

Canticle of the Creatures

St. Francis

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

Praised be 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 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 precious and
beautiful.

Praised be 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.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister
Water, who is very useful and humble and
precious and chaste.



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

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister
Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit 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, shall they
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 them no harm.

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

Amen.



A contemporary interpretation of the Beatitudes inspired by Laudato Si'

1. Blessed are those who heal the wounded earth for they will be restored to right relationship with all of Creation.
2. Blessed are those who hold the space for dialogue with the natural world, God, and each other, for they will hear the fullness of life.
3. Blessed are those who repent for life lost at human hands, for they will be forgiven by the Cosmic Christ.
4. Blessed are those who enter into relationship with the natural world, for they will know the intrinsic value of all of God's Creation
5. Blessed are those who discern the voice of Creation for they will receive the will of God in a language not our own.
6. Blessed are those with who see with the eyes of their heart for their vision will imagine the potential for new life to emerge.
7. Blessed are those who nurture the needs of the living and nonliving world, for they will be nourished in body and spirit.
8. Blessed are those who live simply, for their discipline will bring harmony with the rhythms of life.
9. Blessed are those who cultivate a life of prayer for they will know an inner cosmos that honors the outer world.

10. Blessed are those who participate in civil affairs for they will bring the cry and song of the earth to systems of power and policy.
11. Blessed are those who practice gratitude for they will receive the gift of abundance.

