



## + THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYERS AND PRAISE +

*Draw from any of these suggestions and bring God into your gatherings of family and friends.*

### THANKSGIVING "FOR \_\_\_\_\_"

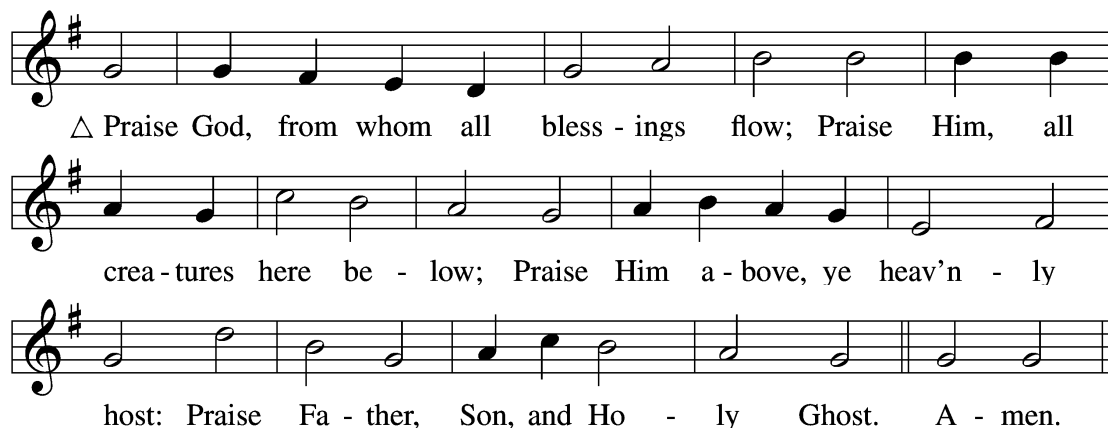
Each person thinks of something they are thankful for and prays, saying:

"For... \_\_\_\_\_," Then the leader says, "**O Lord**," Then everyone joins in saying "**We thank you**" repeat with each person (usually starting with the least shy to the most shy)

For example, a child might say, "**For puppies**" The leader says, "**...O Lord...**" and all then say "**...we thank you, God**"

At the end, the leader may pray: "For all the gifts that God has given, For all the sins Christ has forgiven, For all the Spirit's faithful guiding, For faith and hope and love abiding, For all our true God's providing, (all say) "**Thanks be to God.**"

*Speak or sing.*



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## PSALM AND MEAL PRAYER

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16) Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## SALVATION

John 3:16

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## FOR PEACE AND IN PEACE

Philippians 4:6–9

<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

## DEEP GRATITUDE

"Amazing Grace" Lutheran Service Book 744

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati; Text and tune: Public domain

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

"For the Beauty of the Earth" One and All Rejoice 332

① 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3 For Your-self, best gift di - vine To the world so free - ly giv'n;  
For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
A - gent of God's grand de - sign, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:  
*Refrain*  
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

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## JOY, HOPEFULNESS

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867; Text and tune: Public domain

## ADMIRATION AND PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904; Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.; Text and tune: Public domain

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