

**Saint Francis of Assisi (1182 – 4 October 1226) founded the Franciscan Order or "Friars Minor". He is the patron saint of animals, merchants, Italy, Catholic action, and the environment.**

## **St. Francis of Assisi Quotes**

**Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.**

**For it is in giving that we receive.**

**I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.**

**If a superior give any order to one who is under him which is against that man's conscience, although he do not obey it yet he shall not be dismissed.**

**If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.**

**If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.**

**It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.**

**It is not fitting, when one is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look.**

**Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love.**

**No one is to be called an enemy, all are your benefactors, and no one does you harm. You have no enemy except yourselves.**

**Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.**

**Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.**

**Where there is injury let me sow pardon.**

**While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.**

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