

O Lord our God, You have blessed all of creation and in your great love, you have given to us, your children, the gift of life and love.

Our country has been blessed with the gifts of freedom and liberty. We are grateful for those who sacrifice so much to keep us safe; for those who have given their lives, for their families and for all those who work for justice and peace in our troubled world.

We thank you, O Lord, for our prosperity; the many opportunities for growth and education, travel and new experiences. We are very grateful for good food, clean water, our homes and the necessities of life.

We thank you for the work that we do; that we are able to support ourselves and one another especially in time of need.

We are grateful for the support given to us in difficult times and for the ability to help those who suffer around the world.

You have blessed us with good health, with sobriety and recovery, with healing and grace. We are thankful for doctors and for all who work to bring wholeness to our bodies and our minds; for those who have brought us advancements in medicine and technology that have made us well and have eased our suffering... for the gifts of patience, hope, and healing.

We thank you for our beloved families. Our mothers and fathers who have loved us and cared for us. Our children and grandchildren, our brothers, sisters and grandparents *and* our pets who have all brought us smiles and laughter and joy... You have given us caring neighbors and faithful friends, and we are grateful to you for the many people who have touched our lives, for each hand we hold, for each moment shared; for the gift of loving-kindness.

We thank you for forgiveness in our families and for the healing of relationships, for the good choices we made, for peace in our hearts and homes, and for lives that were saved by your gracious will.

We are thankful for our times of joy *and* for our times of sorrow and loss; For those who have gone before us and are with you now; for the time we had to know them and love them; for the sharing of our lives.

Our parish community is our family...

We thank you for our pastor, who is our father and friend;  
for his support and encouragement, for his wisdom and guidance.

We have been given the great gift of prayer in our parish that brings us closer to you. Through our words spoken, through song and silence, we thank you and praise you... .. and for our quiet times alone with you.

You have enabled us to give of ourselves...

to share our gifts and talents with others,  
especially with those who are hurting and those in need.

We are grateful Lord, even for the times that we fail.

In your great mercy and compassion you lift us up...

You give us the strength and courage to try again.

We know that you are with us, Lord, leading us and loving us  
and that nothing can separate us from your love.

You have given to us the great gift of our faith.

Most of all Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord... for your Body and your Blood;

the Eucharist that strengthens us and nurtures us,

For the gift of your Word that forms our lives and

for your Holy Spirit who leads us and guides us on our journey;

For you have given us holiness of life and you make us one in you.

Father, we are grateful for the mystery of your love,

for that which has been revealed,

and for that which remains unknown.

... even for death itself ...

For You, our faithful and loving God... we thank you.

You are with us always... now and forever. Amen