

A Thanksgiving Litany of Generosity

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

ALL: **God's love is everlasting.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

ALL: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Leader: After each sentence, our response will be: ***"We give you thanks."***

For the different and creative ways God made us..

For those whose work keeps us safe...

For those whose eyes are weary and hands are worn...

For those whose lives are young and agile...

For the homes throughout our community...

For this community that we call home...

For the expanse of sky, clouds, wind and stars...

For sunshine, and snow, and cleansing rain...

For wooded areas, pines, leaves, and parks...

For lakes, ponds, and rivers, and the life that lives in those clean waters...

For creatures in the wild, for pets, livestock, beautiful birds...

For all your creation – near and far...

For the expanse of sky, clouds, wind and stars...

For paved roads and walking trails...

For merchants, schools, and medical staff...

For neighbors, friends, and visitors...

For all people who need our prayers tonight...

For those who work for peace everywhere...

For those who seek to meet the needs of the hungry...

For those who tell the story of Jesus...

For those who serve to protect and defend the defenseless...

For those who believe that there is nothing to be thankful for...

For the many reasons we have to offer our prayers this day...

(If a meal follows, say)

Together we pray:

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive

From Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.