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"WALKING TOGETHER, LIVING THE FRANCISCAN-AMIGONIAN CHARISM"

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#### Liturgical Celebration.

"Dear Superiors, Provincial and Demarcation Superiors, Communities, Sisters, Religious, and the Amigonian Charismatic Family of the Capuchin Tertiary Religious of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family:"

#### Receive a warm greeting of Peace and Good.

With joy and devotion, we approach the celebration of the Month of Amigonianity, a special time dedicated to reflecting on the spiritual and pastoral legacy of Friar Luis Amigó. In this context, we share with you the scheduled liturgical celebrations. Each of these events has been carefully organized in communion with sisters and religious from different demarcations around the world, to highlight key moments in the life of our Founder and other saints of our tradition. We invite you to actively participate in these celebrations and to prepare each of them with the fervor and dedication that characterize us, thus ensuring the unity and spiritual depth of this significant time for our communities.

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May these liturgies that we suggest, or those that each community prepares, be a means to strengthen our charism and renew our commitment to the mission that Friar Luis has entrusted to us.

Peace and Good.

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## **LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**



# 15 SEPTEMBER



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"Walking Together, Living the Franciscan-Amigonian Charism"

Feast of Our lady of Sorrows

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

Prepared by. Sisters/Religious from the Asia Demarcations (Manila).

#### Introduction to the Celebration

The devotion of Our Lady of Sorrows holds a special place in the hearts of Catholics around the world, especially to us Amigonians since it is the patroness of our congregation. It centers on the Seven Sorrows of Mary, moments in her life that encompass her pain and suffering as the mother of Jesus. These sorrows remind us of Mary's unwavering faith, her deep love for humanity, and her role as a compassionate intercessor. In addition, Our Lady of Sorrows reminds Catholics that Mary is not just the mother of Jesus but also the mother of all believers, including you and me. She walks with us on our journey to God and understands our struggles and pains. When we turn to her

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in prayer, she intercedes for us and brings our petitions to God. Our celebration for today invites us to reflect on Mary's sorrows and how they relate to our lives. We can experience similar sorrows, such as illness, loss of loved ones, and other personal struggles. However, just as Mary remained faithful to God amid her sorrows, we, too, are called to have faith and trust in God's plan for us. We as an Amigonian family, we live this celebration as a way to give thanks to God for all the blessings received.

#### Opening

We come together to make this day memorable with great devotion and love of Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are reminded of the undying and unconditional love of Mary Our Lady of Sorrows who in the suffering of her son Jesus Christ did not abandon and was present until his death. We are entrusted by the Lord with one purpose to find the lost sheep of the flock and bring them back to the fold of the Good Shepherd. With this, our mission is directed towards all youths who, in one way or another, have lost the true path of life; those stricken by loneliness and those addicted to drugs and vices; the victims and the outcasts who experience rejection from the mainstream of our society; those who need love, acceptance, and understanding, guidance, forgiveness, and redemption. Through our Amigonian Pedagogy, they may feel that they are loved and so lift their minds and open their hearts to a new light and hope. May this celebration help us to persevere in our vocation and be an instrument of peace to others. Let us offer this celebration through the intercession of Mary Our Lady of Sorrows, to St. Joseph her husband, to St. Francis of Assisi, and our founder Ven. Fr. Luis Amigo.

#### Song: Stella Maris Bukas Palad (Lyric Video)

#### [Verse 1]

Kung itong aming paglalayag inabot ng pagkabagabag





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Nawa'y mabanaagan ka, hinirang na tala ng umaga Kahit alon man ng pangamba, 'di alintana sapagkat naro'n ka Ni unos ng pighati at kadiliman ng gabi

#### [Chorus]

Maria sa puso ninuman, ika'y tala ng kalangitan Ningning mo ay walang pagmamaliw Inang sinta, Inang ginigiliw

#### [Verse 2]

Tanglawan kami aming Ina sa kalangitan naming pita (Sa kalangitan)

(Maria) Nawa'y maging hantungan pinakamimithing kaharian

#### [Chorus]

Maria sa puso ninuman, ika'y tala ng kalangitan Ningning mo ay walang pagmamaliw Inang sinta, Inang ginigiliw Maria sa puso ninuman, ika'y tala ng kalangitan Ningning mo ay walang pagmamaliw Inang sinta, Inang ginigiliw

#### Responsorial psalm (psalm 31)

Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, make haste to deliver me!

#### Response: Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

Be my rock of refuge,







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a stronghold to give me safety. You are my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake, you will lead and guide me.

#### Response: Save me, O Lord, in your kindness

You will free me from the snare they set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands, I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

#### Response: Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

But my trust is in you, O LORD, I say, "You are my God." In your hands is my destiny; rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors.

#### Response: Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

¡How great is your goodness, O LORD, which you have in store for those who fear you, And which, toward those who take refuge in you, you show in the sight of the children of men.

#### Response: Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

#### Gospel (Luke 2:33-35)

Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."





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A Moment of Silence and Reflection (5 minutes)

#### Song: Magnificat (All that I Am) by David Haas

#### **Refrain:**

#### All that I am sings of the God who brings new life to birth in me. My spirit soars on the wings of my Lord.

#### Verse 1

My soul gives glory to the Lord, rejoicing in my saving God, who looks upon me in my state, and all the world will call me blest; For God works marvels in my sight, and holy, holy is God's name.

