**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.