

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*God of all blessings,  
source of all life,  
giver of all grace:*

*We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath  
that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth  
that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.*

*We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty  
that the eye can see,  
for the joy  
that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.*

*We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families  
who nurture our becoming,  
for friends  
who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,  
who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers  
who welcome us into their midst,*

*for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children  
who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn,  
who offer us hope for the future.*

*We thank you for this day:  
for life  
and one more day to love,  
for opportunity  
and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors  
and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved,  
for your grace  
and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise:  
to be with us,  
to be our God,  
and to give salvation.*

*For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

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<http://www.beliefnet.com/prayers/christian/gratitude/prayer-of-thanksgiving.aspx>*