

# Initial Prayer

Most High, glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart. Give me true faith, certain hope and perfect clarity, sense and knowledge that I may carry out Your Holy and true command.

# Secular Franciscan Order

St Francis of Assisi founded in 1221 the Order of Brother and Sisters of Penance for men and women who were unable to leave their home, families or work, but still wanted to be affiliated with St Francis in living out a life dedicated to God

# Secular Franciscan Order

It is an Order within the Roman Catholic Church.

Secular Franciscans by their Profession pledge to live the gospel following Francis' example in accordance with the Rule of Life approved by the Church.

# Who can become member?

Men, women, married or single, young (18) or old, laity.

Clergy who are not member of another religious or secular order

# Formation and Profession

Formation takes 2 – 3 years with the following stages:

- a) Orientation
- b) Inquiry
- c) Candidacy

# Formation and Profession

## **Profession**

Permanent commitment to the Gospel life.

It is a Public, Ecclesial Act

Takes place during Holy Mass

# Apostolate

**Individual ministries or personal apostolates in our parishes, diocese or community**

Adult servers

Eucharistic Ministers

Prayer support

**Shared Apostolates**

# Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father you have called us to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi. To a life of penance, through evangelical simple living and through a life of prayer and through evangelizing with witness. You give us this vocation and that we fully trust that you will give us also the grace to carry it out.

Help us and allow us to be always guided by the grace of your Holy Spirit. So we may follow your plan and perfectly accomplish your holy will. Grant in all things great and small and all days of our lives we may do whatever you require of us. Help us to respond to the slightest prompting of your grace so that we may become your worthy instrument. Sharing in your mission of building God's kingdom where faith, justice and love prevail.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.