

## The Tau Cross

The Tau is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Francis heard of it in Ezekiel 9:4, where God orders "the man with the writing case" to mark a Tau on the foreheads of those in Jerusalem who "mourn and grieve over the abominations" committed in that city, thus sparing their lives. Francis often signed his letters with a Tau, which has become a symbol of Franciscans.

*Most high and glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of  
my heart; give me right faith,  
certain hope, and perfect charity.*

*Lord,*

*give me insight and wisdom  
so that I may always discern  
your holy and true will.*

*- Francis of Assisi*

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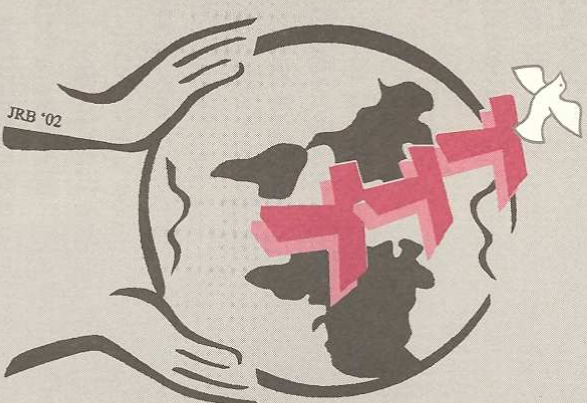


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*Lord,  
make me an instrument  
of your peace*

*following in the footsteps of  
St. Francis of Assisi*