



Isaiah 11:6-9

The prophet Isaiah reached out in the Spirit of God and saw the perfection of God reestablished in the Peaceable Kingdom:

And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard will lie down with the kid,
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little boy will lead them.
Also the cow and the bear will graze;
Their young will lie down together;
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.
They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
As the waters cover the sea.

Pet Prayers & Blessings



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Saint Francis' Prayer for Creation

God Our Heavenly Father,
You created the world to serve humanity's needs
and to lead them to You.
By our own fault we have lost the beautiful
relationship which we once had with all your creation.
Help us to see that by restoring our relationship
with You we will also restore it with all Your creation.
Give us the grace to see all animals as gifts from You
and to treat them with respect
for they are Your creation. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Animals

Dearest God, Heavenly Father,
maker of all living creatures.
You called forth fish in the sea,
birds in the air and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all of them
his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless all these creatures
we bring before you today. Bless . . .
We thank you for these companions,
and for the joy they bring into our lives.
By the power of your love, enable each of them
to live in peace and safety, according to your plan.

May we always praise you and give thanks
for all your beauty in creation!

A Prayer for Animals and Their Masters

**Hear our humble prayer, O God,
for our friends, the animals,
especially for those who are suffering;
for animals that are overworked,
underfed, and cruelly treated;
for all the wistful creatures in captivity,
that beat their wings against bars;
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted,
or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put to death.
We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them,
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,
and to become truly merciful to all creatures.**

**O Heavenly Father, protect and bless
all things that have breath;
Guard them from all evil, and let them sleep in peace.**

Albert Schweitzer

Reflections

God's tender mercies are over all his creatures.

Psalm 145:9

**Recognize everywhere the wisdom of God; never cease to wonder,
and, through every creature, to glorify the Creator.**

Basil the Great

**If thy heart be straight with God, then every creature shall
be to thee a mirror of life and a book of holy doctrine.**

Thomas a Kempis