

For Fidelity to the Rule

Holy father, loving and most beloved St. Francis, we beseech you by the holy wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, which were imprinted on your body, assist us to govern the five senses of our bodies according to the will and pleasure of almighty God. Intercede for us, so that we may be most faithful in the observance of your Rule of Penance. Obtain for us contrition and devotion, faith, hope, and charity, patience, and purity of body and soul, together with the grace of persevering in the service of our Lord; so that after this life we may merit to come to you, with you to enjoy eternal happiness, which we hope through your intercession to obtain from Christ our Lord. Amen.

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