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- 1 Our nearest star, of course, is the Sun. Stars that are relatively close to each other are said to form a “galaxy”.
- 2 There are about 1,000 million stars in our own galaxy which is often called “The Milky Way”.
- 3 There are about 100,000 million galaxies throughout the whole of the Universe.
- 4 We can’t begin to grasp these numbers, but the Earth is a small planet travelling around one sun amongst about 100 million million million stars!
- 5 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
we thank you
that in the vastness of your creation
there is something special
about the beauty of this earth.**

**Into our world
which you love so much *Jn 3¹⁶*
you sent Jesus, your Son
- your Word
who became a human being *Jn 1¹⁴*
and made his home among us.**

**Breathe your Holy Spirit into us
once again
that we may grow in a sense of wonder
and proclaim to be good
all that you have made. *Gen 1³¹***

**May we live more fully
as brothers and sisters of one another
and of Jesus, your Son.**

Amen.

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