

# Peace and All Good to You on the Feast of St. Francis

Consider these words of Francis in light of today.  
Imagine yourself trudging beside him as you consider them:

“We must go unto all people, but that is not easy. The world of people is a huge battlefield for wealth and power, and too much suffering and atrocity can eclipse the face of God. In going to everyone we must above all never appear to them as a new species of competitor. We must stand in the midst of them as the peaceful witnesses for the All Powerful, as those who covet nothing and scorn no one, people capable of truly becoming their friends. It is our friendship that they are waiting for, a friendship that should make them feel they are loved by God and redeemed in Jesus Christ.”

The sun slipped behind the mountains and suddenly the air was sweeter and cooler. The wind was stirring and nudged the trees. It was almost night now and from everywhere one could hear the steady crescendo of the uninterrupted chant of the crickets.

*Eloi Leclerc, The Wisdom of the Poor One of Assisi, p 116*

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