

SAINTS
St. Francis of Assisi
Blessed Francis, holy Father
 Patron of Franciscan Tertiaries

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Con anima

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1. Bless-ed Fran-cis, ho - ly fa - ther, Now our hearts to thee we raise,
 2. By thy love so deep and burning, For thy Sav-iour cru - ci - fied;

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As we gath-er round thine al-tar, Pour-ing forth our hymn of praise.
 By the to-kens which He gave thee On thy hands and feet and side:

Bless thy chil-dren, ho - ly Fran-cis, Who thy might-y help im-plore,
 Bless thy chil-dren, ho - ly Fran-cis, With those wounded hands of thine,

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For in heav-en thou re-main-est, Still the fa-ther of the poor.
 From thy glo-ri-ous throne in heav-en Where re-splen-dent-ly they shine.

3. Humble follower of Jesus,
 Likened to Him in thy birth,
 In thy way through life despising,
 For His sake, the goods of earth:
 Make us love the priceless virtue
 By our hidden God esteemed,
 Make it valued, holy Francis;
 By the souls of the redeemed.

4. Teach us also, dear Saint Francis,
 How to mourn for every sin;
 May we walk in thy dear footsteps
 Till the crown of life we win.
 Bless thy children, holy Francis,
 With those wounded hands of thine,
 From thy glorious throne in heaven,
 Where resplendently they shine.

