



*To be grateful is to recognize the love of God
in everything that has been given to us -
and God has given us everything.*

*Every breath we draw is a gift of love, every
moment of existence is a grace.*

-Thomas Merton

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator,
always and for everything!

All: Amen! Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us welcome this feast of Thanksgiving
with joy and with light.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God.

Leader: May the light of our gratitude burn
brightly in our hearts, around this
table, and in our world.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God.

(table candles may be lit at this time)

The Word of God: Romans 12. 13-18

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Leader: O Gracious and loving God, we stand in awe
at the generosity of your gifts.

All: We thank you for the blessing of life,
your most precious gift.

Leader: We thank you for clothing to wear, food and
drink to nourish us, talents and skills that we
have been given.

All: We thank you for the joys of our lives, for
family and friends,
for good work that gives us a sense of our
purpose here.

Leader: We thank you as well for the sorrows of our
lives, which are also gifts,
and which are important teachers;
in particular for those whom we love
who have died during this past year and who
now feast at the heavenly banquet.

All: Grant that we may never greet a new day
without the awareness of the gift of life,
this greatest sign of your loving care.
And may constant thanksgiving be our song!

Leader: Bless now our time together, the good food
which we are privileged to share, and all
those who have planted, cultivated,
harvested and prepared it for this table.

All: May they also know the blessings of this
feast.

Leader: Let us thank the Lord.

All: Today and all days. Amen!