

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS

Leader: Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,

ALL: We give you our thanks.

Leader: For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,
For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,
For needs met and desires filled,

ALL: We give you our thanks.

Leader: For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,
For homes and church homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

ALL: We give you our thanks.

Leader: With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven.
With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,
With music which declares your everlasting goodness,
With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

ALL: We worship you with joy and thanksgiving.

Leader: With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,
With words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,
With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community,
With years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

ALL: We worship you with joy and thanksgiving.

Leader: With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves,
With deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger,
With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,
With family and friends distant and nearby,

ALL: We worship you, God, with grateful hearts.

Met by God in the holiness of this space, inspired by God's word, God's gifts, God's love...Encouraged by the presence and commitment of everyone around us...let us be reminded of the richness of God's blessings. A richness of blessings that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps. A richness of blessings that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives. A richness of blessings that holds us on our weakness, fills us in our hunger, and finds us when we're lost. So here, richly blessed, we have come...and we have been found. O God, we acknowledge the richness of your blessings. We see your flowing river of love and we wade into your grace.

Hymn "Like a Tree beside the Waters" #313 (NCH)

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