

Canticle of Creatures

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Most High, all-powerful, Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor. To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praise You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom You give us light. And he is radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One. Praise You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praise You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures. Praise You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste. Praise You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. Praise You, my Lord, through our Sister Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praise 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, shall they be crowned. Praise 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 them no harm.

Praise my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.