

A LETTER FROM SAINT FRANCIS

By Bill Pugh



Dear Faithful Friend, just to let you know your specially loved has arrived safely. You are very sad, but you will be pleased to know that in the Peaceful Kingdom there is no more suffering. All is well. Remember what the prophet said it would be like:

Wolves and sheep will together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats. Calves and lion cubs will feed together, and little children will take care of them. Cows and bears will feed together, and their calves and cubs will lie down in peace. Lions will eat straw as cattle do. Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near a poisonous snake. On Zion God's sacred hill there

will be nothing harmful or evil. The land will be as full of knowledge of the Lord as the seas are full of water.

And it is so.

Moreover the lost sheep is here; the 99 and more. Also the sparrow that fell to the ground, and many sparrows. Especially the dogs that ate of the crumbs from the Master's table. The Good Shepherd VIP comes and goes as he goes about his business. And there are no fences.

You may wonder why hungry beasts do not kill and eat. They have no need. The food of the Peaceful Kingdom is Angel Food, Panis Angelicus, all sufficient for all needs.

Reflection:

By the way, you should hear one and all in glorious chorus singing:

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Allelulia, allelulia, allelulia!

Yours,

Francis, formerly of Assisi