission to bring the Gospel out to the ends of the earth and offer divine mercy to all. He has also taken advantage of the present Jubilee to call us to a profound hope: one that is not an empty or naïve hope, but one grounded in the promise of Almighty God to be with us always.”

– Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

“...Pope Francis was a shepherd who led with humility, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the Gospel. He referred to the Church as a field hospital, reaching out to the peripheries, and encouraged us all to encounter each other, especially the poor. His emphasis on mercy, care for creation, and solidarity with the poor has left an indelible mark on the Church and the world....”

-Bishop Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose

“... Francis did not speak merely to Catholics, nor even to Christians alone. As a Jewish person, I found him to be the most inspiring---the most disturbing---leader of my lifetime. He spoke to the human soul at an historical moment when we have been encouraged to believe we no longer have souls, and so no longer have responsibilities. In his voice, there was an echo of the ancient cry: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?”

- Jonathan Safran Foer, vaticannews.va