#### **Refrain:**

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#### Verse 2

God's mercy is from age to age, on those who follow in fear; Whose arm is power and strength, and scatters all the proud of heart; Who casts the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly ones!





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#### **Refrain:**

All that I am sings of the God who brings new life to birth in me. My spirit soars on the wings of my Lord.

#### Verse 3

God fills the starving with good things, the rich are left with empty hands; Protecting all the faithful ones, remembering Israel with mercy, the promise known to those before and to their children forever!

#### **Refrain:**

All that I am sings of the God who brings new life to birth in me. My spirit soars on the wings of my Lord. on the wings of my Lord.







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gre, y porque vivieron amando, murieron perdonando. Amigonian Maryos

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Amigonian Martyrs

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

Prepared by: Sisters/Religious Demarcations Africa (Benin)

#### **Motivation**

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the witness of life and dedication of our Amigonian brothers through martyrdom and holiness, which are part of the vocation of all believers. We ask ourselves, where did they find the strength, the courage, to prefer death rather than renounce their faith in God? First, in the fact that the Lord does not abandon those He calls, and second, in the conviction that "the martyrs knew Jesus deeply, loved Him dearly, with all their hearts." The blessed are offered by the Church as intercessors and models; the saints watch over us, are attentive to our paths, accompany our lives, and serve as models. They teach us how to live as disciples of Jesus; they help us

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review our relationship with God, our relationship with others, and help us examine the rhythm and tone with which we move forward in our daily lives, our life of hope. In this sense, "the martyrs invite us to change our lives, to convert our hearts to resemble the merciful heart of our God."

Let us ask God that this celebration be the seed of new vocations. May the testimony of the martyrs help the Amigonian family to live our commitment with renewed enthusiasm and generosity.

#### SIGNS

Picture of the Amigonian martyrs, palms, red cloth, clay vessel, candle or lamp.

#### LAUDS

#### Invitatory:

**Ant.** Come, let us worship and give thanks not so much for the gift received as for the love bestowed by the Lord. Psalm 94...

HYMN: Song of mission, vocation, or dedication.

Sunday I Week Psalms

**Ant. 1.** They bear the visible signs of sacrifice and victory with the palms of martyrdom.

**Ant. 2.** How beautiful among the mountains, the lovely procession of brothers coming from on high, triumphant and victorious.

**Ant. 3.** For the faithful man, the cross is the banner of following, which gathers the pain of the world and distributes merciful consolation.





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#### READING

#### Romans 12:1–2

Brothers, I urge you, by the mercy of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is the worship you should offer. And do not conform to this world; instead, be transformed and renew your inner self so that you may discern what is the will of God: what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

#### SHORT RESPONSORY

#### "My grace is sufficient for you."

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to remove this thorn from me, and three times He replied, "My grace is sufficient for you."

Therefore, I rejoice in my weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, and in all that I suffer for Christ; "My grace is sufficient for you."

#### Benedictus

**Ant.** For the man of faith, it is clear that the martyrs are authentic victors, qualified witnesses of the faith.

**INTERCESSIONS:** As in the common of martyrs.

#### **Our Father**

#### Prayer

Almighty Father, Good Shepherd, we ask that just as you guided and strengthened our Amigonian brothers in giving testimony to You with their lives, we may always be faithful to Your promptings, remain united in charity, and attain the joys of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...





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#### VESPERS

HYMN: Song of mission, vocation, or dedication.

## Psalms and intercessions as in the common of martyrs, except:

**Ant. 1.** Their faces reflect the strength and embrace of the cross.

**Ant. 2.** The spirit of living Franciscan fraternity is to feel like shepherds of the Good Shepherd.

**Ant. 3.** An act of fidelity and oblation; may everything be done out of love for the Lord.

#### Magníficat

**Ant.** The procession will shine from age to age, like stars in the firmament and in the depths of our hearts.

**INTERCESSIONS:** As in the common of martyrs.

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## 2024 LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

# Blessed Martyrs Rosario, Serafina and Francisca

# 28 SEPTEMBER

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"Walking Together, Living the Franciscan-Amigonian Charism"

Blessed Martyrs Rosario, Serafina and Francisca

#### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**

Prepared by: Sisters/Religious Demarcations Central America (Costa Rica)

#### Introduction to the Celebration

The word "martyrdom" derives from the Greek martyria, which precisely means testimony. However, "very soon in the Church, the word martyr was used to indicate someone who bore witness even to the point of shedding their blood." The core and source of martyrdom is not a burst of religious heroism but a "mystery of love," a dynamic entirely woven with "gratuitousness and gratitude" for the gifts of salvation freely received from Christ.

In the context of the Month of Amigonianity, today we celebrate the Feast of our Blessed Capuchin Tertiary

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Sisters: Rosario of Soano, Serafina of Ochovi, and Francisca of Rafelbuñol, Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War.

The testimony of their simple and coherent lives in the midst of everyday life should lead us to reflect on how we Christian life, whether Laypeople live our as or Consecrated persons, all called to Holiness: "Be holy, for your Heavenly Father is holy." The heroism and way of life of these Sisters of ours calls us to live our Baptismal Consecration with joy and authenticity, being witnesses of God's love and mercy. Let us begin this celebration by singing.

