



**A Prayer of St. Francis for Autism  
by Tim Tucker**

Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow;  
that where people cannot speak, I may be their advocate;  
that where anyone is rejected, I may extend my arms in welcome;  
that where parents are heavy burdened, I may offer a word of comfort;  
that where our children struggle, I may lift them up and cheer;  
that where some see disability, I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts;  
that where others judge, I may share with them my deep gladness;  
and that where any are overlooked, I may help the lights of all to shine.

O Giver of These Gifts,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure;  
to be praised, as to praise;  
to be accepted, as to accept;  
for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope;  
it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys,  
and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home.

Amen