

THE CANTICLE OF CREATION

by St. Francis of Assisi

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory, honour and all
blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,
and for the stars which you have set shining
and lovely in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord,
for our Brothers Wind and Air
and every kind of weather
by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,
who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you give us light in the darkness:
he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord,
for Sister Earth, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds
and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord,
for those who forgive for love of you;
and for those who bear sickness and weakness
in peace and patience
- you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,
whom we must all face.
I praise and bless you, Lord,
and I give thanks to you,
and I will serve you in all humility.



MY PRAYER OF PRAISE/ THANKSGIVING

CANTICLE OF CREATION TEMPLATE

O _____, God,
a few words you'd use to describe God (loving, all-powerful, forgiving, etc.)
to you belong _____ and _____.
a few words to describe what God deserves from humanity

Be praised, my _____, for all your creation
name for God
and especially for _____
something or someone you're grateful for

who _____
what does this person or thing do to make you grateful?
(s/)he is _____ and _____.
descriptive word descriptive word
O _____, we think of you when we look at him/her.
name for God

Be praised, my _____, for _____,
name for God something or someone you're grateful for
and for _____
something or someone you're grateful for
and _____
something or someone you're grateful for

Be praised, my _____,
name for God
for our Brothers _____ and _____
someone/thing you're grateful for someone/thing you're grateful for
and _____
someone/thing you're grateful for
by which you, _____,
how do the people/things above provide gifts to the world?

Be praised, my _____, for Sister _____,
name for God something or someone you're grateful for
who is _____,
what does this person or thing do to make you grateful?
and _____ and _____ and _____.
descriptive word descriptive word descriptive word

Be praised, my _____,
name for God
for those who _____
describe a specific group of people or people with particular qualities
and for those who _____
describe a specific group of people or people with particular qualities
- you will grant them _____
describe how God will bless these people

Be praised, my _____, for our Sister _____,
name for God someone/thing you're grateful for
whom we must _____
how are we being called to respond to this gift in our lives
I praise and bless you, _____,
name for God
and I give thanks to you,
and I will _____
what do you feel called to do in response to all of these gifts you've received