#### SONG: Beatitudes. (Kairoi).

#### https://youtu.be/jVNNtlfZCDs?si=\_PnQlOTY7SFNv88n

#### **INITIAL ADDRESS**

The martyrial witness of our Sisters Rosario, Serafina, and Francisca gives us a glimpse into the experience of faith that inspired them to give their lives for the cause of Jesus and the Kingdom of God. They were blessed because they centered their lives on Christ, and from Him, they served and loved to the point of giving their lives for LIFE.

**PSALM.** (To be proclaimed by one or several soloists with the Assembly responding with a refrain or proclamation).

**Soloist:** Blessed are those who, hearing the call of faith and love in their lives, believed that life was given to be lived in love and with living faith.

ALL: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO LOVE TO THE EXTREME.

**Soloist:** Blessed are they who embraced poverty to fill their bags with God, to serve Him with strength, with joy, and with love at all times.





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#### ALL: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO LOVE TO THE EXTREME.

**Soloist:** Blessed messengers of truth, who walked the earth's paths, preaching goodness against evil, proclaiming peace against wars.

**ALL:** BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO LOVE TO THE EXTREME.

**Soloist:** Blessed are you who console the sorrowful. Blessed are you, servants of humanity. Blessed are you, for you build the Kingdom of justice with your shed blood.

**ALL:** BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO LOVE TO THE EXTREME.

#### READING.

We will pray various martyrial texts, allowing us to internalize the experience of faith that inspired our Sisters Rosario, Serafina, Francisca, and many Christians of different eras to give their lives for the cause of Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

#### Matthew 10:21.

"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rise against parents and have them put to death."

#### Matthew 16:24-25.

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'"

#### Matthew 5:10-12.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of





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righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

#### Luke 6:22.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man."

#### SPACE FOR SILENCE AND REFLECTION.

Which text resonated most with me? What does the testimony of our Sisters Rosario, Serafina, and Francisca invite me to do?

SONG: Make me a channel of your peace. https://youtu.be/4tjng8FV2XM?si=6zITyPG-wxG6OrHW

#### TIME TO SHARE REFLECTIONS...

**TIME OF THANKSGIVING.** (Between two readers or freely expressed).

Thank you, Lord, for the testimony of our Sister Serafina of Ochovi, for her spirit of prayer and work, which made her an example to her sisters, making herself all things to all people.

ALL: Thank you, Lord, thank you.

Thank you, Lord, for the testimony of our Sister Rosario of







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Soano, who was a solicitous, self-sacrificing, and loving mother to all, always serving with love and generosity.

ALL: Thank you, Lord, thank you...

Thank you, Lord, for the testimony of our Sister Francisca of Rafelbuñol, who was distinguished by her prudence, even-temper, simplicity, and humility, respectful of all and diligent in fulfilling her duties, teaching us fidelity in small things.

ALL: Thank you, Lord, thank you.

Thank you, Lord, because our Martyr Sisters lived a spirituality centered on God as Father, which led them to love their brothers and be faithful disciples and followers of yours, even to the point of giving their lives.

ALL: Thank you, Lord, thank you.

Thank you, Lord, because our Sisters Rosario, Serafina, and Francisca lived love, self-denial, and sacrifice from You, and they have strengthened our charismatic identity with their fidelity and generous dedication.

ALL: Thank you, Lord, thank you.

(Expressions of thanksgiving may be added freely...)

#### COMMITMENT:

We invite you to make a commitment to express how we live out this celebration.

FINAL PRAYER: (Recited by all or by the presider).

Almighty Father, Eternal Shepherd, we give you thanks for the strength you granted to your blessed servants Rosario,







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Serafina, and Francisca, to generously shed their blood in fidelity to Christ and their vocation as Capuchin Tertiary Sisters; you who have seen fit to glorify your servants on earth, if it be for your greater glory, and through their intercession, grant us the grace to live a deep spirituality that allows us to humanize our world with the same love that Jesus Christ, your Son, did. We ask this through the mediation of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. To you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

SONG: Missionary Soul. https://youtu.be/y-P08xxPCXY?si=9PH2viR-7GsgWdIE







## **LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**

# The transit of our father Luis Amigo y Ferrer

# OT OCTOBER



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October

"Walking Together, Living the Franciscan-Amigonian Charism"

The transit of our father Luis Amigó y Ferrer

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

Prepared by: Sisters/Religious Sub-Commission Spiritual Component

#### Setting:

On a day like this, Father Luis surrendered his life to God, who welcomed him into His dwelling of light and eternal life. Tonight, we want to remember that moment he lived with extreme serenity, listening to the account of his holy death and allowing ourselves to be touched by his example. Let us begin this celebration.

#### Song: Father Luis, All Your Children

**Reader:** Worn out by eighty years of life, filled with work, penance, and concerns, the Bishop fell ill during the



summer. Hoping to improve, he moved to Masamagrell, living in the rooms prepared for him by the Sisters at the Motherhouse. However, the Tertiary Religious, including the Most Reverend Father General, became convinced that, unfortunately, the life of their Holy Founder was like a light that was fading. They decided to bring him to Godella, the headquarters of the Congregation, to have the comfort of caring for him during his final days. The patient had lost his sight and asked for permission from the Holy See to celebrate a votive Mass of the Virgin because it was extremely painful for him to miss celebrating Mass even for a single day. Realizing that the end of his life was near, he received the news with the equanimity that characterized him, confident in the goodness of his actions.

