

## SOGL Kindergarten Family Prayers

October: Saint Francis' Canticle of Praise

### **Preparing to Pray**

On October 4, our Church celebrates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In the Faith-Filled People section of the *Stories of God's Love* Kindergarten website, you will find a story about St. Francis. Read this story to your child, relating how Francis wrote a song, also called a "canticle," praising God for his gift of creation. Explain that Francis felt so close to nature that he called the sun, wind, air, and fire "Brother" and he called the moon, stars, and water "Sister." He called the earth "Mother." Invite your child to celebrate God's gift of creation by repeating each line of the prayer below.

### **Praying Together**

Most High and Loving God!

All Praise belongs to you.

Thank you, God, for Brother Sun who warms the day.

Thank you, God, for Sisters Moon and Stars who shine from your home in Heaven.

All thanks to you, Brothers Wind and Air, calm and stormy.

All thanks to you, Sister Water, so useful and pure.

Thank you God for Brother Fire, who lights the night.

Thank you, God, for Mother Earth who feeds us.

All praise is yours, our Loving God.

Let our lives give you praise!

Help us to care for creation.

Help us to care for others.

Help us to love you above all things.

(Based on the Canticle of St. Francis)

### **Working with Your Child**

- Discuss with your child specific ways in which they can care for what God has created. Invite suggestions from other family members.
- Plan a family project that gives praise to God for his gift of creation—cleaning up the yard or a park together, or donating food or clothing to help people in need. Your parish can recommend ongoing service efforts in which your family can participate.