**Origin:**

During Holy Week 2010, a Secular Franciscan (Third Order Franciscan) named Nicholas H. Kovacs from the St. Thomas More Fraternity in Houston, Texas, was inspired by the Holy Spirit to create a chaplet, dedicated to praying for the renewal of the Franciscan Order.  The title of this new prayer is “[The Franciscan Family Chaplet](https://franciscanchaplet.wordpress.com/how-to-get-the-chaplet/)“ (website).

**Franciscan Family Chaplet** By Nicholas H. Kovacs, OFS

**Beginning**: Make the sign of the cross and recite “The Apostle’s Creed”.

Then recite the “Hail Mary” 3 times.

**First Decade**: Begin by saying: “St. Francis of Assisi, through your intercession, I pray that the First Order increases in vocations and that its members continue to grow in holiness.”

Then recite the “Our Father” and recite 10 times the following: “My God and my all!”

**Second Decade**: Begin by saying: “St. Francis of Assisi, through your intercession, I pray that the Second Order increases in vocations and that its members continue to grow in holiness.”

Then recite the “Our Father” and recite 10 times the following: “My God and my all!”

**Third Decade**: Begin by saying: “St. Francis of Assisi, through your intercession, I pray that the Third Order, both Regular and Secular, increases in vocations and that its members continue to grow in holiness.”

Then recite the “Our Father” and recite 10 times the following: “My God and my all!”

**Conclusion**: End by reciting 1 time: “We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.” Say the “Glory Be” 3 times for the intentions of the Pope and his continued holiness. Make the sign of the cross.

Note: This chaplet can be said as a Novena in preparation for the feast of St. Francis on October 4.

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