



November 24, 2020

## **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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Lord God,

At this time set aside for expressions of thanksgiving, we give You thanks for more blessings than we can ever count:

the gift and wonder of life  
the gifts of relationships, food and shelter, failures, successes,  
and memories.

We thank You for the beauty of love – our love for each other, and the great mystery of Your love for us.

We thank You for becoming one with us and for us in Jesus of Nazareth, for his life and teaching, and for his defeat of death.

We thank You for the abundant life You offer us, for the forgiveness of our sins, for each fresh new start, and for the hope of life eternal.

We are also grateful that You have placed us within communities that both support and challenge us. We remember with gratitude Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

Lord, we give thanks for the food we will enjoy; for those who have contributed their labor and experience at each step in its journey to us. We are grateful for all who have worked to prepare it, and for the great privilege of enjoying it.

In this deeply troubling year, O God, we thank you that we have survived thus far. We earnestly ask for your protection upon us, for equipping us to be of service to others in this hurting world, and for an ever-deepening spirit of gratitude within us.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

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