#### LOOKING AT MYSELF THROUGH YOU

#### \*Look at me, Jesus of Nazareth.

May I feel your gaze upon me, a gaze that is free, without the bondage of the synagogue, without demands that ignore me, without the distance that chills, without the greed that buys me.

\*May Your gaze rest upon my senses and filter into the inaccessible corners where my unknown self, sown by You from my beginning, awaits You, and may it germinate my future, silently breaking through with the green of its leaves the hardened earth that buries and nourishes me.

\*Let me enter into You, to see myself through You, and feel the dissolving of so many of my own and others' gazes that deform and break me.

#### Reader:

That holy religious man who spent his entire life preparing to die well could not fear the final moments of his life; that







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Holy Founder, who was a school of perfection for his Religious, who had prepared alongside his bed the coffin and the garments in which he would be shrouded, could not tremble at the hour of death. The great Bishop, who had won the love of all his flock, who a hundred times a day, kneeling before a crucifix, kissing its feet and weeping, exclaimed: "Remember, compassionate Jesus, since I am the cause of your coming, not to lose me on that day." Therefore, upon hearing the fatal news, with Christian strength and the faith of one who knows the victory is won, he said:

Father Luis: "I want to receive the Holy Viaticum to pass into a better life."

**Reader:** This was an emotional and sublime act. His Divine Majesty was carried under a canopy by Dr. Lauzurica, Auxiliary Bishop of Valencia; numerous religious from the two Congregations founded by the patient attended, with lit candles, led by the Superior General, Father Ildefonso of Vall Uxó, and the Superior General, Sister Genoveva of Valencia; the Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Segorbe, the very illustrious gentlemen Don Marcelino Blasco and Don Romualdo Amigó; the parish priests of Godella and neighboring towns, the family, and several close friends of the patient, as well as representatives the Capuchin communities of Valencia and from Masamagrell.

The moment of the Viaticum was emotional. The Bishop of Segorbe was seated in a chair, dressed in a surplice and stole. First, with great fervor and full awareness, he made the profession of faith and again requested sacramental absolution. With tears in his eyes and signs of deep emotion, he forgave and asked forgiveness from all, whom he blessed at the end of the heartfelt act. The Vicar General of Segorbe administered the sacrament of Extreme Unction to the ailing Bishop. Amid tears and deep reverence, this emotional act of everlasting memory concluded.





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When the Auxiliary Bishop took his leave, he offered words of comfort and strength, assuring the venerable patient that his good works had earned him a great reward in glory. The venerable patient took his hands, and thanking him for his charity, kissed them, saying:

Father Luis: "Bishop, I am nothing but a sinner."

Bishop: "You are what God knows, and so do we."

**Reader:** Deeply moved, the Bishop kissed the dying man's hands and withdrew, saying:

**Bishop:** "He is a saint, he is a saint."

#### THE NEW EARTH

\*In the new earth, houses have no keys, and walls do not divide the world; no one is alone.

\*There is not much talk of love, but it is expressed with eyes, hands, and hearts.

\*Tears are fertile, sadness has left never to return, taking with it the heavy burden of hatred and resentment, violence and pride.

\*The strange door that opens to that land is the blood shed by one who gives without limit, the infinite patience of one who waits in the night, the boundless passion of a God given for His children; we, chosen to inhabit that new land.

#### **Song:** I Wish to Be Like You

**Reader:** On October 1st, the telegraph announced that Father Luis Amigó, Bishop of Segorbe, had peacefully passed away at the residence in Godella, surrounded by his Tertiary sons, who were deeply saddened by such an





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irreparable loss.

[While the song is sung, the participants will light their candles from the candle in front of the portrait or bust of Father Luis, and when all the candles are lit, the large candle will be extinguished.]

**Reader:** The body, dressed in pontifical attire and watched over by the Religious, was exposed in the church.

Immediately, the Archbishop of Valencia and his Auxiliary arrived, praying before the deceased, expressing their condolences to the community, and offering to officiate the funeral rites that were organized. Other ecclesiastical and civil authorities, as well as a large part of the population, passed by the residence visibly moved by the loss. The Apostolic Nuncio, many prelates, and entities sent heartfelt telegrams of condolence, praising the merits of the deceased.

The next day, the first funeral was held, officiated by the Most Reverend Father General of the Capuchin Tertiaries. In the afternoon, the body was transferred to the prioral church of Masamagrell, where it was received by the Auxiliary Bishop, the parish clergy, the communities of the Capuchins of Magdalena, the Tertiaries, and the entire town, mourning their illustrious compatriot.

#### Without a Shroud

Whoever says God is dead, come out into the light and see whether the world is or is not the work of a God who remains awake. His place is no longer the desert, nor does He hide on the mountain; tell, if they ask where He is, that God is without a shroud wherever a man works and a heart responds to Him.







On October 3rd, the pontifical funeral was celebrated by the Archbishop of Valencia, assisted by his canons. The Mass was sung by the seraphic choir of the Capuchins and Tertiaries. Religious and civil representatives attended, too numerous to mention in detail; among them were the community of Capuchins of Magdalena and the Very Reverend Provincial Father of the Capuchins of Valencia and Andalusia; the entire General Government of the Tertiaries, with more than thirty Religious; the Superior General of the Tertiaries, accompanied by about forty Religious Sisters.

Then the body was transported to the church of the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters, where it was to be finally buried.

