



In a time of uncertainty and doubt, the Ministries Foundation encourages you to take 5-10 minutes today to pray, meditate or connect to your spirit. This weekly email will include either a simple prayer, reflection, poem or piece related to spirituality and contemplation.

The Franciscan Action Network is mentioned below in the Join Us in Justice section and it is also hosting a [4-week Advent Journey of Faith](#). Even though two of the events have already happened, register today and join them this upcoming Tuesday for a session of peace, love, joy, and hope.

Wishing you a joyful and safe weekend.

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

Second Week

God of power and
mercy open our
hearts in welcome.

Remove the things
that hinder us from
receiving Christ with joy
so that we may share
his wisdom and
become one with him
when he comes in glory,
for he lives and reigns
with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.

Amen.

-Author unknown, from xavier.edu

Join Us in Justice

Make your voice heard this holiday season and advocate for change at a federal level. The Franciscan Action Network has an easy template to send to your Senators urging them to [support reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#) with strong tribal provisions.

Fill in your name, address, and click 'Take Action', it's that easy.



On this 97th day of the [100 Days of Prayer](#), a prayer for all those experiencing homelessness:

"Today I pray for my brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness and struggling to keep safe from COVID-19. I pray for a comprehensive resolution to the many causes of homelessness."

100 **DAYS OF PRAYER**