

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our Sovereign God, who created all things for your pleasure and who gives to all life, breath, and every good thing, we thank you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. For rain and sunshine, in abundance and in lack, we acknowledge that our times are in your hands. You supply all of your creatures with your good gifts: the just and the unjust alike. Nevertheless, we especially give you praise for the surpassing greatness of your saving grace that you have shown to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. For our election in him before the foundation of the world; for our redemption by him in his life, death, and resurrection; for our effectual calling, justification, sanctification, and all of the blessings of our union with him, we give you our heartfelt thanks. And we look with great anticipation toward that day when you will raise us to life everlasting, glorified and confirmed in righteousness, so that we may sing your praises without the defilement of our present weaknesses, distractions, and sins. As you have given us these gifts, we ask that you would give us grateful hearts so that we may serve our neighbors in love. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We, your unworthy servants,
Do give you most humble and hearty thanks
For all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
But above all, for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech you, give us that due sense of all your mercies,
That our hearts may be sincerely thankful;
And that we may show forth your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,
By giving up our selves to your service,
And by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
World without end. Amen.**

OFFERING

✠BENEDICTION

THE ORDER FOR THANKSGIVING

Congregation—**Bold words** | ✠—Stand, if able

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!—*Psalm 106:1*

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.—*Psalm 95:2a*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!—*Psalm 100:4*

We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.—*Psalm 79:13*

✠EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, we have assembled on this day of thanksgiving particularly to give thanks for the great benefits that we have received at the Lord's hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are necessary for body and soul. Seeking his assistance and blessing in our thanksgiving, therefore, I urge you to join me with a thankful heart and humble voice, before the throne of heavenly grace, saying:

✠LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth your praise. —*Psalm 51:15*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever!—*Psalm 106:1*

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.—*Psalm 135:1*

✠HYMN—*We Praise Thee, O God* (#313)

PSALM RECITATION—*Psalms 147*

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

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READING FROM THE LAW—*Deuteronomy 26:1–11*

PSALM RECITATION—*Psalms 30*

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

READING FROM THE PROPHETS—*Isaiah 12:1–6*

PSALM RECITATION—*Psalms 111:1–9*

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT—*1 Thessalonians 5:12–22*

PSALM RECITATION—*Psalms 145*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his

holy name forever and ever.