

Giving Thanks

Almighty God, you give us seed to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 141*

Blessed are you, God of the universe.
You have created us and given us life.

Blessed are you, God of the planet Earth.
You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens, and filled it with action,
beauty, suffering, struggle, and hope.

Blessed are you, God of this nation,
in all the peoples who live here, in all the lessons we have learned, in all that
remains for us to do.

Blessed are you because you need us; because you make us worthwhile, because you
give us people to love and work to do for your universe, for your world, and for
ourselves.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 142*

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for
the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers for the songs of birds and the loveliness
of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them
for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of
your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever.
Amen.

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A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea, *We thank you, God.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men, women, and children, revealing the image of Christ, *We thank you, God.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, *We thank you, God.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, *We thank you, God.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, *We thank you, God.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, *We thank you, God.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, *We thank you, God.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and in all places, *We thank you, God.*

Above all, we give thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; *To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer, p. 837*