

Fourth prayer: Water (Sun 24th Sept)

**“We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.”**
(St Francis of Assisi)

Creator God, from your gift of water flows all life,
yet we pollute your clear springs.
Forgive us, as the earth cries out.

St Francis, you drank deeply
from Christ’s living water.
May we, like you, live simply
and prize the good things
of the earth.

St Francis, pray for us.



Fifth prayer: Fire (Mon 25th Sept)

**“We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.”** *(St Francis of Assisi)*

Creator God,
your flames blaze yet leave us whole.
But our fires destroy at reckless speed;
great forests fall beneath our feet.
Forgive us for our part in this.

St Francis, you loved wild places,
the trees and all their birds within.
May we protect each blade of grass,
be mindful of each breath of air.

St Francis, pray for us.



Sixth prayer: Earth (Tues 26th Sept)

**“We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us with her fruits,
coloured flowers, and herbs.”** *(St Francis of Assisi)*

Creator God,
we grieve for our Amazon sisters and brothers
whose lands are wrecked by greed.
We take more from the earth than we need. Forgive us.

St Francis, joyful steward of
creation, from you we
learn to live with less,
to give and not to take.

St Francis, pray for us.

