



St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, believed that everything in nature—including animals, plants, the sun, and the moon—shared the same Creator and were part of one family. He was known for treating all animals with deep respect and gentleness. Stories depict that he once preached a sermon to a flock of birds; convinced a fierce wolf to stop attacking a town; and rescued trapped rabbits and lambs from harm.

Near the end of his life, Francis wrote the famous prayer “The Canticle of Creation,” which praises God through “Brother Sun,” “Sister Moon,” and the natural world. “The Canticle of Creation” is reflected in “A California Benedicite,” the hymn of praise sung by the choir during the Season of Creation.

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