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- 1 An inspiring prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi is called "*The Canticle of Creation*", which we will use as our prayer today:
- 2 O Most High, all-powerful,
good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory,
honour and all blessing.
- 3 Be praised, my Lord,
for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you
when we look at him.
- 4 Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,
and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely
in the heavens.
- 5 Be praised, my Lord,
for our Brothers Wind and Air
and every kind of weather
by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.
- 6 Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,
who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.
- 7 Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom
you give us light in the darkness:
he is bright and lively and strong.
- 8 Be praised, my Lord,
for Sister Earth, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth
fruits and vegetables of many kinds
and flowers of many colours.
- 9 Be praised, my Lord,
for those who forgive for love of you;
and for those
who bear sickness and weakness
in peace and patience
- you will grant them a crown.
- 10 Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,
whom we must all face.
- 11 I praise and bless you, Lord,
and I give thanks to you,
and I will serve you in all humility.

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