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Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Mercy Education Family

In this season of gratitude, we share a prayer of Thanksgiving written for Mercy Education by students in Laura Snow Gawlik's Peer Ministry Group at <u>Mother</u> <u>McAuley Liberal Arts High School</u> in Chicago, Illinois.

"Thousands of thanks and praises to His holy name." Catherine McAuley

Benevolent God, a child once wrote this prayer, "Thank you, God, for all of it." - *Dios, gracias por todo esto.*

And we will try, Beloved One, to capture with words just a few of the things that are "all of it," those things for which we are grateful.

Thank you, God, for our families of birth and of choice, our various cultures and traditions, and the warmth these roots bring to our souls. *Dios, gracias por todo esto.*

Thank you, God, for the friends we have, new and old, who offer us guidance when we need it, and love and comfort always. *Dios, gracias por todo esto.*

Thank you, God, for having graced us with the joy and wisdom of those whom we love who have died. We are grateful to have shared a part of our life journey with them. *Dios, gracias por todo esto.*

Thank you, God, for the loving environment of our Mercy School, and all the opportunities and activities it provides. *Dios, gracias por todo esto.*

Thank you, God, for the gift of waking up each morning and seeing all the glories of creation, and for recognizing the potential that helps us know that every day is a miracle. *Dios, gracias por todo esto.*

Thank you, God, for all of it.