On October 4th, the burial funeral was celebrated by the Very Reverend Provincial Father of the Capuchins of Andalusia, presided over by the Auxiliary Bishop. Immediately afterward, the funeral procession was formed.

#### This Morning

\*This morning I straighten my back, open my face, breathe in the dawn, I choose life.

\*This morning I embrace my struggles, quiet my limits, dissolve my fears, I choose life.

\*This morning I look into eyes, embrace a back, give my word, I choose life.

\*his morning I find peace, nurture the future, share joy, I choose life.

\*This morning I seek you in death, lift you from the mire, carry you, so fragile. I choose life.





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\*This morning I listen to you in silence, let you fill me, follow you closely. I choose life.

#### **Our Father**

#### Conclusion

Father Luis has finished his earthly journey and has remained faithful (1 Timothy 4:7), and the Lord, receiving him into His Kingdom as a good and faithful servant, has said to him, "Enter and share your master's happiness" (Matthew 25:21).

The light of his earthly life has gone out, but in our hands, we hold small candles that light up this night; we have lit them from the candle that symbolizes the life and charism of Father Luis, and with this gesture, we want to signify that it is now our turn to keep alive in the world the light of the charism that Father Luis left us, living attentively and openly to the Spirit, enriching it with the newness that God places in our hearts.

As we contemplate Father Luis clothed in new and eternal life, let us rejoice with him and feel him as a companion on our journey, just as we feel our dearest ones who have left us. Let us continue our task in this world with the faith, serenity, and strength that always characterized the life of Father Luis.

#### FROM HEAVEN, BLESS US, FATHER LUIS







### **EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**



# 04 OCTOBER









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"Walking Together, Living the Franciscan-Amigonian Charism"

Feast of Our Father Saint Francis of Assisi

#### **EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

Prepared by: Sisters/Religious Communities Italy (Galatone)

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate this feast day in honor of our holy Father Francis; the angels are joyful at this solemnity and praise the Son of God together.

#### **Collect Prayer**

Almighty God, who granted our Father Saint Francis the grace to resemble Christ through humility and poverty, grant us the grace to walk in his footsteps, so that we may follow your Son and dedicate ourselves to you with joyful love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### **FIRST READING**

Francis, like a shining sun over the royal temple.

#### A reading from the book of Sirach 50:1-3, 7.

This is the one who in his time restored the temple, in his days reinforced the sanctuary. In his time a reservoir was dug, a pool as abundant as the sea. He protected his people from looting and fortified the city against siege. How majestic when he emerged from behind the tent's curtains, like a star shining among clouds, like the full moon on a feast day, like the sun shining over the royal temple, so he shone in the temple of God.

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Cf. Ps. 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11.

#### *R/.* The Lord is my chosen portion.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I say to the Lord: "You are my good." The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup. I will bless the Lord who counsels me, even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; with Him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. You show me the path of life; in your presence, there is fullness of joy, in your right hand, joy forever.

#### **SECOND READING**

Through the cross, the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18.





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Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

#### SEQUENCE

Francis, you are now nailed to the redeeming cross. You triumph over the world and the flesh, and your victory belongs to Christ.

The ideal of your life marks a new world, and the tree of the Gospel blooms with new roses.

A cord at your waist girds your purity. And flowers bloom where your miraculous steps tread.

Poverty was your lady, the one who was Christ's bride. Widowed by her first husband, you took her as your bride again.

And five rubies adorn your wounded body as a pledge of your betrothal.

Five open windows through which the soul gazes.

The cross was the tree of life that sheltered you in its shadow.

Under its open branches, your children work and pray.

Good Father, Holy Father, of this family that implores your spirit, which gives life, your virtues, which bring glory.





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To those who bear your name, grant them to continue your work.

The seed sown here will yield its roses in heaven.

#### Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

Francis, poor and humble, enters rich into heaven and is honored with heavenly hymns. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to the little ones

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30.

At that time, Jesus exclaimed:

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and have revealed them to the little ones. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

On this joyful feast day when the Lord exalted His humble





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servant Francis, let us confidently present our petitions and prayers to Almighty God, who hears the prayers of the humble.

Let us pray to the Lord.

-For the holy Church: that it may be continually renewed and, guided by our Pope N. and our Bishop N., faithfully proclaim the Gospel to the men and women of today.

-For the Franciscan family: that, following the example of Father Francis, we may be humble and simple witnesses of Jesus Christ, bringing the message of peace and goodness to the world today.

-For all the peoples of the world: that violence, hatred, and war may cease, and that the peace and universal brotherhood proclaimed by Francis may reach all men and women.

-For those who suffer in body and spirit: that they may find comfort, healing for their ailments, and peace of heart.

-For those of us celebrating this solemnity: that we may be humble, simple, and pure, loving all men and women, indeed all creatures of the universe, so that through us, the spirit of Francis of Assisi may remain present in the world today.

Almighty, omnipotent, good Lord, hear the supplicant voice of your children, for you listen to the cries of the humble. May we obtain from your goodness the blessings we have asked for.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





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#### Prayer over the Offerings

As we present to you, Lord, our offerings, we ask that you prepare us to worthily celebrate the mystery of the cross, to which our Father Saint Francis dedicated himself with a heart inflamed with your love.

#### Preface

V/. The Lord be with you. V/. Lift up your hearts. V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God.

For you called your servant Francis to the highest evangelical perfection through the path of true poverty and humility.

Enflamed with the fire of your love, he blessed you in the contemplation of the works of your hands with songs of joy and gladness.

