



WALK WITH THE FRIARS

LENTEN ALMSGIVING CALENDAR A 40-DAY JOURNEY OF PRAYER, PENANCE, & GENEROSITY

This Lenten calendar is an invitation into relationship. Rooted in the Franciscan charism, each day presents an opportunity for a small act of prayer or charity that shapes generous hearts and strengthens our shared mission. When you walk with the Conventional Franciscan friars this Lent, you do so not as a supporter alone, but as a partner in the Gospel.

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi



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*A JOURNEY OF PRAYER,
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WEEK ONE: EMBRACING LADY POVERTY



18
FEB

ASH WEDNESDAY

Humility: Begin with simplicity. Offer a prayer for someone who is struggling today.

19
FEB

THURSDAY

Detachment: Set aside something small today to give to someone in need.

20
FEB

FRIDAY

Freedom: St. Francis found freedom in letting go. What might you release today?

21
FEB

SATURDAY

Trust in Providence: Reflect on what causes you anxiety and visualize handing those concerns to God. Recognize that, like the birds and the flowers, you are under God's care. (Matthew 6:26-30)

22
FEB

SUNDAY

Joyful Poverty: Francis chose poverty with joy. Give joyfully, not grudgingly.





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WEEK TWO: LOVE OF CREATION



23
FEB

MONDAY

Thanksgiving: Brother Sun, Sister Moon: Give thanks for the gift of creation.

24
FEB

TUESDAY

Care for Creation: St. Francis saw God in all creatures. What does God want you to do to protect what he created?

25
FEB

WEDNESDAY

Simple Living: Each dollar saved from excess can serve those in need.

26
FEB

THURSDAY

Grateful Hearts: Give thanks for clean air, fresh water, and fertile earth.

27
FEB

FRIDAY

Brother Wolf: Francis brought peace to Gubbio. Pray for peace and justice for our world.

28
FEB

SATURDAY

Canticle of the Creatures: Let your gifts be a song of praise to the Creator.

1
MARCH

SUNDAY

Stewardship: We are caretakers, not owners. Give as one who manages God's gifts.





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WEEK THREE: REBUILDING THE CHURCH



2
MARCH

MONDAY

Go, and repair my Church: The call St. Francis heard before the San Damiano cross, is the same invitation we receive each Lent to restore what is broken.

3
FEB

TUESDAY

Living Stones: Take time to reflect upon 1 Peter 2:5 “Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.” How can you use this Lenten season to rebuild what is broken?

4
MARCH

WEDNESDAY

Ministry Support: Consider almsgiving to sustain friars serving in parishes, schools and ministries.

5
MARCH

THURSDAY

Vocations: Pray for the next generation of friars as they pursue their studies and prayer life.

6
MARCH

FRIDAY

Support for our elder friars: As St. Francis cared tenderly for his brothers, Lent invites us to do the same. Support our older friars who quietly continue to rebuild the Church from within through prayer.

7
MARCH

SATURDAY

Support for the Infirm: As we walk with the friars this Lent, we are reminded that almsgiving is an act of fraternity. How can you help the sick and afflicted today?

8
MARCH

SUNDAY

Franciscan Presence: Your gift helps maintain friaries as centers of prayer and service.





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WEEK FOUR: THE POOR & MARGINALIZED



9
MARCH

MONDAY

Seeing Christ in the Poor: St. Francis met the poor with reverence, seeing Christ in every face. May your support sustain the friars who continue this sacred encounter.

13
MARCH

FRIDAY

Loving Without Distinction: Francis loved without borders or conditions. Your support helps the friars extend that boundless love to our most fragile brothers and sisters.

10
FEB

TUESDAY

A Simpler Way: St. Francis embraced simplicity so he could live closer to those who suffer. Can you embrace a simpler life this Lenten season?

14
MARCH

SATURDAY

God's Joy Among the Least: The friars often find God's joy among society's least, and your generosity strengthens their presence in these spaces of need.

11
MARCH

WEDNESDAY

Standing Beside the Forgotten: The friars walk with those the world overlooks. Through almsgiving, you can stand with them in this Gospel companionship.

15
MARCH

SUNDAY

Opening Our Eyes to the Poor: In today's Gospel, Jesus sees a man that the world has not yet seen marginalized and dismissed. This Lent, allow God to open your eyes to see the forgotten and God's presence in them. (John 9: 1-41)

12
MARCH

THURSDAY

Sharing What We Have: St. Francis gave freely. What can you share with the marginalized this Lent?





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WEEK FIVE: PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

2
MARCH

MONDAY

The Peace of St. Francis: St. Francis greeted every creature with “peace,” reminding us that peace begins within. May our Lenten generosity strengthen the friars who carry this mission today.

3
FEB

TUESDAY

Healing what is Broken: Francis sought to mend fractures, in families, communities, and the Church. This Lent, how can you continue that gentle work of reconciliation?

4
MARCH

WEDNESDAY

Instruments of Peace: As the friars strive to be instruments of Christ’s peace, your almsgiving becomes part of that harmony, sustaining both new vocations and brothers in their elder years.

26
FEB

THURSDAY

“Peace be with you”: Reflect on the Risen Christ’s gift of peace and the ministry of forgiveness. (John 20:19-23). How do you carry Christ’s peace into a divided world?

27
FEB

FRIDAY

Courage to forgive: Francis teaches that forgiveness is a doorway to peace. Through your support, the friars accompany others through that same holy threshold.

28
FEB

SATURDAY

Reconciliation as Mission: Every friar participates in Christ’s reconciling work, and your generosity strengthens their capacity to bring healing to a divided world.

1
MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

Peace over Power: Christ enters Jerusalem on a simple donkey, choosing peace over power. St. Francis embraced this same humble path of peace. As we begin Holy Week, may we welcome Jesus into our own hearts, ready to let peace take root within us.

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WEEK SIX: JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

30

MARCH

MONDAY

Embracing the Cross: Francis embraced the Cross not with fear but love. Your generosity aids those elder friars who have carried that Cross faithfully for decades.

31

MARCH

TUESDAY

Poverty of Holy Week: Holy Week reminds us of Christ's self-emptying love. May your support help form new friars committed to living that same simplicity and surrender.

1

APRIL

WEDNESDAY

Companions along the way: Like Jesus and his disciples, the Franciscan family journeys together. Your gifts strengthen this community of brothers across generations.

2

APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Message to Serve: As Christ kneels to wash the feet of his friends, he reveals a love that serves first. St. Francis cherished this humility. As we recall the Upper Room, may our hearts be renewed in the Franciscan call to serve gently, generously, and without distinction.

3

APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

Self-Giving Love: We are drawn to the cross, where Christ's love is poured out without reserve. St. Francis saw the crucified Christ as the mirror of perfect love.

4

APRIL

HOLY SATURDAY

Waiting & Hope: Francis knew the silence of sacred waiting well, trusting God even when the way was hidden. As we keep watch at the tomb, may we rest in that same humble confidence: that God is working in the quiet, transforming sorrow into hope.

5

APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection and Renewal: Alleluia! Christ is risen, and with Him creation itself is renewed. St. Francis rejoiced in the Resurrection as the triumph of life, peace, and boundless mercy. May the light of Easter renew our hearts and inspire our continued support of the friars' mission.