

## Novena to St Francis: Thurs 21st to Fri 29th Sept

These are the first three prayers we will be praying in our Novena.

If you can't join the Novena, why not pray them at a time when you are able to?

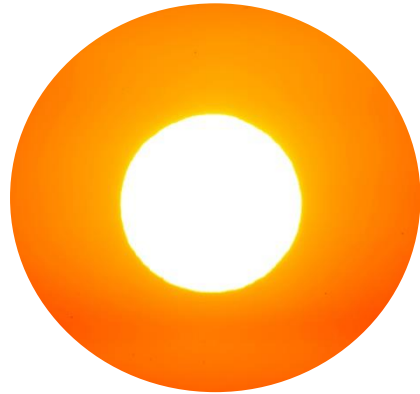
### First prayer: Sun (Thurs 21st Sept)

**“We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures,  
especially for Brother Sun,  
who is the day through whom you give us light.”**  
*(St Francis of Assisi)*

Creator God,  
We are nourished by your radiance.  
Forgive us for the harm we cause your earth,  
the heat and drought unleashed by climate change.

St Francis, you loved our sacred world,  
you praised God ceaselessly  
for his dazzling creation.  
May we learn from your example.

**St Francis, pray for us.**



### Second prayer: Night sky (Fri 22nd Sept)

**“We praise you, Lord,  
for Sister Moon and the Stars,  
in the heavens you have made them  
bright, precious and fair.”** *(St Francis of Assisi)*

Creator God,  
your night sky offers rest and stillness,  
yet we flood our cities with light.  
Forgive us for our wasteful ways.

Brother Francis, you chose poverty not plenty,  
walking lightly on the earth.  
May we follow in your path  
and reduce the trace we leave.

**St Francis, pray for us.**



### Third prayer: Wind and air (Sat 23 Sept)

**“We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,  
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,  
by which you cherish all that you have made.”**  
*(St Francis of Assisi)*

Creator God,  
we have disturbed the natural cycle,  
upset Earth's fragile balance.  
Forgive us for our lack of care.

St Francis, joyful steward of creation,  
you lived in peace with nature  
and with God. Inspired by your witness,  
may we defend our common home.

**St Francis, pray for us.**

