

March: Blessings of Wind

Wind, our heavenly companion which we cannot see but feel and know its effects. A reminder of the gift of God's loving presence to each of us as it breezes into woodlands, soars past mountaintops, sweeps over plains and deserts, and skims the oceans. The wind is sometimes gentle, sometimes harsh, and wanders to the ends of the earth. In appointed service, the wind swoops up fertile pollen and airy seed and grandly ushers in misty clouds and then deposits them all in fruitful wonder.

As St. Francis states in the *Canticle of the Sun*: Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.

Let us pray: Lord of Wind and Air, bless the wind in its fertile vocation as it swirls through crops and hearts bearing gifts of heaven and earth. Let us rejoice in its animation and experience the liveliness of your Spirit. Blow into our hearts with your life giving Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**