Marked with the wounds of Christ, he showed us in himself the image of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified.

Through him, the angels and archangels and all the heavenly choirs celebrate your glory, united in common joy.

Allow us to join their voices, singing humbly your praise: Holy, Holy, Holy...

#### Communion Antiphon 1 Pt 4:13

Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ so that when his glory is revealed, you may also rejoice exultantly.

#### Prayer after Communion

Through this sacrament we have received, grant us, Lord, to imitate our Father Saint Francis in his charity and





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apostolic zeal so that we may taste the fruits of your love and dedicate ourselves to the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### Solemn Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.

May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. Amen.

May He turn His countenance towards you and give you peace. Amen.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

#### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

He was born in Assisi in 1182. Converted to Christ after a worldly youth, he renounced his father's wealth and dedicated himself entirely to God.

He embraced poverty and led an evangelical life, preaching to all the love of God. He formed his followers with exemplary rules of life, approved by the Apostolic See. He also founded the Order of Poor Clares and the Third Order of laypeople. He preached the faith among non-believers. He died on the evening of October 3, 1226.





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#### Hymn

The evening slowly falls while the shadows lengthen. Francis knows that death is coming, his sweet sister. He keeps his spirit strong though his flesh is weak. His limbs grow cold while his soul is aflame.

All his children, gathered around, express their love with tears, and the flock is saddened because their shepherd departs.

Francis, who looks to heaven, raises a frail and gentle hand that blesses, dispensing grace.

May error and lust not stain your house. May virtue alone dwell in your bodies and souls.

And then his spirit flew like a white dove that made its nest in heaven, perched on a divine branch.

To the Father, to the Son, to the Spirit, let our praise ascend. Glory and honor to the Triune God for endless ages. Amen.

**Ant. 1.** Francis, a Catholic and entirely apostolic man, sent with the good news of peace.

#### Psalm 111

## Blessed is the one who fears the Lord and loves his commands with all his heart.

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness, light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate.

Blessed is the one who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. The righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast,





trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure; he will have no fear, till he looks in triumph on his foes.

He has freely scattered his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Glory to the Father...

**Ant.** Francis, a Catholic and entirely apostolic man, sent with the good news of peace.

**Ant. 2.** In his days, he supported the house of God and repaired the temple.

#### Psalm 147

#### Glorify the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion:

for He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your children within you; He grants peace to your borders and fills you with the finest wheat.

He sends His command to the earth; His word runs swiftly; He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes;

He hurls down His hail like pebbles; who can withstand His icy blast? He sends His word and melts them; He stirs up His breezes, and the waters flow.

He has revealed His word to Jacob, His laws and decrees to Israel; He has done this for no other nation; they do not know His laws.

Glory to the Father...





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**Ant.** In his days, he supported the house of God and repaired the temple.

**Ant. 3.** Bring me out of prison: the righteous will surround me when you bestow your favor upon me

#### Psalm 141

I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out before Him my complaint; before Him, I tell my trouble.

When my spirit grows faint within me, it is You who watch over my way. In the path where I walk, people have hidden a snare for me.

Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

I cry to You, Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

Glory to the Father...

**Ant.** Bring me out of prison: the righteous will surround me when you bestow your favor upon me.

#### Short Reading Rm 8:10-11

If Christ is in you, even though your body is subject to





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death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

#### **Short Responsory**

**R/.** Francis, poor and humble \* Francis enters rich into heaven.

**V/.** He is acclaimed with heavenly hymns. \* \* Francis enters rich into heaven.

Glory to the Father... \* Francis enters rich into heaven.

#### Magnificat

The Song of the Virgin Mary Joy of the soul in the Lord

**Ant.** Francis, fully submissive to the Creator, had the creatures submissive to him: he used them for the glory of God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy,





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the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father...

**Ant.** Francis, fully submissive to the Creator, had the creatures submissive to him: he used them for the glory of God.

#### Intercessions

ILet us invoke God the Father, the source of all holiness, who guides us on the path of holiness through the intercession and example of our Father Saint Francis, and let us humbly say:

Hear us, Lord.

Holy Father, who made your servant Francis a perfect imitator of your Son,

-grant that we, following in his footsteps, may faithfully observe the Gospel of Christ.

Good Father, guide our steps on the path of peace, following the example of our Father Saint Francis,

-so that with a sincere heart, we may live in obedience, without personal possessions, and in chastity.

Almighty and Most High Father, who scatter the proud in their conceit and lift up the humble,

-grant us to imitate our Seraphic Father in the virtue of humility.

Father of love and mercy, who marked your servant Francis with the signs of the passion of your Son, -grant us always to glory in the cross of Christ.

Merciful Father, who granted forgiveness to sinners through the intercession of our Father Saint Francis,







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-show your face to our departed brothers and sisters.

Our Father...

#### Prayer

Almighty God, who granted our Father Saint Francis the grace to resemble Christ through humility and poverty, grant us the grace to walk in his footsteps, so that we may follow your Son and dedicate ourselves to you with joyful love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### LAUDS

#### Hymn

Today Francis celebrates the world with joy. Today a new harmony resounds in creation.

In the early morning, Francis invites everyone to come to the meeting and bless the Lord.

The light that is born anew today, the air that is illuminated; the man who now walks to his work and his toil.

