

Canticle of Creation St Francis

Most high, all-powerful, good Lord,

Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and none (on Earth) is worthy to mention your name.

**Praised be You, my Lord, for Your creatures—especially sir Brother Sun,
Who brings us day and gives us light:**

**And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor:
and bears a likeness of you, Most High One.**

**Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Moon, and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear and bright and fair.**

**Praised be You, my Lord for Brother wind,
and for the air, and cloud and every kind of weather
by which you nourish all that you have made.**

**Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and pure.**

**Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
How beautiful he is and playful and merry and strong.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and produces fruits with colored flowers and herbs.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.**

**Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by you, Most High, they shall be crowned.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.**

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

**Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do then no harm.**

**Praise and bless my Lord and give thanks,
in greatest humility.**

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