St. Francis Today

6. PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

"Most High and Glorious God
Enlighten the darkness of our thoughts
and give us right faith, firm hope
and perfect charity
with wisdom and insight
that we may accomplish
your Holy and True Will"

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT "Love your neighbour – as yourself"

Because `loving one's neighbour' is placed as a consequence of self-love, it follows that you cannot:

- + trust your neighbour
- unless you first trust yourself and God.
- + be patient with another
- unless you are patient with yourself
- and with God.

+ be kind to others

unless you are kind to yourself

- and that of God.

+ be faithful to others

- unless you are faithful to yourself and to God.
- + be at peace with others
- unless you are at peace with yourself
- and with God.
- + have hope in others
- unless you have hope in yourself
- and in God.

+ be truthful with others

- unless you are truthful with yourself
- and with God.

+ be in control of others

- unless you have self-control
- and accept God's control.

+ be able to forgive others

- unless you have forgiven yourself
- and have the forgiveness of God