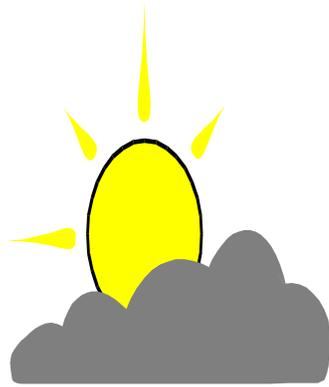


**Brother Sun,
who is the day and
through whom You give
us light. And he is
beautiful and radiant
with great splendor;
and bears a likeness to
You, Most High One.**



As followers of Jesus we know that our God's generosity is reflected in the constant generosity of the sun.

How do I generously share my thoughts and dreams for God's world with others?

How do I share words of encouragement and hope with myself and others?

How do I generously respond to God's awesome love by the way I care for others and creation?

As Brother Sun "bears the likeness" to God, how do I bear God's likeness in my actions toward others and creation?

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS
Based on St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle of Creation**

**PRAISED BE YOU, MY GOD, WITH ALL YOUR
CREATURES.**

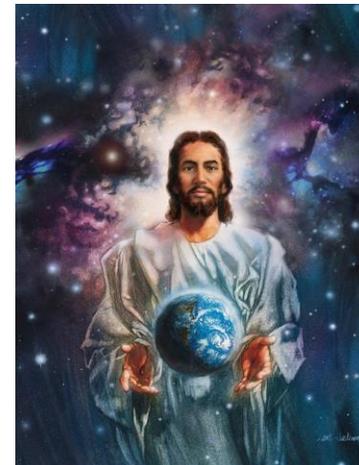


**Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and
governs us
and who produces
various fruits with
colored flowers
and herbs.**

As followers of Jesus, we are called to simplicity. How have I grown in simplicity and opened myself to a life of joy and peace?

How do I live my baptismal commitment to Gospel living by being counter cultural, by not participating in the "throw away" attitude of society (towards people and creation)?

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**Sister Water,
who is very useful
and humble and
precious and chaste.**



As followers of Jesus we know water is a tremendous gift from God to all God's creation. We also know how scarce fresh water is becoming in our world.

How did I respect the gift of Sister Water as I used it for drinking, washing, and enjoying her beauty?

Was I able to choose using tap water instead of bottled water?

How did I share the knowledge I have of the importance of respecting Sister Water with others?

**Sister Moon and the Stars,
in heaven You formed
them clear and precious
and beautiful.**



As followers of Jesus we know we are called to stand in awe and wonder of God's gift of the Universe.

How do I live in awe and wonder toward all I saw in myself, others, and creation?

Do I let my mind and imagination be filled with Awe and Wonder? In what ways does this bring me to contemplation?

**Brother Wind,
through the air, cloudy
and serene, and every kind
of weather through which
You give sustenance to
Your creatures.**



As followers of Jesus we know the wind is often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

How have I been aware of God's Spirit within me?

How do I listen to the Spirit's call to respond in love, compassion, and courage to the needs of others and creation?

**Brother Fire,
through whom You
light the night and he
is beautiful and playful
and robust and strong.**



As followers of Jesus we know that Jesus' light overcomes the darkness.

How am I playful, letting humor reflect hope, faith and love?

How am I strong in living the Gospel, sharing the Good News of God's unconditional love for all?