



# SAINT DOMINIC

Prayer Service

*August 2022*

*This prayer service has opportunities for many readers.  
It includes readings from Scripture, from histories,  
and books written by Dominicans.*

## LEADER OF PRAYER:

In the beginning  
the Spirit hovered over the “Seignadou”  
“making all things new”.

Alone  
Dominique looked out  
over the vast expanse of creation.

From his side, wounded by compassion,  
the Holy Preaching of Prouilhe was formed  
for his joy  
and so that his Order  
be mysteriously fruitful.

The first nuns gathered  
and there was a time of foundation,  
growth, and communion before the friars came  
who were later dispersed throughout the world.

(Quote from the 800th Anniversary booklet: Sainte-Marie de Prouilhe  
By Sr. Barbara Beaumont O.P., Fr. Elie Pascal Epinoux O.P., Sr. Marie de Jesus O.P.)

## OPENING SONG:

*Family of Dominic (3 verses)*

In Dominic we claim to be  
Through all the world one family.  
O Praise God! Laudare!  
A living heritage we share  
Of study, common life, and pray'r.  
Laudare! Alleluia!  
Benedicere! Alleluia!  
Praedicare!



To east and west, to south and north,  
O sisters, brothers, now go forth!  
Be a blessing! Benedicere!  
Throughout the universe release  
God's reign of justice, love, and peace!  
Laudare! Alleluia!  
Benedicere! Alleluia!  
Praedicare!

How beautiful upon the earth  
The feet of those who bring God's word!  
Preach the Gospel! Praedicare!  
The path we walk is holy ground;  
The word we speak a holy sound!  
Laudare! Alleluia!  
Benedicere! Alleluia!  
Praedicare!

Text: Mary Fran Fleischaker, OP

## PRAYER:

All

*God of Mercy,*

*In your eternal Wisdom, you called your servant, Dominic to set off on a journey of faith as itinerant pilgrim and preacher of grace. With your Word of gentle Truth in his heart and on his lips, Dominic invited the first sisters and brothers to join him in a life of contemplative obedience in the service of the holy preaching, 800 years ago.*

## READER:

In that same spirit, Father Thomas Wilson OP, in February 1822, at the local St. Rose parish in Kentucky, publicly invited young women to consider forming a community of Dominican Sisters, not cloistered as in Europe, but leading an active life and pronouncing simple vows. Nine women responded to the appeal and on Easter Sunday April 7, 1822,

four women were received formally into the Order of Preachers and received the habit as Dominican Sisters. In August of the same year, six more candidates received the habit of the Order. They became the first foundation of Dominican Sisters in the USA, and the first active congregation of women in the Order of Preachers.

## PRAYER:

*All*

*As we commemorate this 200th year Jubilee, we ask you to breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ once again into our hearts and minds. Re-create us, so that we might faithfully and joyfully proclaim the gospel of peace, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Adapted, from Sainte-Marie de Prouilhe*

## PSALM 148

*Dominican Praise*

Praise God! Give praise from the heavens,  
Give praise in the heights.  
Give praise, all angels;  
Give praise, all hosts of heaven.

Give praise, sun and moon;  
Give praise, all shining stars.  
Give praise, highest heavens  
And waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of our God,  
The Creator who called them forth,  
Who set each in place  
Forever and ever.

Let them praise the name of our God,  
The Creator who called them forth,  
Who set each in place  
Forever and ever.

Praise the Lord from the Earth,  
All creatures of the deeps,  
Fire and hail, snow and mist,  
Blowing winds that obey God's word.

Mountains and hills,  
Fruit trees and cedars,  
Creatures wild and tame,  
You that crawl and you with wings,

Rulers of the Earth and every nation,  
Princes and judges,  
Young men and maidens,  
Elders and youth together,

Let all praise the name of our God,  
This name alone is exalted,  
Covering heaven and earth in splendor,  
God gives strength to the people  
And glory to the faithful,  
Israel and all who are near.  
Alleluia.

