



The Order of Saint Benedict

The Oblates' Prayer

**O Loving God,
We ask your blessing this day
on all the Oblates of Saint Benedict
and those with whom we are affiliated.**

**Help us to become people
of prayer and peace.**

**Though scattered far and wide,
help us to be together
in the spirit of your love.**

**Give us hearts wide enough
to embrace each other
as well as those
whose lives we touch.**

**Enable us to listen and to learn
from each other
and those around us each day.**

**May we be models
in our homes, neighborhoods,
and communities
of wise stewardship,
dignified human labor,
sacred leisure,
and reverence for all living things.**

**Above all, O God, may our presence
among others
be a constant witness of justice,
compassion, and hope to all. Amen.**

(Alliance for International Monasticism prayer; adapted by Sue Walkoviak,
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