

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Lord Jesus Christ, as we remember your sacrifice for us, we remember that you gave your whole self. Accept now this offering as a symbol that in this week we give to you our thoughts, our words, our work, our whole selves as our humble sacrifice to you – Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
- We come in praise of God who is the creator of all life and in affirmation of Jesus Christ as the truth and center of our lives. We celebrate places where love is found in life, and we give thanks for the gift of new life that will come to us this _____ season. Most Holy God, before you we feel the limitations of human power and goodness. We thank you that your forgiveness is as eternal as your love of justice. Teach us to voice our doubts, and to live in faith; trusting you each day of our lives, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day – awaken us to the opportunities to love and serve you – that we may witness to Christ whom you have raised forever. Use us, our gifts and our love to your glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.
- We thank you, O God, for granting us the blessings of life; receive these our gifts as a response to the love you have shown us. Take us from worship into the world, where we turn words of thanksgiving into deeds of service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- As with gladness, the Kings of old brought their precious gifts to you, O Christ. So we also bring ourselves; body, mind and soul. Along with ourselves, we bring thoughts and worries for those we care so much about who need your gentle touch. We hold in our minds and in our hearts the people among us who are caught in pain, overwhelmed by sickness, recovering from the shocks of life. Cradle them in the palms of your hands and hold them there forever. Amen.
- What does God want from us at _____ (season)? To do justice, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. Receive these our humble gifts, O God, and use them to do justice and acts of mercy – for they come from our hearts. Through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.
- When we give each other Christmas gifts in Christ's name, let us remember that God has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with all its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them; all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit; and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused. And to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, Jesus came down to earth and gave us himself. Amen.

- Christ of compassion and open arms; we approach with thanksgiving your gracious presence. Receive us, welcome us, enfold us, restore us that we may go out into the world to live as your children, free from the pain of the past, eager to face the future; fully present here and now. Trusting in your love we say our prayers and offer up our gifts through Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Almighty and merciful God from whom comes all good and every perfect gift. We praise you for your mercies, your goodness that has created us; your grace that has sustained us; your discipline that has corrected us; your patience that has borne with us; and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will through Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Almighty God, as the church we are part of your redeeming work in history. Yet we know that often we seek our own ideas of success and salvation and fear to follow Christ in commitment to a vision of wholeness for the world and its peoples. Yet we long to play a part in the drama of your love, and share in the freeing gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.
- As we begin the Season of Advent, we bring our gifts to you, confident that you will receive these offerings of our hearts as tokens of our willingness to wait and watch and prepare our hearts for your coming presence among us. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.
- Gracious God; by your providence we live and work and join in families; and from your hand receive those things we need, gift on gift, all free. We thank you for food and shelter, for words and gestures, for all our human friendships. Above all, we praise you for your Son, who came to show mercy, and who names us his brothers and sisters, receive these our gifts in his precious name. Amen.
- O Lord, some of us have mites and some of us have millions, but most of us fall somewhere in between. Jesus made it clear that it was not the size of the gift, but the size of the giver's heart that matters. You, O Lord, know our treasures and our hearts; receive these gifts as symbols of our thanks. In Christ's name, Amen.