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Book Review – Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

By Albert Haase

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Certain inspirational sayings and prayers transcend denominational lines, becoming part of the fabric of faith and inspiration for masses of believers seeking solace or comfort in difficult times. In Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi (Saint Anthony Messenger Press & Franciscan Communications, September 2004, paperback 84 pages) author Albert Haase, O.F.M. dissects the classic "Peace Prayer" which is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. In his enlightening introduction, Haase offers a brief history of the prayer, noting that it has been embraced by as a "prayer for all times and all peoples", having been used by such notables as Margaret Thatcher at her inauguration and at the funerals of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Diana, Princess of Wales.

Given today's climate of political upheaval and war in so many areas of our world, contemplation of the Peace Prayer seems to be even more relevant than ever. This compact, twelve chapter book examines each phrase of the prayer in detail. Personal reflections and stories of individuals living out the aspects of the Prayer are offered and draw the reader into a closer understanding of what is meant by each simple expression. Each chapter ends with four reflective questions for individual or group consideration.

For individuals looking to truly live out the concept "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace", Albert Haase's book will become a treasured resource and invaluable prompt to both prayer and action. Groups looking for a concise study should enjoy gathering to read and contemplate the book as they examine how to become peacemakers in their own communities and in the world at large.

For more information on Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi visit <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0867165723/catholicmomcom>

## Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

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### **Assisi**

#### **By Paolo Mic**

Assisi, Italy can be found in the Perugia province in the Umbria Region. This area is known for its breath-taking countryside and rich history.

Assisi is also known as the birthplace of St. Francis that founded the Franciscan religious order in 1208 and St. Chiara d'Offreducci that founded Poor Clares. During the 19th century, Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was also born here.

Visitors flock Assisi every year to capture a bit of the past by visiting such historic landmarks as the two medieval castles. The most popular is the Rocca Maggiore. It is a very large castle that was built in 1367 by Cardinal Alvornoz and then later Popes Pius II and Paul III added other sections.

The main attraction of Assisi, Italy is the Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi or St. Francis. The monastery and the upper and lower church construction was began shortly after his canonization in 1228; however, it took until 1253 to complete. Today, the lower church is a museum that houses such medieval artists as Giotto and Cimabue. The upper church includes frescos of scenes that depict the life of St. Francis by Giotto and others.

Other attractions include:

The Porziuncola Museum situated within the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli.

The Cathedral Museum and Crypt of St Rufino, which is home to archaeological remains, religious vestments, and unique paintings is adventure through time.

The Municipal Art Gallery is located in the Palazzo Vallermani. Some of the artwork was created by artists such as Andrea d'Assisi, Puccio Capanna, and Giotto.

The Treasure Museum and F.M. Perkins collection can be found in the Basilica of Saint Francis. Here you will love all the unique paintings, wooden sculptures, medieval glazed majiolicas, sinopie, ivories, cloths, tapestries and unique gold work.

As you can see, Assisi, Italy has much to offer anyone that steps into this charming and historical town. From majestic beauty to artwork, from history to modern restaurants with exquisite cuisine, Assisi has

something for everyone.

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