



“...how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.” Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #10

St Francis of Assisi,
your whole life sang in harmony
with God, nature and others.

With you, we praise God for Brother Sun,
full of beauty and splendour,
warming the earth,
summoning shoots
from darkness into daylight.

We praise God for Sister Water,
so useful and humble,
precious and pure,
greening arid ground,
growing life in desert places.

Pray for us, Francis, that, like you,
we may care for all that exists,
until Brother Sun and Sister Water
produce a harvest shared by all
in love and solidarity,
justice and peace.
Amen.

**no one
beyond reach**

4 October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.
Text cf. Canticum of Creatures, St Francis of Assisi (1181/2 – 1226)

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