Glory to You, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,  
Who dwells in our midst  
Both now and forever. Amen.

### **READER:**

***Ephesians 3:17-21***

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love, so that you may be fully able to grasp, with all the holy ones, what is the breadth and length, the height and depth, and know the love of Christ that is beyond all knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



Glory to God whose power is able to accomplish in us infinitely more than we can ask or imagine! Glory to God in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation forever.

*Dominican Praise*

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

### RESPONSE:

*All*

*May we always be attentive to the Lord.  
May our lives be proclamations of the Word.  
May we celebrate Life with great joy.*

### READER:

What Dominic sought and obtained from the Pope was not the approval of a Dominican Rule but confirmation of the outrageous novelty of forming an order of preachers. The way in which the new Order was canonically inserted into the church was a way that was transparent to the demands of the gospel and which left them free to work out for themselves how they could best fulfill their function as preachers, recognizing that this involves at least a certain degree of adaptation to the specific milieu in which they might be working.

*Simon Tugwell, OP*

## SILENT REFLECTION, PREACHING OR SHARING

### RESPONSE:

*All*

*May we always be attentive to the Lord.  
May our lives be proclamations of the Word.  
May we celebrate Life with great joy.*

## READER:

*Philippians 1:3-6*

I thank my God every time I remember you in prayer. I constantly pray for all of you with joy because you have shared in the preaching of the Gospel from the first day until now. I have no doubt that the One who began this good work in you will complete it on the day of Christ Jesus.

*Dominican Praise*

## A PREACHER'S PSALM

*Alternating Sides*

*"In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God." (John 1)*

*As Christians and Dominicans of all stripes, we together are invited to preach the living Word, Who dwells among us.*

*As Dominican Sisters and Associates, confirmed in our faith, we preach within the ordinary round of life.*

*We preach Good News under the burden of Integrity, fueled by the grace of shared Wisdom.*

*We preach with our conversations, not only when those communications are about Divinity but also as we share the fruits of our learning and experience.*

*We preach the causes of Justice and Peace to form the reign of God, even when we are imperfect.*

*We preach through poetry and the arts and bring awareness of our precious and fragile Earth, our only home, even when we are misunderstood or ridiculed.*

*We preach kindness in silence and work, in looks and in actions—we are preachers of the Word made flesh, Who dwells in us and among us.*

*Written by a Lay Dominican, adapted*

# DOMINICAN MAGNIFICAT

*Sung*

Feargal King, OF

To praise, my soul re - joi - ces in God.  
To bless, to bless the peo - ple of God.  
To preach, to preach the word of our Lord.

To praise, my soul shall glo - ri - fy the Lord.  
To bless, to bless the name of the Lord.  
To preach, to preach his truth to the earth.

He who is migh - ty has done great things for me; be -  
All ge - ne ra - tions shall call me blessed, be -  
Teach us to fol - low him and show us his way, for

hold the ser - vant of God!  
hold the ser - vant of God!  
ho - ly is his Name!

Mag - ni - fi - cat, Mag - ni - fi - cat, Mag - ni - fi - cat, Mag - ni - fi - cat.

a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num! Mag -  
a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num!  
a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num!

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## SPONTANEOUS INTERCESSIONS

*Optional*



## CLOSING PRAYER:

**All**

*Gracious and loving God, we praise and thank you for our Dominican Family. We ask that your continued blessing be evident in all that we are and do as we strive together to carry out our mission of holy preaching. We ask this in the company of Mary Magdalene, Dominic, Catherine and all our brother and sister saints, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

## DOMINICAN BLESSING

**Sung**

May God Creator bless us,  
May God Redeemer heal us,  
And may God the Holy Spirit fill us with light,  
And may God the Holy Trinity fill with peace.

*Music by Amy McFrederick, OP*

### **MP3:**

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## SIGN OF PEACE

## CLOSING SONG:

**Garden of Peace**

200th Anniversary Song

*Music by Teresa Tedder*

### **MP3:**

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