# **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:

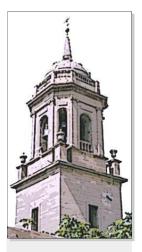
A companion on their journey
Guide on the intersections
Albergue on the Camino
Shade in the heat
Light in the darkness
Consolation in their discouragement
Strength in their intentions
Faith and presence in their doubts

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 San Juan Bautista de Grañón 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** 

