

Prayer for a Vibrant Franciscan Family

Our family will be vibrant, if I bring light and energy.

Our family will be friendly and welcoming, if I am.

Our family will be holy, if I continue to strive for holiness.

Its gatherings will be filled, if I help fill them.

Our family will do great work for justice, peace, and creation, if I do what I can for our world.

Our family will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will thrive with a spirit of giving, if I am a generous giver

Our family will bring others to follow Christ, if I witness a gospel life.

Our family will be a fraternity of love, joy, forgiveness, compassion and charity, if I live these same virtues.

Our family will accomplish God's will, if I help carry the load by sharing my time, talent, and treasure.

With Your help, dear Lord, and that of my Franciscan brothers and sisters, I renew my promise to "being" a Franciscan, and to practice all the things that I want my Franciscan Family to be. Amen

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