



THANKSGIVING *Prayers*

Three spoken offerings for your celebration.



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For Gifts

For a shelter and a soft place to sleep,
For food with nutrients to spare,
For the tears of another when we're hurting,
For the kind offer of help from a stranger,
For words of comfort that come from a friend,
For the chance to work for someone
else's good,
For the refusal of justice in this world to die away,
For trees that still live and flowers that thrive,
For the sweet rest that follows heavy lifting,
For the hands that prepared this food,
For the privilege of feasting with loved ones,
For all these gifts and all the ones that go unnoticed,
We give you thanks, dear God.

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Prayer to Our Saviour

Dear God,

We come before you with grateful hearts,
Because you've given us glimpses of glory.
A seed sprouts and you give it form,
The voices of creation sing your story.

The trees praise you with branches uplifted,
Lavender and vermillion spill over the sky.
A puppy circles and circles with joy,
And sparkles fill a young child's eye.

Your gaze fastens on each one in love,
Enthralled by whom you deeply see.
You offer to take what is weak,
To enliven the innermost parts of me.

Life is bittersweet but you give us heart
Because Jesus, your life blood is unity.
Your love is the healing balm in us,
Together with you we proclaim our destiny.

With joy, we celebrate who you are
And your loving presence in this space.
You are the Pursuer of each one,
Drawing us in with miraculous grace.

Here, with hearts full and in awe,
we bow in gratitude to you.

In Jesus' holy and precious name,

Amen

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Prayer

Dear God,

We lift our eyes up
Over the fray
Burdens of today
You gently lift our chins with steadfast love.

Your unwavering gaze
Sees every footstep
You will not let slip
Those who set their hearts to rest in you.

You view us through loving eyes
A miracle to ponder
Fills us with wonder
As you invite us with open hands to new life.

We face adversity, but not alone
Your love is fierce
Iron-clad, unwavering
In your grasp we are shielded from all harm.

And so, we give thanks to you,
God of Everlasting Arms,
God of a thousand blessings,
God of unshakeable love.

Amen