

A THANKSGIVING DAY GRACE

(Adapted from the [Magnificat](#) devotional)

This litany can be lead by three or more people. If children are present, they are highly encouraged to participate in the readings and responses.

Opening Prayer

Leader 1

Let us pray: Most merciful Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On this Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness: open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share your gifts of loving service with all your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

Word of God

Luke 17:12-19

Leader 2

As Jesus was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136: 1-3, 24-26

Leader 3

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

All: For his love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

For his love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

For his love endures forever.

He snatched us away from our foes.

For his love endures forever.

He gives food to all living things.

For his love endures forever.

To the God of heaven give thanks.

For his love endures forever.

Litany of Thanksgiving

(Optional: Write each of these thanksgivings on a piece of paper and place them in a basket. Each person at the table reads the thanksgiving on their piece of paper and then everyone responds)

For joys, successes, achievements, and accomplishments.

All: We thank you, Lord.

For health, safety, work, and rest.

We thank you, Lord.

For struggles, sorrows, trials, and sufferings.

We thank you, Lord.

For our jobs, for those who support us, for our education, and for the chance to serve.

We thank you, Lord.

For our gifts, talents, and abilities, for honors, for strength and energy.

We thank you, Lord.

For our homes, for food, warmth, and shelter, for all the things that have made us happy.

We thank you, Lord.

For our hobbies, and pets, for happy memories, for our favorite things, and for rest. (R)

For our nation, for freedom and peace, for teachers, leaders, and those who give us a good example.

We thank you, Lord.

For the ability to say "I'm sorry," for the grace of repentance, for the forgiveness of others, for the generosity of others.

We thank you, Lord.

For the trust others put in us, for tenderness, understanding, and compassion.

We thank you, Lord.

For kindness, goodness, joy and laughter, for the times we have helped others or made them happy.

We thank you, Lord.

For all the wonders of creation, for beauty music, sports, and art, for new opportunities and second chances.

We thank you, Lord.

For failures and rejection, for all the ways we have grown up and become better people.

We thank you, Lord.

For renewed hope and fulfilled dreams for the providence and protection of heaven.

We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of life and the promise of the life to come.

We thank you, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks. You are our father, our brother, our all; and to those who love you, you have promised such things as no one has ever seen or thought of, no one ever enjoyed. Make the gift of these things to your children; you who are God, true and good, and there is no other besides you. You are the true God, the true Son of God, to whom be honor and glory and majesty in eternity and for all ages to come. Amen.