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Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Our Father, most holy, Creator, Redeemer, Savior, Comforter, *in heaven*, in the angels and saints enlightening them to knowledge of you, for you, Lord, are Light; inflaming them to love of you, for you, Lord, are Love; dwelling in them and filling them with blessing, for you, Lord, are the highest good, the eternal good, from whom all good proceeds, without whom nothing is good.

Hallowed be your name, may it be glorified in us by knowledge of you, that we may perceive the wideness of your blessings, the extent of your promises, the height of your majesty, the depth of your judgments.

Your kingdom come, that you may reign in us by your grace and bring us to your kingdom, where the vision of you is revealed, and your love made perfect, that we may enter your blessed presence, and enjoy you forever.

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven, that we may love you with all our hearts, ever thinking of you, and desiring you with all our souls and with all our minds; directing all our intentions to you and seeking your honor in all things; with all our strength devoting every power and faculty of mind and body to the service of your love and to no other end .

May we also love our neighbors as ourselves drawing them to love of you with all our power; delighting in the good of others as in our own, sharing in their troubles, and giving no offense to any.

Give us today our daily bread, which is your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the remembrance, understanding and reverence of the love that he bore us, and for the things that he said, did, and endured for our sakes.

Forgive us our sins, through your infinite mercy and by virtue of the passion of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the merits and prayer of the most blessed Virgin Mary and of all your elect.

As we forgive those who sin against us and since we do not forgive fully, Lord, enable us to forgive fully so that we may truly love our enemies for your sake and pray for them devoutly to you, not returning evil for evil but seeking to serve all people in you.

Save us from the time of trial, hidden or open, sudden or persistent.

And deliver us from evil, past, present, and to come

Amen.