Season of Gratitude: Prayers of the People

O God, you are the source and the giver of all good gifts, and all that we need, you provide. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

To your church you have given faith, truth, and the life-giving way of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

You have made no two of us alike, and you have bound us together as peoples, communities, and nations, that we may work together for a world of peace and justice. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

You have set us in a universe of wonders, to share this good earth with all of your creatures, and to use its bounteous resources wisely. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

You have given us families, friends, and neighbors, through whom and with whom we know your sustaining love and care. Help us to extend that love to everyone we meet, and to those who are hurt or sad, who suffer any kind of trouble, and for those who are alone. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

You have given us hearts to love, souls that yearn and aspire; minds to learn, to think and to reason; and strength to grow and build and persist. Grant us joy and wonder in all your works that we may serve you in all we do. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

Lover of souls, you bless us with memories of those who have been lights in our lives and paths for our feet. With Saint Mark and all the saints, let these beloved departed ones rest in your peace. Generous God,
**Bless these gifts to our use and to the glory of your Name.**

In this Season of Gratitude, keep us attentive, grateful, and imaginative, that we may multiply your gifts and use them extravagantly for the building of your kingdom, in Jesus’ name. Amen.