



Silent Reflection of Thankfulness

At this time, we invite you to reflect on some people and/or things for which you are thankful.

Final Blessing for Thanksgiving

*May an abundance of gratitude burst forth
as you reflect upon what you have received.*

*May thanksgiving overflow in your heart, and often
be proclaimed in your prayer.*



*May you gather around the table of your heart
the ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness
of each person who is true to you.*

*May the harvest of your good actions bring forth
plentiful fruit each day.*

*May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom among
the people and events that have brought you distress
and sorrow.*

*May your basket of blessings surprise you with its rich
diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.*

*May all that nourishes and resources your life
Bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.*

*May you slow down your hurried pace of life so you
can be aware of, and enjoy,
What you too easily take for granted.*

*May you always be open, willing,
And ready to share your blessings with others.*

*May you never forget the generous One,
Who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.*

All: Amen

*--J. Rupp
Out of the Ordinary*

Sign of Peace

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving



**"A single grateful thought
toward heaven is the most
complete prayer..."**

--G. Lessing

Introduction

Soon it will be Thanksgiving—a time in which our culture takes time to be thankful for all that we have. We should take time to prepare for it. What blessings are we going to thank God for? How are our communities preparing for this special time?

Opening Prayer: Loving God, We Thank You

Leader: Let us begin by acknowledging our thankfulness before our God.
Loving God, we thank You:
For peace within our land,
For plenty from Your bounteous hand,
For means to give to those in need,
For grace to help in thought and deed,
For faith to walk, our hands in Yours,
For truth to know Your law divine,
For strength to work with voice and pen,
For love to serve our fellow humans,
For light the goal ahead to see,
For life to use alone for You,
Loving God, we thank You.

All: Amen.

—Anonymous

*Lord, we thank You for the
gifts you have given
to us.*



Biblical Reflection: Psalm 92



Response: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

To sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Response: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

To declare Your loving kindness in the morning

And Your faithfulness by night,

With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,

With resounding music upon the lyre.

Response: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

For You, O Lord, have made me glad by what You have done,

I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.

Response: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

Reflection

Gratitude consists in a watchful attention to the particulars of our state, and to the multitude of God's gifts, taken one by one. It fills us with a consciousness that God loves and cares for us, even to the least event and smallest need of life. It is a blessed thought: from our childhood, God has been laying His fatherly hands upon us, and always in benediction, and that even the strokes of His hands are blessings, and among the best we have ever received.

—H. E. Manning



Litany of Thanks



Leader: To wake from sleep into this day

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To hear a child's delights in laughter—

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To sip a glass of clean, cold water -

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To watch the sunset paint the sky—

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To share a moment with a friend—

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To smell the fragrance of moist soil—

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To feel the comfort of clean clothing—

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

Leader: To form words that make a prayer—

All: *Is gift enough for thanks.*

—K. K. Wehlander