The bird that sings in the morning with deep joy... Everything is joyful today in the world for the Elder Brother.

Give glory to God, One and Triune, who gives us everything in Jesus. Glory to Him who offers in the cross the way, the life, and the truth.

Sing His glory forever, and, singing His praise, proclaim that you are loving the God of all goodness. Amen.

**Ant. 1.** He appeared perfect and righteous, and at the time of destruction, he was the renewer.





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#### Psalm 62

The soul thirsts for God

O God, you are my God, for you I long; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh yearns for you, as in a dry and weary land without water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary, and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips, my mouth will praise you.

On my bed, I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Glory to the Father...

**Ant. 1.** He appeared perfect and righteous, and at the time of destruction, he was the renewer.

**Ant. 2.** He constantly praised the Lord: the stars, the wind, the birds, all creatures, he invited to praise the Creator.

#### Canticle of the Three Young Men All creation praises the Lord

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.





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Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; you heavens, bless the Lord.

All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord; all you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless the Lord; stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord; all you winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord: cold and chill, bless the Lord.

Dews and rains, bless the Lord; frost and chill, bless the Lord.

Ice and snow, bless the Lord; nights and days, bless the Lord.

Light and darkness, bless the Lord; lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Mountains and hills, bless the Lord; everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.

You springs, bless the Lord; seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord; all you birds of the air, bless the Lord.

All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

You sons of men, bless the Lord;







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O Israel, bless the Lord.

Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord; servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord; holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.

Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever.

**Ant. 2.**He constantly praised the Lord: the stars, the wind, the birds, all creatures, he invited to praise the Creator.

**Ant. 3.** The Lord lifted up the lowly and exalted him to the ends of the earth.

#### Psalm 149

The joy of the saints

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes delight in His people; He crowns the humble with victory.

Let His faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.





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May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,

to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,

to carry out the sentence written against them this is the glory of all His faithful people.

Glory to the Father...

**Ant. 3.** The Lord lifted up the lowly and exalted him to the ends of the earth.

#### Short Reading Ga 1:15-16, 24

But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, they praised God because of me.

#### Short Responsory

**R/.** My heart and my flesh \* Sing for joy to the living God. My heart.

**V/.** My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord. \* Sing for joy.

Glory to the Father... My heart.

#### Benedictus.

Ant. He remained cheerful when sharing his sufferings of Christ and, now that his glory has been revealed, he overflows with joy.





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#### The Song of Zechariah The Messiah and His Forerunner

**Ant.** He remained joyful in sharing the sufferings of Christ, and now that His glory is revealed, he overflows with joy.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets, He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

**Ant.** He remained joyful in sharing the sufferings of Christ, and now that His glory is revealed, he overflows with joy.





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#### Intercessions

Let us glorify Christ, who by His death and resurrection built His Church and called us to follow Francis, and let us humbly pray:

Keep us, Lord, in your holy service.

You who came to evangelize the poor, teach us to spread your kingdom in word and deed, -and to establish it successfully among men.

You, who are the light of the nations and the teacher of holiness, make us steadfast in the true faith,

-that we may proclaim your name throughout the world.

You who gave the new commandment to love one another,

-grant us to work for the good of all men.

You, Wisdom of the Father, enlighten our minds, -that, faithful to the truth, we may remain in love.

You, who worked with your own hands, direct our work, -that all who see our works may glorify God the Father.

Our Father...

#### Prayer

Almighty God, who granted our Father Saint Francis the grace to resemble Christ through humility and poverty, grant us the grace to walk in his footsteps, so that we may follow your Son and dedicate ourselves to you with joyful love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.







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#### **II VESPERS**

#### Hymn

Come, Francis, to your brothers, visit the little ones; come, pierced by love for the wounds of Christ; like a new spring after the cold winter, come, Francis!

Come, that men may see you as a pilgrim in the world: freed, without a bag and without money in your belt; and proclaim peace and good with flowering lips, come, Francis!

Come with unarmed arms, gentle and peaceful brother; come, least among the least, with a compassionate heart; prophet without bitterness, come with the olive branch, come, Francis!

Come, joyful penitent, who weeps with joy; herald of love and peace among enemies; come through the neighborhoods and squares, troubadour of divine forgiveness, come, Francis!

Come, angel of good news, speak to us of Jesus Christ; come, mouth of the Gospel, wise and simple Christian; brother so longed for, Francis so well beloved, come, Francis!

**Ant. 1.** Among you, I did not boast of knowing anything except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

#### Psalm 112

Praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever: from the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.





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The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high and looks down to see the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people. He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

**Ant.** Among you, I did not boast of knowing anything except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

**Ant. 2.** Sharing in His death, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.

#### Psalm 145

Praise the Lord, my soul; I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day, their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— He remains faithful forever.





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He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Ant. 2.** Sharing in His death, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.

**Ant. 3.** The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

#### **Canticle of Ephesians** The God of salvation

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love.

He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ,

according to the good pleasure of His will,

to the praise of His glorious grace

that He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that He lavished on us.







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With all wisdom and insight, He has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**Ant.** The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

#### Short Reading Ga 14:17-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.

Amen.

#### Short Responsory

**R/.** Your victory, Lord, \* has made His name great. Your victory.

V/. You have granted Him unending blessings. \* has made His name great.

Glory to the Father. Your victory.

