

St FRANCIS TODAY
7. HIS ENVIRONMENTAL PRAYER

“The Canticle of the Creatures”

“Most High Almighty Good Lord, Yours are the praises, the honour and all blessings To You alone, Most high, do they belong,

***Be praised, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Brother Sun,***

by whom you give the light of day and be beautiful and radiant with great splendour of You Most High, he is the symbol

Be praised my Lord for Sister Moon and the stars in the sky

You formed them bright and lovely and fair

Be praised my Lord for Brother Wind and for air

and cloudy and clear, and all weather

by which you give sustenance to your creatures

Be praised my Lord for Sister Water,

who is useful and humble and lovely and chaste

Be praised my Lord for Brother Fire

by whom you give us light at night, and he is beautiful and merry and mighty and strong

Be praised my Lord, for our Sister Mother Earth

who sustains and governs us, and produces fruits with colourful flowers and leaves

Be praised my Lord, for those who for Love of You and endure infirmities and tribulations

Blessed are those who shall endure them in peace for You, Most High, they will be crowned

Be praised my Lord, for our Sister Bodily Death

from whom no living person can escape. Woe to those who shall die in mortal sin

Blessed are those whom she will find in Your most holy will

for the Second Death will not harm them

Praise and bless my Lord and thank Him and serve Him with great humility”

BEING STEWARDS OF THE PLANET

"Where there is error – let me sow truth"

The responsibility of stewardship of the planet means :

❖ **Looking after and having respect for**

The **Environment**

in which we live [Natural Resources]

The **People** with whom we are linked

– by birth or association [Human Resources]

The **Ideas** and **Discoveries**

we have made [Creative Resources]

The **Money** we have earned or gained

[Financial Resources]

❖ **Being a good steward means:**

Sharing all of the above, because sharing is *multiplying* not dividing.

❖ **Being good stewards and overcoming:**

Misuse through waste, pollution or destruction

Pride - by taking more credit than is due to you

Envy by wanting what others have earned

Rejection of others

Coercion - of others

Greed by taking more than you need to exist
and grow

Ingratitude by not giving thanks to others

– and to God