



Saint Francis of Assisi Biography



In 1182 Francis was born into a wealthy family. The area was Spoleto, Italy. As a young man, he enjoyed fine clothes, and wealthy parties. Francis dreamed of becoming a royal knight until he fought a small battle, and was captured as a prisoner. As a prisoner, he began to hear God's voice speak to him.

One day while riding his horse, Francis met a man with an illness, called Leprosy. The ill man was cold and had very little clothing. Francis thought of Jesus, and decided to give the man, his own expensive cloak. From that day on, Francis began to think of others. Francis helped many people in need.

While praying alone in an abandoned church, God spoke to Francis. He said, "Go, Repair My Church!" Francis thought God meant the little church he was in, so he began to repair it. He later knew that he had to repair goodness in people. Francis's father became angry. He did not want Francis to help others, so he took all of his possessions.

Francis decided that he would live poorly. He slept outside, begged for food, wore rough clothing, and put his Trust in God. Francis began telling people about God's love and that they stop acting badly. Francis had a great love for God's Creations. He found much comfort outside and with the animals. Many began following Francis's example.

Before his death, God gave Francis special wounds. He shared a special closeness with God. Francis died happily on October 3rd, 1226, while singing praised to God. Francis is now considered a Saint. Someone who is friends with God and lives in Heaven. Francis continues to help repair God's Church. Helping us to repair Love in our Hearts and reminding us to always Trust in God!