

from the Prayer of St. Clement

Lord, I want to do what you ask of me:
in the way you ask,
for as long as you ask,
because you ask it.

Let me love you, my Lord and my God,
and see myself as I really am:
a pilgrim in this world,
a Christian called to respect and love
all those whose lives I touch,
those in authority over me
or those under my authority,
my friends and my enemies.

Help me conquer anger with gentleness,
greed by generosity, apathy by fervor.
Help me to forget myself and reach out to
others.

Teach me to realize that this world
is passing,
that my true future is the happiness
of heaven,
that life on earth is short,
and the life to come eternal.
Lead me safely through death
to the endless joy of heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may seek
not so 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 we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen