

# Thanksgiving Day Noon Day Prayer

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*A hymn or song may be sung. One or more of the following Scriptures is read:*

## Psalm 65

1You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*

because of their transgressions.

3Our sins are stronger than we are, \*

but you will blot them out.

4Happy are they whom you choose

and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*

they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,

by the holiness of your temple.

5Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation, \*

O Hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

6You make fast the mountains by your power; \*

they are girded about with might.

7You still the roaring of the seas, \*

the roaring of their waves,

and the clamor of the peoples.

8Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9You visit the earth and water it abundantly;

you make it very plenteous; \*

the river of God is full of water.

10You prepare the grain, \*

for so you provide for the earth.

11You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12You crown the year with your goodness, \*

and your paths overflow with plenty.

13May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*

and the hills be clothed with joy.

14May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*

let them shout for joy and sing.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Deuteronomy 8: 1-3, 6-10, 17-20**

1" The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

6 So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. 20 Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **James 1:17-18, 21-27**

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 6:25-33**

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

*Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.*

*For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*For the communion of saints, in all times and places,*

**We thank you, Lord.**

*Above all, we give you 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 for ever. **Amen.***

*Lord, have mercy.*

***Christ, have mercy.***

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Our Father, who are in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;

**People** And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*35. For the Poor and the Neglected*

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*10. For the Gift of a Child*

Heavenly Father, you sent your own Son into this world. We thank you for the life of this child, *N.*, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture *him*, that *he* may attain to that full stature intended for *him* in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*45. For Families*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect for Thanksgiving*

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.