

## Closing Prayer - A Franciscan Blessing

Leader: May God bless us with discomfort  
at easy answers, half-truths,  
and superficial relationships,

**All: so that we will live deeper in our hearts.**

Leader: May God bless us with anger  
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation  
of people and the earth,

**All: so that we will work for justice, equity, and peace.**

Leader: May God bless us with tears  
to shed for those who suffer,

**All: so we will reach out our hands  
to comfort them and change their pain into joy.**

Leader: And may God bless us with the foolishness  
to think that we can make a difference in the world,

**All: so we will do the things  
which others say cannot be done.**