

## Be Praised for Creation

*This prayer is a modern version of the St. Francis prayer that Pope Francis refers to in his new encyclical, echoing the Pope's ecological perspective.*

Be Praised, O Lord, through the interconnected web of Creation,  
Which binds your children, your creatures and your earth,  
All that you have woven together  
So all may exist in Original Goodness.

Be Praised for Sister Sun, that glowing star that warms our world,  
Calling seeds to travel in the soil up to the light and bring us food.

Be Praised for Brother Moon, and for all the planets  
That reveal your complexity and the scope of your creativity.

Be Praised for Your universes and multiverses, unfolding to us  
In endless waves, humbling us in our astonishment.

Be Praised for Sister Wind, which moves with energy  
Throughout our planet, carrying our hopes and prayers.

Be Praised for Brother Water, who has sustained life for all that grows  
And whose freshness we can still glimpse despite the soiled streams.

Be Praised for Mother Earth, the ground beneath our feet,  
Who we are called to cherish and not defile.

Blessed be those who suffer and are in need  
because of the injustices done to our planet.

Blessed be those who work for peace on earth  
And for Your earth itself, including Pope Francis.

Blessed be those who know our time is short  
And we are called in the here and the now  
To tend this earthly garden, to restore the great gift  
Given to all for the benefit of all.

Praise our God, and give thanks to our Creator  
Through our humility and our care  
For His beloved Creation. Amen.

