

"GOING EASY ON THE KLEENEX"
Celebrating Styles of Life

LIFE STYLE HYMN: "Angels Praise Him"

Angels praise him, heavens praise him, waters praise him,
Hallelujah!
Powers of the Lord all praise him for evermore.

Sun praise him, moon praise him, stars praise him,
Hallelujah!
Showers praise him, dews praise him, for evermore.

Winds praise him, fire praise him, heat praise him,
Hallelujah!
Winter praise him, summer praise him for evermore.

Nights praise him, days praise him, light praise him,
Darkness praise him,
Lightnings praise him, clouds praise him for evermore.

Earth praise him, mountains praise him, hills praise him,
Hallelujah!
Green things praise him, wells praise him for evermore.

Seas praise him, floods praise him, creatures of the
Waters praise him,
Birds, beasts, and cattle praise him for evermore.

Nations praise him, churches praise him, saints praise him,
Hallelujah!
All his people join to praise him for evermore.

HUMILITY

Leader: Listen to the rule of life intended for the followers (the
friars) of St. Francis. It is based upon—
observance of the Holy Gospel,
living in obedience to Jesus Christ,
and practicing purity of heart and action.

The rule will be read and pauses will occur at the end of each para-
graph for your silent meditation and personal confession.

"I warn all the friars and exhort them not to condemn or look
down on people whom they see wearing soft or gaudy clothes
and enjoying luxuries in food or drink; each one should
rather condemn and despise himself

"And this is my advise, my counsel, and my earnest plea to my
friars in our Lord Jesus Christ that, when they travel about
the world, they should not be quarrelsome or take part in
disputes with words or criticize others; but they should
be gentle, peaceful, and unassuming, courteous and humble,
speaking respectfully to everyone, as is expected of
them

"Wherever the friars meet one another, they should show that they are members of the same family. And they should have no hesitation in making known their needs to one another. For if a mother loves and cares for her child in the flesh, a friar should certainly love and care for his spiritual brother all the more tenderly

"And they shall take care not to get angry or disturbed by the sins of others, for anger and trouble of spirit are hindrances to charity in themselves and in others

"With all my heart, I beg the friars in our Lord Jesus Christ to be on guard against pride, boasting, envy, and greed, against the cares and anxieties of this world, against detraction and complaining

"They should realize that the only thing they should desire is to have the spirit of God at work within them, while they pray to him unceasingly with a heart free from self-interest. They must be humble, too, and patient in persecution or illness

"Being always submissive and subject to the Holy Church, and firmly established in the Catholic faith, we may live always according to the poverty, and the humility, and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we have firmly promised . . .

L: Blessed are those whose sins have been forgiven, whose evil deeds have been forgotten. Rejoice in the Lord.

PRAISE

THE CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN

Leader: Most high, all-powerful, all good Lord!

Left: *All praise is yours, all glory, all honor*

Right: And all blessing.

Leader: To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

Left: *No mortal lips are worthy*

Right: To pronounce your name.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made.

Left: *And first my lord Brother Sun,*

Right: Who brings the day; and light you give to us through him.

Leader: How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!

All: Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;

Left: *In the heavens you have made them, bright*

Right: And precious and fair.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,

Left: *And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,*

Right: By which you cherish all that you have made.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
 All: So useful, lowly, precious and pure.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
 Left: *Through whom you brighten up the night.*
 Right: How beautiful is he, how gay! Full of power and strength.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our
 mother,
 Left: *Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces*
 Right: Various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant
 pardon.
 Left: *For love of you; through those who endure*
 Right: Sickness and trial.

Leader: Happy those who endure in peace;
 All: By you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Leader: All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death,
 All: From whose embrace no mortal can escape.

Leader: Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
 Left: *Happy those she finds doing your will!*
 Right: The second death can do no harm to them.

Leader: Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
 All: And serve him with great humility.

LOVE**THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

All: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
 Where there is hatred let me put love,
 Where there is anger let me put forgiveness,
 Where there is discord let me put unity,
 Where there is doubt let me put faith,
 Where there is error let me put truth,
 Where there is despair let me bring happiness,
 Where there is sadness let me bring joy,
 Where there is darkness let me bring light.

O Master, grant that I may desire:
 To console rather than to be consoled,
 To understand rather than to be understood,
 To love rather than to be loved.

Because it is in giving that we receive;
 In forgiving that we obtain forgiveness;
 In dying that we rise to eternal life.

JUSTICEReading of *I John 2:3-6***PEACE**Reading "OF THE WOLF OF GUBBIO" from
THE LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS

JOY A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHRIST WITHIN

You say, Christ, that Francis ran
to do your bidding—is that true, Lord?
Was he running a race, Lord?
Who was he competing with?

No one, Lord?
You say that he was in a race with himself—to do God's will?

"Yes, friend, that was one of the marks of his discipleship."

You say he went running and singing?
Lord, I want to be a disciple—
But I'm afraid I'm not a runner—
And I can't carry a tune.
You say I don't have to compete with Francis—
Just be myself?

Can I dance?

Now, Lord, that's asking too much!
You say Francis did!
He danced his way through life?
Why, that's impossible!
How could he run and sing and dance
All at the same time?

You say singing and dancing
were also marks of his discipleship?

"Yes, Friend, they were the outward signs of his maturity,
his love of life, and his joy in me—
and his total obedience to me!"

Lord, I guess I had a different conception
of what it is
to be a
disciple!

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful"

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!

The first of these is the fact that the
 Government has not yet decided upon a
 policy in regard to the proposed
 extension of the National Prohibition
 Act. It is well known that the
 Government has been unable to
 enforce the law in many parts of
 the country, and it is not clear
 whether it will attempt to do so
 in the future.

Another important factor is the
 attitude of the public. There is
 a strong feeling in many quarters
 that the Government should not
 attempt to enforce the law, but
 should concentrate its efforts
 upon other matters. This feeling
 is based upon the fact that the
 Government has been unable to
 enforce the law in many parts of
 the country, and it is not clear
 whether it will attempt to do so
 in the future.

The third factor is the attitude
 of the courts. The Supreme Court
 has held in several cases that the
 National Prohibition Act is
 constitutional, and it is not clear
 whether the lower courts will
 follow this lead. It is well known
 that the courts have been unable
 to enforce the law in many parts
 of the country, and it is not clear
 whether they will attempt to do so
 in the future.

The fourth factor is the attitude
 of the States. There is a strong
 feeling in many States that the
 Government should not attempt to
 enforce the law, but should
 concentrate its efforts upon
 other matters. This feeling is
 based upon the fact that the
 Government has been unable to
 enforce the law in many parts of
 the country, and it is not clear
 whether it will attempt to do so
 in the future.