

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the talents and the abundance of gifts that are ours...**Response:** *We thank you God.*

Leader: For the awe and wonder of your whole creation, in earth and sky and sea, in infinite galaxies, for the beauty of this fragile world in which we live, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations...**Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements...

Response: *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace justice, and healing in the midst of the suffering in the COVID pandemic, and hostility and oppression in the world... **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side and for the many people who have been your instruments of love, kindness, and goodness in our lives ...**Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve...**Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play...
Response: *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us...**Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone...**Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For the moments when we have felt your presence in a special way, especially in moments of being afraid, of emptiness, loneliness, and life's struggles...**Response:** *We thank you God.*

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity... **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For First responders, health care workers, frontline workers in all areas, and all heroes of the pandemic who place the welfare of others above their own... **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For all who have laboured and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom...
Response: *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice...
Response: *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared... **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: For freedom and justice for every person, especially those who have been persecuted and oppressed; for a permanent end to institutional racism; for equal opportunities to grow, to affirm and to choose...**Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words, but by our deeds... **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: We pray that we live by and manifest at all times that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Leader: We pray for the strength to never lose our spiritual focus. and service to others, and the grace to awaken the fire of love in our hearts, to embrace ourselves, and one another, as your children – sisters and brothers, and to be instruments of your love, compassion, kindness, grace, goodness, and generosity, so that we recognize that the good of others is a part of our own well-being... **Response:** *We thank you, God.*

Closing Prayer

Praise is to God whose grace, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, and whose love and goodness make all our hopes and prayers and dreams come true. **AMEN!**