

## Prayers for Holy Days

Loving Father,

As we honour the life and works of (Saint ..... or other great person in the church calendar) grant us gratitude for his/her teaching and example. As you must know, Lord, the life and teachings (of Mother Theresa, St Francis, the Celtic Saints....) have always been important to me, and I thank you for their influence and the great books that we have about his/her/ their life and work.

In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

The following prayer of St Francis of Assisi offers thoughts – if we transfer them into reality –that will make all days holy- and all who pray, and act thus – holy people:-

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love

Where there is injury, pardon

Where is darkness, light

Where there is despair, hope

And where there is sadness, joy-

O Divine Master

Let me not so much seek to be consoled

As to console

To be understood as to understand

For it is in giving that we receive

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Jesus – in whom we live, and move and have our being-

All Holy Days honour you in some way-

At Advent we await your coming with hope and anticipation;

At Christmas, in that Babe, we celebrate with joy your arrival;

On Good Friday we feel your pain as you suffered for us;

On Easter Day we sing joyfully of your resurrection

And always, dear Jesus, in all ways, we try to act out your life of self-giving, of loving service, and obedience to the Father, in the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Amen