**Canticle of Praise for the Media in Today’s World**

In the Spirit of Bl. James Alberione, founder of the Daughters of St Paul

May you be praised, Lord God,  
for the printed word,  
bread for our minds, light for our lives.

We give thanks for the talents and dedication  
of all who serve the truth in love and  
for all whose administration and technical skills  
make possible the production of books,  
newspapers, magazines and reviews.

We celebrate, Lord,  
the modern marvel of television  
which brings into the heart of our homes  
the joys and pain of all human living.

Music, drama and laughter  
are shared in ways undreamed of in the past.

May you be praised, Lord God,  
for radio which soars on  
the wings of the wind  
and provides for each nation  
and immediate channel for news,  
views and entertainment  
and a means of offering to the listening world  
its own distinctive voice.

We celebrate, Lord,  
the writers, artists, directors  
and all those whose gifts light up  
both theatre and cinema  
and provide audiences  
with heightened awareness  
of their human condition.

We thank you, Lord God,  
for the unending Pentecost of  
your creative Holy Spirit  
which enables your sons and daughters  
to catch fire from your Truth,  
Beauty and Goodness.

May the blind see, the deaf hear,  
and the poor have the Good News  
given to them   
by all who rejoice in their God-given talents   
and their gift of creativity.