



PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX OF SAN DAMIANO

Saint Francis of Assisi

His first prayer, before the crucifix that spoke to him (c. 1205)



LATIN

Summe, gloriose Deus,
illumina tenebras cordis
mei. Et da mihi fidem rectam,
spem certam et caritatem
perfectam, sensum et
cognitionem, Domine, ut faciam
tuum sanctum et verax
mandatum.

ENGLISH

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart. Give me right faith,
sure hope and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord, that
I may carry out your holy and
true command.

Amen.

