

The Canticle of Brother Sun

by Saint Francis of Assisi

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all
blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your
name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through
him.

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his
splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and
the stars;
in the heavens you have made them bright,
precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and
Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which you give your creatures
sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and precious,
and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and
strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother
Earth,
who feeds us and rules us,
and produces various fruits with colored flowers
and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive
for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial.

Happy those who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily
Death,
from whose embrace no living person can
escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Happy those she finds doing your most holy
will.

The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,
and serve him with great humility.

