

Prayers by St. Francis of Assisi

Canticle of the Sun

Most high, all powerful, good Lord, to You be praise, glory and honor and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and there is no man worthy to name You.

Praise be to You, my Lord, with all Your creatures.
Chief of all is Sir Brother Sun,
who is our day; through whom You give light.
Beautiful is he, radiant, with great splendor.
He is a true revealer of You, Most High.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for Sister Moon and for the stars.
In heaven You have formed them, bright, precious and fair.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for Brother Wind, and for the air,
and for the cloud, for clear sky and for all weathers,
by which You give nourishment to all Your creatures.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for Sister Water. She is most useful and humble,
precious and pure.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for Brother Fire, by whom You light up the night. Fair is he and merry, mighty and strong.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and keeps us. She brings forth divers fruits, the many-hued flowers and grass.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for those who grant pardon for love of You, and bear weakness and buffetings. Blessed are they who live in peace, for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praise be to You, my Lord, for our Sister, Bodily Death,
From whom no living man can flee. Woe to them who die in mortal sin! But blessed they who shall find themselves in Your most holy will; to them the second death shall do no ill.

O Creatures all! praise and bless my Lord, and gratefully serve Him with deep humility.

Prayer on Entering a Church

We adore You, most holy Lord Jesus Christ,
here, and in all Your churches throughout the world,
and we bless You,
because by Your holy Cross,
You have redeemed the world.

Salutations of the Blessed Virgin

Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen,
Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin,
chosen by the most holy Father in heaven,
consecrated by Him, with His most holy beloved Son
and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;
on you descended and in you still remains
all the fullness of grace and every good.

Hail, his Palace.
Hail, his Tabernacle.
Hail, his Robe.
Hail, his Handmaid.
Hail, his Mother.

Prayer in Praise of God

You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong.
You are great.
You are the Most High.
You are Almighty.
You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth.
You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.
You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.
You are love.
You are wisdom.
You are humility.
You are endurance.
You are rest.
You are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.
You are beauty.
You are gentleness.
You are our protector.
You are our guardian and defender.
You are our courage.
You are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, great and wonderful Lord, God Almighty, merciful Savior.
Amen.

Prayer before the Crucifix

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me
true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out
Your holy and true command. Amen.

Meditation Prayer

My God and my All!