#### Magníficat

**Ant.** The Lord looks upon the poor and wanderer to do him good and raises him from the dust, making him lift his head: many are amazed at seeing him and praise God.





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**The Song of the Virgin Mary** Joy of the soul in the Lord

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant.

From this day, all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

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#### Prayer

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### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**

## Celebration of the Baptism of Father Luis Amigó Closing of the Amigonian Month

# 18 OCTOBER



Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family







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"Walking Together, Living the Franciscan-Amigonian Charism"

Celebration of the Baptism of Father Luis Amigo Closing of the Amigonian Month

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

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#### Introduction to the Celebration:

As part of this journey of Synodality, and in this month where step by step we have celebrated Amigonianity through the different pillars or standards of our life and reality as the Amigonian Family, in this final gathering, we celebrate the baptism of our beloved Father Luis Amigó. A noble instrument used by God for this beautiful mission, to be a guide who calls us to participate in God's love, a love given to humanity, a pure love, a sincere call. A call to be missionary disciples, to be Priests, Prophets, and Kings in each of our realities, to be an example of that love, to preach His gospel not just with words but with our very

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lives, just as our founder did, so that we may go in search of the lost sheep and return it to the fold.

Baptism is the most important moment in the life of a Christian; it is the gateway to experiencing that perfect love, to becoming children of God by adoption, members of an ecclesial community, and proclaimers of the good news. These are transcendent elements, a sure path from where love begins and where it must reach.

As Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and as Lay Cooperators, from our human experience, and through it, we have each been called. From our realities, from our simple lives, we have been invited to meet face to face with the Good Shepherd, invited to hear His voice, His word, to imitate His life, and to live the experience of bringing that love to those most in need through our lives and example. Today our month concludes, but our journey continues, with renewed impetus to live our baptism, our commitment to bring more sheep to His fold... Are you willing?

#### **Initial Address**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our Amigonian Journey, and as part of this beautiful celebration of the Month of Amigonianity, today we celebrate the Baptism of a great Teacher, Father Luis Amigó, who with his love and faith goes in search of the lost sheep, those closest to his reality, with the sole purpose of bringing them back to the fold, to that place where they can be safe from the various realities of the time and which still threaten today. In the Master's fold, a place where no matter our situation, there are open arms that receive and protect us, heal our wounds, lift us up, and teach us to walk with HIM. As we celebrate together this great gift given to us through Father Luis Amigó, let us discover together what our mission is and where we can fulfill it, being Priests, Prophets, and Kings.





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#### **Entrance Song**

#### **PROPHET OF GOD**

A child was born in Masamagrell, a prophet of God. He lived in poverty, felt the pain of others. He saw their suffering and attended to his Lord. He recognized his vocation, leaving everything, he followed Jesus.

#### LUIS, TEACH ME TO FOLLOW YOUR WORK OF LOVE AND CHARITY. THE YOUNG PEOPLE NEED ME.

"Seek the lost sheep" was the message he left us. "Go to the cliffs even if you risk your life." We will go firmly on the path that Luis Amigó set for us.

#### Psalm Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

R. With joy, you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

The Lord is my God and Savior, with Him I am safe and unafraid. The Lord is my protection and my strength, He has been my salvation. With joy, you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

## R. With joy, you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, invoke His name, make known among the nations His deeds, proclaim that His name is exalted.





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R. With joy, you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

Praise the Lord for His marvelous deeds, announce them to all the earth. Shout for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel has been great among you.

*R.* With joy, you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

#### Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Is 55:1-11

#### Thus says the Lord:

"All you who are thirsty, come to the water; you who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend your money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the Lord while He may be found,





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call Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

The Word of the Lord

#### **Silence and Reflection**

**Note:** Questions can be asked for reflection in these three areas:

1) Human Experience: Am I a witness of God's love and mercy among my brothers and sisters?

2) Faith Experience: Do I recognize the moments when the Good Shepherd has come for me in my life?

3) Response of Faith: What am I willing to do to be a true Shepherd of Christ?





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#### Song

#### THE DEPTH OF HIS BEING

His life was a gentle stream, without steep declines or overflows that exceeded its course. As he passed, the flowers of all virtues blossomed: Charity, poverty, and many more. The depth of his being was peace, his garment was humility, the goodness of his beautiful soul radiated in smiles that lit up his face (bis) He possessed, like few others, the gift of an unchangingly serene life, without declines or dazzling moments. Quiet on the surface, pure in the deep spiritual course. The depth of his being was peace, his garment was humility, the goodness of his beautiful soul radiated in smiles that lit up his face. A smile that even death could not erase.

#### **Time for Sharing**

**Note:** Here, the presider invites those present to share the reflections they made earlier or what God has been illuminating in them during each of the gatherings.

#### **Time of Thanksgiving**

The presider begins by saying:

Heavenly Father, Creator of all and source of all goodness







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and love, look upon us kindly and receive our sincere gratitude at this moment of thanksgiving. Thank you for all the graces and blessings, thank you for leaving the 99 and coming after each of us to give us refuge in your fold. Lord, receive with love each of our prayers:

**Note:** At this point, invite those present to also **GIVE THANKS TO GOD f**or the moments experienced.

#### Making a Commitment to Express How We Live This Celebration

**Note:** Here, you can work on the third reflection question, the response of faith, this encounter with God through our brothers and sisters, what it invites me to do, and what it invites us to do as a community, as baptized, for this year that begins today and lasts until October 18, 2025.



