

## Blessing

"O God, who brought your servant Abraham out of the city of Ur of the Chaldean's and who watched over him during all his wanderings, you who guided the Hebrew people across the desert; we ask you to bless and watch your present servants, who for love of your name, crossing the streets of **Grañón**, make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

**Be for them:**

**A companion on their journey  
Guide on the intersections  
Albergue on the Camino  
Shade in the heat  
Light in the darkness  
Consolation in their discouragement  
Strength in their intentions  
Faith and presence in their doubts**

So that they, with your guidance, may arrive safe and sound at the end of their journey and strengthened with gratitude and enriched with grace and virtue, may they return safely to their homes. Through Jesus Christ, Our lord.

Go in the name of Jesus Christ, and pray for all of us in Compostela



## Evening Prayer



**Hospital de Peregrinos  
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We begin with a few moments of silence to recall the day and all we have done throughout the day for good and ill, our meetings and our disasters, our success and our failure.

## Hymn

As the child who cannot sleep  
unless holding her mother's hand,  
so my heart is in your hands, Lord,  
at the ending of the day.

As the child knows someone watches  
over her innocent, hopeful sleep,  
so will my soul rest secure  
knowing that You watch over me.

You will sweeten my final bitterness,  
you will lighten my final weariness,  
you will watch over my dreams  
and wipe away my tears.

Every morning You give us again  
the torch of light and joy, and  
exchange the dead hours I bring you  
for a new and living morning.  
Amén.

## Resistance

Don't give up,  
Although life sometimes hurts.  
Even if walls weigh in on you  
And time seems like your enemy.

Don't give up,  
although tears  
mark your face and your insides  
too often.  
Although the distance  
from your loved ones  
seems impassable.

Although love is, today,  
a difficult longing,  
and you are often beaten  
by fear, by pain, by loneliness,  
by sadness and by memory.

Don't give up,  
because you are still able  
to fight, to laugh, to hope,  
to get up as many times as necessary.

Your arms still have to give  
lots of hugs, and your eyes  
will see incredible landscapes.

Perhaps when you look yourself in the mirror,  
you do not recognise beauty in you,  
but God does. God knows you,  
and because he knows you,  
He keeps trusting you  
He keeps believing in you

He knows that, like a wounded bird,  
Your wings will heal and you will take flight,  
Although now it seems impossible.

Don't give up.  
Because there is someone who loves you  
unconditionally,  
And he calls you  
To believe in him.

**Amén**

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## Reading

***Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble, or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours throughout Christ, who loved us.***

Rm 8,35.37

## The pilgrim Candle

At this time, only in the light of the small candles and the lit altarpiece, we will perform the rite of the pilgrim candle: A bigger candle passes hand to hand to each pilgrim, giving the opportunity to share your experience of the Camino, or an intention, or whatever inspires you at this time. You can speak in your own language, through singing or silence.

To end the sharing, we will stand up and pray "Our Father" each in his own language.

We end with the heart-to-heart stamp of the pilgrim hug. **Buen Camino**

