

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give you thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis.

In him you gave us a man of humility, one who valued listening to the voices of the voiceless, compassion for the undervalued, mercy for sinners and justice for the oppressed.

You gave us a pastor
who led through the example of his love
for your people and your creation,
who was not ashamed to smell like his sheep.

Comfort all who mourn his passing, and may the angels now lead him to paradise with you to rest in your peace for eternity.

May your Spirit guide the future successor to your servant Francis to continue the work you have begun through him, for the good of the Church and the world.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.