



St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) was a rich Italian's son who led a carefree life. As a soldier, he was taken prisoner by enemies for a year. After his release, he heard Jesus calling him to rebuild God's House. St. Francis sold everything and went around preaching about Jesus. He had a group of followers whom became the Franciscans. St. Francis loved all of God's creation. He even preached to the birds! He is the patron saint of animals. His feast day is on 4 October.

#### **Prayer**

Dear Lord Jesus, Thank You for creating the plants and animals. I will always take care of Your creation like St. Francis did. Amen.