

Prayer for Pope Francis's U.S. Visit

We rejoice in Pope Francis's journey to the United States,
And we pray for a safe, peaceful and productive visit:
May God be with him on every step of this journey,
And may God be with us so we are open to his words:
To his teaching, his guidance and his challenges.

May we all listen carefully as Francis
Proclaims the Good News for our day.
May we recognize that he offers us a model of humility;
Of authentic encounter with the other;
Of inclusive embrace, excluding no one,
And of concern for those on the margins.

May we honor him by attending to those in poverty;
By being compassionate and merciful;
By respecting and renewing our environment;
By being peacemakers
In our families, our communities, our nation,
And in the global community.

We give thanks for our Holy Father
And for the time he will be among us:
May we listen and learn from him.
May God be with him, and us,
On every step of this journey. Amen.

~ Jane Deren

